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

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PSALM 136:1

Adventuring with God...

By Lieutenant Commander
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ALTHOUGH I WAS A FACULTY MEMBER at Evangel College when the Vietnam crisis developed, I felt a tug of the Spirit to volunteer for active duty. I had served previously from 1957 to 1960 as a Disciples of Christ chaplain, but something had happened since then: I had received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and had become part of the Assemblies of God fellowship.

After much prayer and discussion with my wife, I responded to the call from Washington for Naval Reserve Chaplains to serve in Vietnam. Evangel College very graciously granted me a leave of absence, and I was on my way to Vietnam in January 1966.

The 12 months overseas were to become some of the most difficult months of my life. Separation from my family was harder than I had anticipated. Yet, at the same time, these months held some of the most marvelous adventures in the Spirit. I will never be the same again.

ASSIGNMENT: VIETNAM

I arrived in DaNang, Vietnam, on February 4, 1966, at 4 a.m. It was lonely and foreboding. But God was there, and I soon found a warm spiritual kinship with the other chaplains.

I was temporarily assigned to the Station Hospital in East DaNang. My first day in the hospital brought me face to face with the reality of war. A lad who had stepped on a land mine was admitted. A foot had been blown off, and his hands were black with dirt etched into his skin by the force of the blast. He was in no condition to carry on a conversation, so I gave a word of encouragement and prayed briefly. While he recuperated I visited him daily. On several occasions, as we prayed together, he testified that he had been relieved of all pain. Finally, through our discussions of God's love and the scriptural way of salvation, he was able to pray, "Lord, thank You for taking away all my doubts." That was the first conversion during my duty in Vietnam.

One day while visiting the wards I met a young officer who had been wounded. Even worse than his physical wound was the mental torment and guilt he constantly experienced because of the horrors of an atrocity inflicted on his men by the Viet Cong, which he could not wipe from his mind. After we had talked about the healing love of Christ, we prayed and he received a marvelous deliverance. This was a forceful demonstration that God is the Giver of a sound mind.

Desiring to emphasize divine healing to a greater extent, I initiated what was called a "blessing service." I stressed the fact that the Lord would bless spiritually, physically, and mentally. Following Communion, we laid hands on the men and prayed for God to bless them with health and strength. During one of the blessing services, through a word of knowledge, one young man's life was turned in a new direction toward the Lord.

At one of our Bible studies a young marine told a most amazing story. One night his patrol had been ambushed by the enemy. Everyone in the patrol managed to get to cover except this lad. He was pinned down in the open, with bullets landing close enough to shower him with sand! Suddenly he heard a voice say distinctly, "Roll to the right." After three such commands, he obeyed and ended up behind the protection of a tombstone. When the skirmish was over he was not even scratched.

Through our daily prayer sessions a close and rich fellowship developed. As a result of Bible study, several felt a need to be baptized in water; so I had the privilege of baptizing five men in the South China Sea.

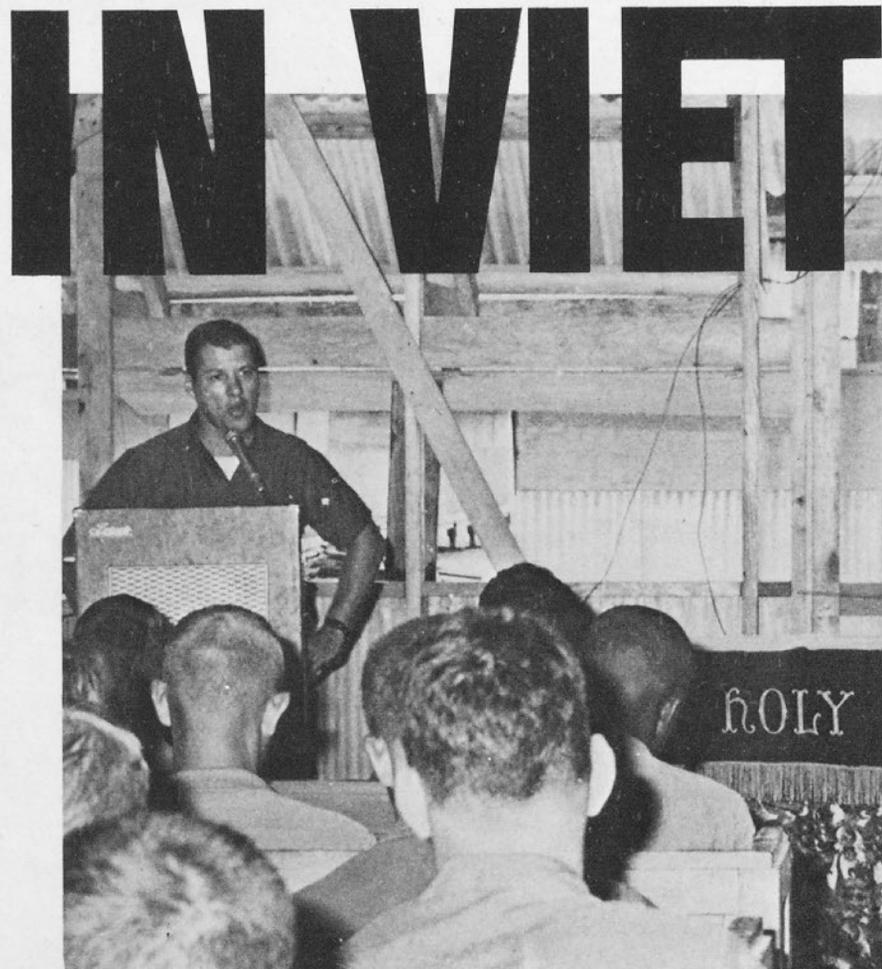
REASSIGNMENT: JAPAN

My first reaction on being transferred from Vietnam to Japan was disappointment. I had seen the Lord work and had felt I was making a vital contribution to men who needed spiritual encouragement. But God knows where His servants should be at any particular time.

One of the most pleasant memories I have of my duty in Japan was the friendship that developed with an Assemblies of God missionary couple. Their hospitality filled many an empty and lonely moment for me. One Saturday morning, as I was finishing my sermon preparation, I felt impressed to visit this missionary couple. At first I pushed the impulse aside, thinking I might interfere with their family plans; but the feeling persisted.

When I arrived I found the wife in great distress. Her husband had been ill all through the morning and was in intense pain. After prayer, I suggested that he get out of bed and walk. At first he hesitated. Then he stretched out one leg at a time. The pain was gone, and he was completely healed! He dressed and drove to Hiroshima for an appointment he almost missed.

While in Japan, I saw the Lord move on hearts to provide unexpected money for a missionary church project. Individual servicemen voluntarily contributed a total of over \$100. But that was only half of the story. When I



presented the check to the pastor, he told the story of the servicemen's gift to his congregation of 20 to 30. Although most of the members were women of very limited means, the Holy Spirit so moved that the church raised another \$100 to purchase a piano. To see this cooperation of Americans and Japanese in a missionary project was thrilling.

Just prior to my return to Vietnam, a young Negro marine came to my office to check out before transfer to another squadron. I was handling the matter routinely, until the Spirit gently checked me. Unlike my usual self, I blurted out, "Are you saved?" He said he wasn't, but then added, "Chaplain, let me tell you my problems." Before long we were walking to the chapel where he confessed his sins and asked Christ to come into his heart.

I still remember his words, "Chaplain, Chaplain, I feel like something big is going to happen. My lips feel funny and I feel so happy." I took a few moments to read to him how the 120 were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and explained that the same thing could happen to him. Soon he was speaking in an unknown language. I would never again underestimate what the Spirit can do.

BACK TO VIETNAM

My second term of duty in Vietnam confirmed for me even more the ease with which the Holy Spirit fills yielded lives. After we remodeled a mess hall into a chapel and set up a regular schedule of chapel services, we saw the Lord perform miracles.

During an interview with a new man reporting into the unit, we struck up a conversation about a copy of *The Cross and the Switchblade* which was lying on my desk. In response to my question whether he had read the book, he said, "Yes." I asked if he didn't think he needed the power described in the book. After a moment of hesitation he said, "Yes, Chaplain, but do you think I could have that kind of power?" I assured him that he could. After some discussion he accepted Christ as his

Lord, and a few minutes later he spoke in tongues as he was filled with the Spirit. It was so effortless and beautiful.

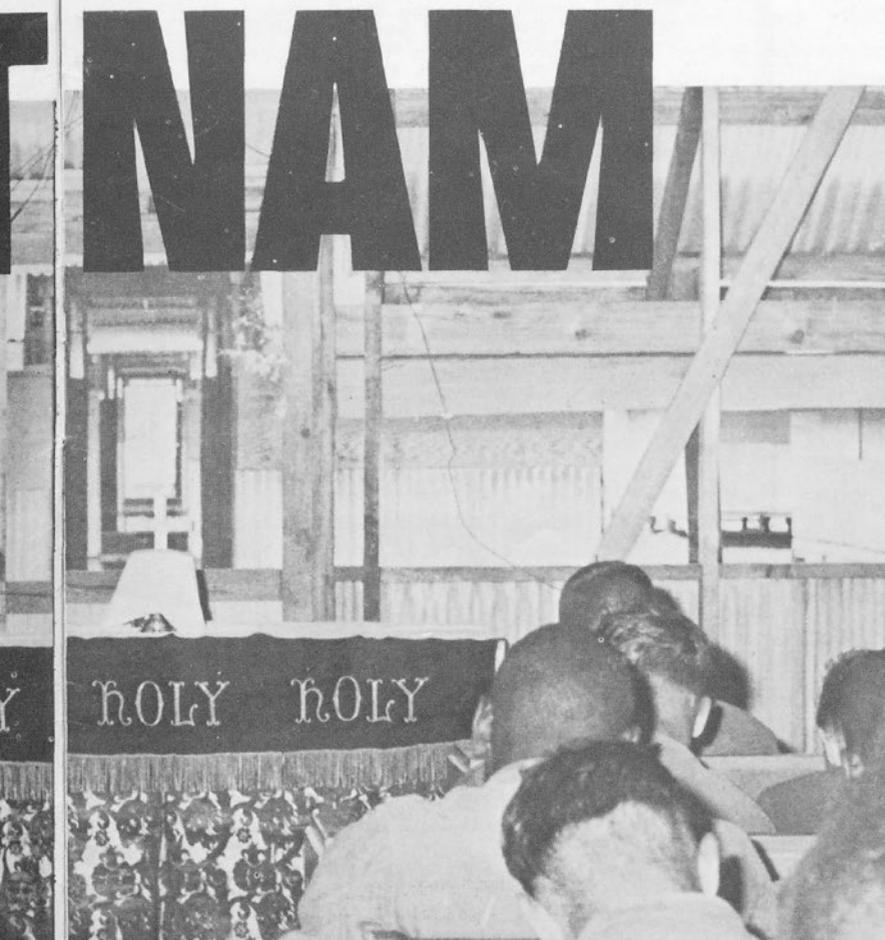
On Christmas Day a marine staff sergeant came to see me. He had severed ties with his former non-Protestant religious faith and was now at loose ends. After some instruction he went with me into the chapel and accepted Christ as his Saviour. He seemed so hungry for all that God had for him, so I shared with him the truth about the baptism in the Spirit. In just a few moments he was praising God and speaking fluently in tongues.

One afternoon a neighboring chaplain invited me to talk to his Bible study group about the Baptism. As I gave my testimony I noticed that one of the officers was especially hungry for God. I invited him to remain after the others had gone. When I asked if he wished to receive the experience, he said he did. Very soon he began speaking in tongues. Afterwards I learned that he had been scheduled to leave Vietnam the day before, but had been held over by a delay. God's timing is perfect.

Recounting further experiences in detail would merely be variations of the same theme. But they were all real: the minister's son with a call to the ministry; the son of a Baptist minister who had never heard of the baptism of the Holy Spirit; the staff sergeant who was filled with the Spirit and is now attending one of our Bible colleges in preparation for the ministry.

One incident in particular stands out in memory. As I was praying with a marine officer the Spirit indicated that the Lord wanted to use him in a healing ministry. I asked if he had ever desired to be used in this way. His mouth fell open and he admitted this was true. I urged him to start stepping out and praying for the sick. When it became known that a lad was present who needed healing for his eyes, the officer prayed for the young man, and there was an immediate healing.

What an adventure a life in the Spirit can be. And it awaits anyone who will let Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit have preeminence in his life. 



FAR LEFT: Protestant service conducted in Chu Lai by Chaplain Christmann. **ABOVE:** Lay leaders who participated in first Protestant service in Chu Lai. Left to right: Cy. Sgt. Ed Poolin, Lt. Col. Owens, Chaplain Christmann, and Cpl. Bill Rowe. **LEFT:** Chaplain Christmann congratulating L/Cpl Dave Bassi upon receiving a meritorious award for services as a chaplain's clerk. Lt. Col. Owens made the award.

Judah's Hymn--and Ours

IT IS FITTING, when God comes down and does a great work for people, that their hearts should go up to Him in a great song of gratitude. This was the occasion for Psalm 46—Judah's hymn of praise.

Jewish scholars tell us this Psalm was composed as an expression of national thanksgiving at the deliverance of Jerusalem from invasion in the days of Hezekiah. The mighty Sennacherib came with his army and said, "I will destroy this city." But the Lord said through His prophet, "I will defend this city to save it" (Isaiah 37:35).

King Hezekiah's prayer was answered with a great victory over the Assyrians; and in the thanksgiving service that followed, this hymn of praise was sung:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear. . . . There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. . . ."

Not only the Jews of long ago, but the Christians of today can join in the glad refrain: "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." We can indeed say, "God is with us" (Isaiah 8:10). The Lord has done great things for us. Therefore we give thanks for His mercies and worship Him with our songs.

The prophet Isaiah drew a comparison between the little stream at Jerusalem and the broad river of Assyria. He contrasted "the waters of Shiloah that go softly" with "the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria" (Isaiah 8:6, 7).

Nineveh, the Assyrian capital, had its mighty Tigris; whereas Jerusalem had only its feeble brook Kidron. But Jerusalem had the presence of God. There was a spiritual stream of divine life flowing from the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. For "God is in the midst of her." Therefore she was immovable. She was blessed with divine help. Therefore her people praised Him and rejoiced triumphantly over all their enemies.

There is a river today, the streams whereof make glad the Church of the living God. It is the stream of the Holy Spirit flowing within the believers who are the tabernacles of the Most High. This is living water issuing from the fountain of life itself. It is the water Jesus gives to thirsty men and women, "a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

"If any man thirst," He said, "let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." This spake He of the Spirit (John 7:39). The river of the Spirit flows today in every life that will receive Him. This river produces life, peace, and gladness wherever it flows. It is not like the sea, which pictures a world of endless unrest. In the world "the waters roar and are troubled, so that the mountains shake with the swelling thereof," but in the Lord there is "peace like a river" that nothing can disturb.

To God we lift our hymn of thanks for this river of His presence. We praise Him that as the water flows freely and takes the shape of every containing vessel, so into every soul, according to its capacity and its needs, the divine presence and strength will flow. Its streams make glad. They satisfy all the heart's thirst. They supply all a human's needs. With the Psalmist we rejoice and thankfully sing, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

—R.C.C.

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OUR FAMILY OF FOUR was involved in a serious automobile accident about a year and a half ago. We were on our first vacation in eight years of marriage and were preparing to have devotions in the car as we rode along. That was the last I remembered when I awakened some time later.

We do not question the reason for the accident. We were in God's hands and we know His ways are best. What I want to emphasize is God's loving care through this time of trial.

God gave my husband strength enough to stop traffic and send someone for police, even though he was suffering from a ruptured spleen and other injuries.

When I regained consciousness, I saw people around us and heard my husband praying in other tongues. I thought the people might take us for foreigners (and so we Christians are, pilgrims in a strange land).

My face and right ear were so severely lacerated and beeding that they did not expect me to live. An officer in the back seat of the car was holding our oldest son, Bennie, who was injured and in a state of shock. Once in a while the officer leaned forward to see if I were still alive. I would raise my hand and wiggle a finger.

Only once as I lay there in the car did I think, "O God, I can't leave the children." Then a sweet calm swept over me and I thought, "God, if this is part of Your plan, then You'll find just the right one to take care of them."

I knew I was bleeding profusely, and that I might not live long if help did not come soon. We were 30 miles out of Tucson, Arizona, but the only ambulance service in the area equipped with radio picked up the police report and came quickly!

On the way to the hospital an attendant applied pressure to a bleeding artery; but one of the branches of it was also severed and continued to pour blood into my mouth.

In the emergency room God also had things arranged. One of the nurses was from First Assembly in Tucson. As soon as she learned we were of the same faith, she contacted her church, which was having service at that time, and they immediately took us before the Throne of Grace in prayer.

Nearby I heard Bennie crying out, "O Jesus, O Jesus!"

over and over again. This was a clear testimony to those around us, for normally a child would be calling for his parents. We are glad Bennie knew who could really help him in this time of need.

My husband was put under sedation because of the intense pain and did not have surgery until two days later.

Though no one would say anything to me concerning any of my family, I rested in the knowledge that they were in good hands—nail-scarred hands.

Soon after the nurse called her church, the assistant pastor and two laymen came to the emergency room where I was. I asked one of them if he had a Bible. A worn Bible was put into my hands, and the knowledge that it was well used was in itself a comfort. I put it down between the covers where I had to keep my hands because of the transfusions.

My body was in shock, but my mind was very clear. One of the men spoke consolingly, and I wanted to tell him that the greatest Comforter of all was already comforting me. Instead I told him a verse of Scripture that was going through my mind and had been for several days: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Many of the nurses and others who came by would pick up the cloth that the doctors had placed over my face after they had clamped off the bleeding veins and arteries. This was very painful, so I asked God in my mind to help me. It was about that time that the men from the church had come, and while they were there the cloth wasn't lifted as often. I thank God for being mindful even of the little things.

When the men went to see my husband and inquire how he was, a nurse, known only to me as Jose, came and held my free hand and talked to me as a mother would to a sick child. She was a great comfort to me.

I had broken ribs and a fractured pelvis, and the many trips to the X-ray room were painful experiences. But I called on God, and He did help in the time of trouble. After about eight hours they wheeled me up to the surgical floor, and I thought, "Thank the Lord; now they will put me to sleep for a while, and I won't have to hurt."

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EVEN IN DEEP TROUBLE, IT IS POSSIBLE . . .

THANKS
IN EVERYTHING GIVE

A Personal Testimony by PATRICIA MATHENA

After they scrubbed my torn face and put me on the operating table, I told the doctor I'd be glad to sleep awhile. Only then did I learn I would have to stay awake during the ordeal, as patients with head injuries have a better chance for recovery when kept awake. I thought this would be more than I could bear, but God again proved Himself faithful. It took seven-and-a-half hours to sew together my face and ear. Later the doctor told me the ear had been 90 percent severed.

While the sewing was going on, the doctor's wife came and told me my youngest son was asleep. Here again God had taken care of all details. When all four of us were brought to the hospital, Richard had been checked and found to have no injuries. The doctor in

kindness sent him to his own home and kept him there until my parents came for him a few days later.

There were many other evidences of God's concern—like the fine Christian young man who always came to take me for X rays and, knowing it was painful, prayed for me as we wheeled along.

Some of the young people came and sang Christmas carols in the hall. This touched my heart so that I was unable to restrain the praise that burst forth from my soul in heavenly language.

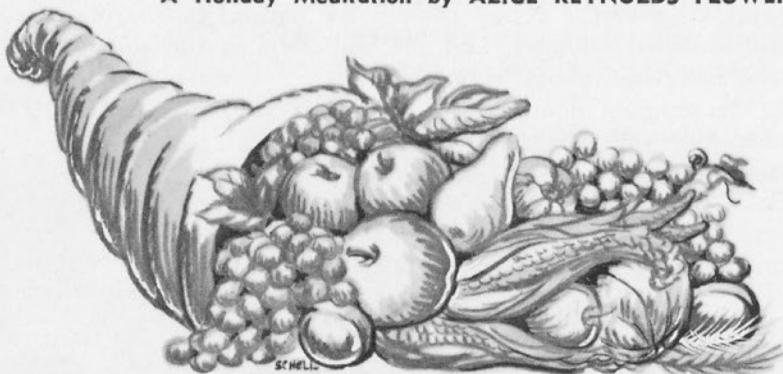
Our pastor, F. D. Reed, came from National City, California, and stayed in the city till we could leave. He spent many hours in visiting our family and others in the hospital who were in need. Then he took us home.

How grateful we are to God for the kindness of

*"Much land ahead to be possessed,
I'm going on, I'm going on;
And all is mine my feet have pressed.
Praise God, I'm going on."*

Let Us Be Thankful

A Holiday Meditation by ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER



LET US BE THANKFUL for all the effectual accomplishment of Calvary. We have been made partakers of His grace; we have drunk from the fountain of life and healing; we have known the surging joy of acceptance in the Beloved, having our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Wonderful certainties of divine salvation!

But the fullness of His atonement is still unexplored and there are possibilities of divine love for us to know. Thank God, we have not exhausted His resources and we can reach out, like Paul, to apprehend that for which we are apprehended in Christ Jesus.

Let us be thankful for God's "exceeding great and precious promises" written in His Word. There are hundreds available to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

There are promises to cover every need—spirit, soul, and body. There are promises for unsaved and saved alike. There are promises for every present need; promises to assure us clear progress through the future days until we are granted an abundant entrance into an eternal habitation. Granted there are conditions attached to these promises; but we are confident of our Lord's enabling as the Author and Finisher of our faith—our mighty, covenant-keeping Father. "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 110:89). Hallelujah! From eternity to eternity God's promises are sure.

*"No word He has spoken shall ever be broken,
For He means just what He says."*

Let us be thankful for all God's tender faithfulness! This is where Israel sadly failed. They forgot the way God had led them—the mighty-handed deliverance from Egypt's bondage; the victorious march through the Red Sea on dry ground; the thanksgiving jubilation at the opposite end. They forgot the gushing forth of fresh water from the smitten rock, and the daily supply of heavenly food properly balanced and vitaminized to meet their physical requirements adequately. They forgot the tabernacling cloud of God's presence to illumine, to guide, and to protect them on that march through the rugged Sinai wilderness. They forgot God's manifold benefits all their pilgrim way, and this was the very thing concerning which God had warned them through His servant Moses.

What about us today? Are we not in grave danger of similar forgetting, with the resultant lack of praise to Him whose mercies are following us continually on our pilgrim journey?

*"Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me.**

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His people and for His healing power. My husband went back to work, and Bennie returned to school. I have undergone surgery several times for the restoration of normal use to my face.

We feel God has wrought much good from this ordeal and we are better Christians because of it. It was not a pleasant experience, but God never promised easy things—just sufficient grace to endure and to keep rejoicing in the midst of trouble.

My husband is now entering the ministry as an indirect result of what has happened to us. He already has received exhorter's papers, the first step toward ordination. We are eager to be about our Father's business.

—Mrs. Bennie Mathena, National City, California

Let us be thankful for the hours of testing, the nights of weeping, and the days when we stood alone. No human support; no place to look but up into the face of our Lord. But He gave a song in the night; He upheld the halting footsteps and brought His dear child through the waters of affliction "more than conqueror." From those days of trial a testimony reached others as they beheld God's grace and strength manifest in His trusting child. What a wealth of patience, of love, of understanding, of tenderness comes through such trying times in every life! Be sure to give God thanks for each bitter cup that brings new sweetness and grace.

*"Can we think it pleases His loving heart
To cause us a moment's pain?
Ah, no! but He sees through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain."*

Let us be thankful and even "leap for joy" if we are tasting a bit of persecution. This is what Jesus told us to do if men speak evil of us (Matthew 6:11, 12). Note carefully the "all manner of evil" must be spoken *falsely*. In Luke 6 Christ added to this by saying, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you."

Peter added much on this subject with these com-

forting words, "If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye; and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." Sometimes the world can only see the Christ within the believer when he is under the fire of opposition and undeserved criticism. No recrimination, no retaliation, just humbly counting it all joy that one is esteemed worthy to suffer with Christ.

*"Love that shall flow till others shall know
Jesus revealed in me."*

Let us be thankful for the moving of God's Spirit in many new areas today. Hungry, thirsty souls are pressing through to the fountain of living water; and as they drink, the promised rivers are flowing forth in new directions from lives overflowing with His love. May God's people be willing in the day of His power! With rejoicing let us heed the exhortation of Zechariah, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

*"There's a Pentecost for every trusting soul;
Of your life the Spirit now will take control,
Filling, sealing, quick'ning, healing, making whole
By God's holy power today."*

Let us be thankful that our Lord is soon to appear. The blessed comforting, purifying hope of His return should mean more to us now than ever before. Portents on every hand, distress of nations, confusion over the whole world, sea and waves roaring, evil seducers growing worse and worse—these signs and more disclose the exact setup of which Jesus warned us in speaking of His certain return. And what else did He tell us? "Look up and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh." There is fear on every side; but for His yearning, watching bride there is glad expectancy. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7).

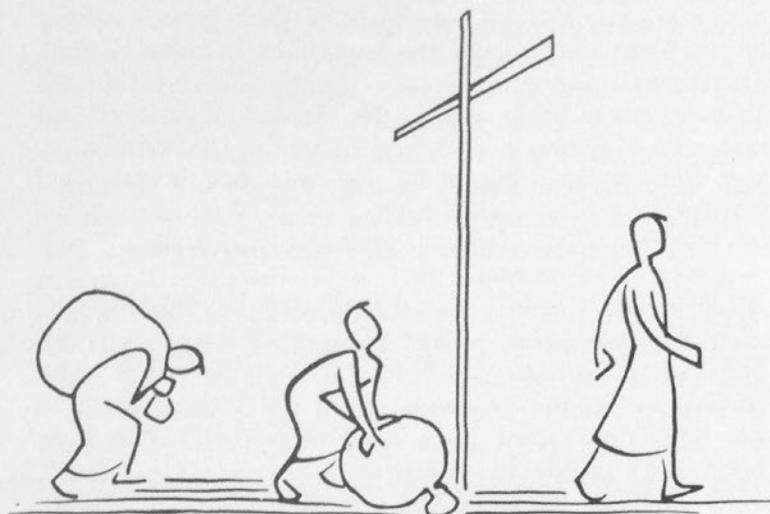
*"Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory,
When Jesus receives His own."*

Thanksgiving Grace

*From fountainhead of fullness great—
God's wondrous grace unknown—
All earthly blessings emanate
Our pilgrim joys to crown.
The daily need for life and health,
Supply for home and hand
Is measured from God's boundless wealth
In fruitage of our land.
The beauties of His handiwork,
Celestial stars that shine,
The caverns where deep myst'ries lurk,
The mountains' far-flung line.
The tinted shell on ocean beach,
The fragrant pines that moan,*

*Bowed by the searching winds that reach
Their secret chambers lone;
The sunset's rare enkindling glow
Through opened gates of gold—
All these to mankind plainly show
God's grace is manifold.
But all these wonders that reveal
God's grace in Nature's heart
Their fullest meaning none can feel
Unless God doth impart
His grace in rich redemption pow'r;
Atoning work made real,
For every need this present hour
Through grace His life to feel.
Then grace for grace receiving here
Our lips with joy o'erflow
Sweet mercies new revealing clear
Thanksgiving grace to know.*

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER



FREE- DOM FROM BOND- AGE!

By GEOFFREY C. COLEMAN

IN TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION of the New Testament, recently published by the American Bible Society, there is a drawing of a man carrying a burden, depositing it at the foot of the Cross, then walking on free of his burden. This is at the beginning of Romans 6, where Paul wrote concerning the law of sin:

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (vv. 17, 18).*

The only freedom we can ever have from sin was made possible for us at Calvary. Before I accepted Christ as my Saviour in 1965, I experienced an inner struggle. In my search for freedom, my mind, my pride, and my will told me I could find this by more education, more pleasures, and increased possessions. But the harder I tried to be free, the more I was imprisoned by the consequences of my own efforts. Every possession, every pleasure, every sin brought its own form of bondage. In the search for freedom I became a greater slave than ever.

I had to be driven to the point of despair before I would surrender to the love of God. And so I found that the simple gospel I had heard and rebelled against some two years before, the thing I had thought would take away my freedom—that is, the Cross—was the only way I could ever find it. I turned to that Cross, and my burdens rolled away.

But I soon discovered there are other forms of bondage. Soon after we were converted, my wife and I became part of a small group of Christians whose teachings were legalistic. They did not emphasize the grace of God but continually stressed how easy it was to commit the unpardonable sin and lose one's salvation. We were taught that we would be going through the tribulation period anyway, so there was not much to look forward to. Everything seemed to hinge on what *we* did rather than on what *God* did.

As a result, we became confused. We lost the joy of our salvation. We could not reconcile this situation with the wonderful freedom of the new birth we had experienced in the beginning. Finally, we made a firm decision to separate ourselves from this legalistic group, but it was not easy. Legalism is a form of bondage just as surely as sin is.

Here again we experienced the mercy of God as He spoke to us of the riches of His grace through the Book of Galatians. The pressure on us to return to this group was quite strong; but we became interested in attending Bible school, which they also opposed, so it was important to know the will of God.

At this point God spoke to us through Galatians 5:1-4: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. . . . Christ is become of no affect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

The yoke of legalism can be as heavy in its own way as the yoke of sin, but God's power is greater than

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both. In a wonderful way He delivered us and made it possible for us to attend Bible school.

A third form of bondage is that of condemnation, which often results from legalism. In our case, the condemnation came after God set us free from legalism, when well-meaning people wrote us letters accusing us of grieving the Holy Spirit. I believe that when a person is set free from the law of sin, Satan will use every means possible to get him back under some form of bondage. In Revelation 12:10, Satan is called "the accuser of our brethren . . . which accused them before our God day and night."

At this time I was not standing firm on my testimony and the Word of God, and Satan took advantage, bringing me under a cloud of oppression. But again God's mercy was extended, and deliverance came when He gave my wife a spirit of intercessory prayer. I felt the cloud lift off me as if it had been a physical thing, when the promise of Isaiah 59:19 was made real to us: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

The Cross is the solution to accusation and condemnation which come from Satan. We should be able to distinguish between the accusation of the devil, which has no forgiveness and no love (but is bullying and merciless), and the conviction which comes from the Holy Spirit when we have sinned. *When we feel the chastening of God, we always feel His love behind it.* Romans 8:1 tells us: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

This means that if Satan tries to condemn us when we know we have been redeemed, we can point him to the Cross: we can say to Satan that we owe him nothing. As Isaiah 53:4, 5 says, Christ "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities."

When we fully realize the significance of the Cross and the shed blood of Christ, Satan's accusations will not defeat us.

Finally, I would like to mention the bondage of fear and hatred. I believe Satan is trying to put Americans (including Christians) under this bondage today, with the race situation. You can be sure that Satan wants people to hate and fear other people. Satan wants us to use violence to combat violence. Satan wants men to forget the power of God to overcome and the power of Christ's love. He wants God's people to go in fear and trembling, forgetting the finished work at Calvary.

The Satanic work being done in the current wave of violence and anarchy is not directed against America or democracy as such; it is against Christianity. Above all, Satan would like to weaken the effectiveness of Christ's work on the Cross. But as Spirit-filled believers we have a power and an authority that we should claim and use against such works—in prayer, in testimony, in preaching.

The universal cry of man is always for more freedom. It is our commission to tell the world that freedom can only come through the Cross: freedom from sin, from bondage, from condemnation, from fear and hatred. We must do this with authority—not only in the name of a crucified Christ, but of our resurrected, exalted, and all-powerful Christ. 



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

According to 2 Corinthians 5:8, those who have died in the Lord are present with the Lord. Are the wicked conscious or unconscious after death?

Jesus taught the conscious existence of the unrighteous in hades (Luke 16:19-31). Scripture indicates that, since the resurrection of Christ, believers go to paradise in the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:4). They are "absent from the body" and "present with the Lord." At the final judgment, "death and hades" will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:12, 14). There will be no more death; nor will there be an intermediate state for the wicked any longer. Eternal destiny will take their place.

Who were the Nethinims? (Nehemiah 11:21).

The Bible dictionary indicates that these were descendants of Midianites taken in battle (Numbers 31:2). From these some were chosen to assist the Levites in their duties connected with the tabernacle and worship. (See v. 47.)

Please explain Titus 1:15: "Unto the pure all things are pure."

The pure love purity; they live above the sordid. In contrast, the rest of this verse points out that "unto them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." Such persons are so corrupt within themselves that they imagine everything and everybody to be impure because they are impure.

Please explain what Paul meant when he said, "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1 Corinthians 13:10).

It means that when we have arrived in heaven we shall know even as also we are known, and our present limited knowledge will give way to complete understanding. We now see "through a glass, darkly," sufficiently to know the way, but "in part" only.

We are told that once God has bestowed spiritual gifts on a person, such gifts will never be taken away, even if the person should backslide and go into sin. Is this correct?

I suppose that the person who teaches this bases it on Romans 11:29: "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." This verse has nothing to do with spiritual gifts. It has to do with the covenant made with Abraham and confirmed to Isaac and Jacob concerning Israel. "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes" (v. 28).

Spiritual gifts are gifts of the Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is withdrawn, or ceases to quicken the gifts, they are no longer spiritual. Only the shell is left. The glory is departed.

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.

A DIVINE DELIVERANCE

Sunday School Lesson for November 26, 1967
ACTS 5:17-32

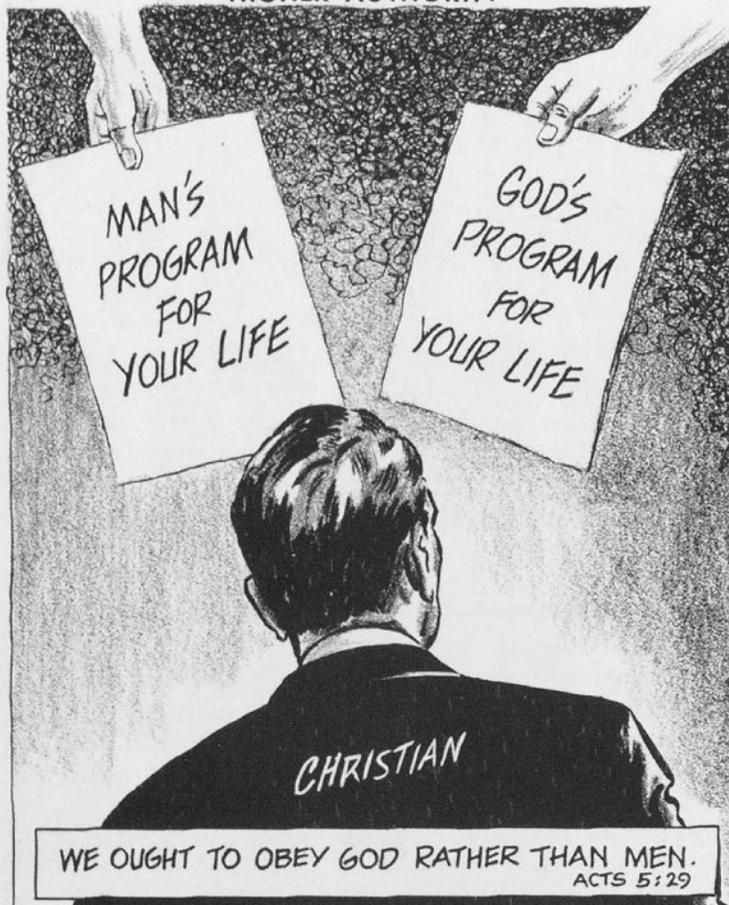
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE FIRST APOSTOLIC MIRACLE had led Jewish leaders to persecute the Church. Now many similar miracles (perhaps hundreds) enraged and alarmed them to the point of desperation, and they made a fresh attempt to stop the Church's progress.

THE ARREST OF THE DISCIPLES (vv. 17, 18)

The Jewish leaders probably thought they were moved by religious zeal and righteous concern for the cause of God, but the marginal reading of verse 17 tells us it was *envy* that motivated them to throw the disciples in prison. There is a lesson here for us. When we are supposedly righteously indignant at others, if we examine our hearts honestly, we may find that we are moved by a spirit that is anything but righteous. "Righteous indignation" at the actions of others is often prompted by a spirit of envy, pride, or self-assertion. "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of," Jesus told His disciples. (See Luke 9:51-56.) Let us see that divine love prompts all our thoughts, words, and actions.

HIGHER AUTHORITY



THEIR RELEASE AND ITS OUTCOME (vv. 19-25)

1. *Angelic deliverance* (v. 19). The child of God in the will of God is never at the mercy of circumstances, but is always more than conqueror (Romans 8:35-39). An angel set the disciples free. Has angelic intervention come to an end? No! The angel of the Lord is still protecting and delivering the child of God today (see Psalm 34:7).

2. *Divine commission* (v. 20). The apostles were delivered—not just that they might be *safe*, but that they might be *used*. "Go...and speak" was their commission. "All the words of this life" was their message. Christianity is not a creed or a theory! Christianity is *life*, because Christianity is *Christ*! And no man knows what it is to truly live until he knows Christ (John 10:10; 11:25; 14:6).

3. *Apostolic bravery*. "And when they heard that, they entered into the temple...and taught." Could it be? After all they had suffered? Assuredly! Like Jeremiah and Paul, they could not help but witness for their Lord. (See Jeremiah 20:9; 1 Corinthians 9:16; 2 Timothy 2:9.) May no fear—of man, discouragement, or any other thing—silence our testimony. We are His witnesses under every circumstance.

4. *Ecclesiastical humiliation* (vv. 21-25). Don't fail to see the humor in these verses. Imagine the discomfiture of the Jewish leaders when the servants came back with the report that the doors of the jail were shut tight but the prisoners were back in the temple preaching! It pays to be on the side of the right; for God is on that side and He makes all opposing forces look ridiculous. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" (Psalm 2:1-4).

THEIR REARREST AND TRIAL (vv. 26-33)

While the disciples were teaching in the temple, they were rearrested and brought again before the Sanhedrin to be questioned.

1. *The high priest's acknowledgment*. Notice that the high priest, in accusing the disciples, paid them a compliment: "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, *ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine*." The disciples had been faithful in witnessing. Have we?

2. *The disciples' reply*. "We ought to obey God rather than men." As the opposition increased, so did the firmness of the disciples. The question was whom to obey. They lost no time in replying. *God first* is the only true principle for us all.

Children are to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1, 2); Christian employees ought to obey their employers (Ephesians 6:5, 6); Christian citizens certainly ought to obey the laws of the land (Romans 13:1-7); but if obedience in any instance would mean disobedience to God, then disobedience to man is absolutely necessary!

God calls a young woman to the mission field. Her mother pleads with her not to go. Loyalty to mother will mean disloyalty to Christ. How shall she choose? (See Matthew 10:34-38.)

An employee is told by his employer that he must overcharge customers and give short weight. If he obeys his employer, he breaks God's laws; if he disobeys his employer, he loses his job. What shall he do?

Peter's answer always holds good: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19. A rather ordinary day for most people—a day filled with pleasant thoughts about the holiday season, of thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

But for countless thousands of persons this day might well be another 24 hours of anguish and torment.

In Cincinnati, a middle-aged woman sits in a dreary hospital room watching the labored breathing of her dying husband. The painful terminal stages of cancer are made even more terrifying by the awful fact that her life-partner has not yet accepted Christ.

In Kansas City, a teen-age mother kneels beside her infant's bed and sobs in loneliness for the man she loves—a young man who right now sloshes through the dangerous swamps of Vietnam.

In Los Angeles, a mother and father stare hopelessly at each other, not yet able to believe that their son could have been mixed up in the narcotics revelry just reported by the police.

Again and again, whether in a remote African jungle or a teeming metropolis, human beings around the world will this day face a crisis. They will reach a point of despair that only divine intervention can alleviate.

These desperate souls in Cincinnati, Kansas City, and Los Angeles, and thousands of others who bear equally heavy burdens, all cling to the same hope—they have faith in the power of prayer. They believe in a God who is still greater than every natural law. They serve a God whose Son has conquered death and the grave; a God who offers pardon from sin, deliverance from every affliction, and strength in the time of need.

These friends have expressed their confidence in the power of prayer by sharing their burdens with *Revivaltime*. They have reached that crucial point where they must have someone to lean upon—someone who cares. And they are confident they can find that "someone" tonight at the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting.

People who ask that their needs be included at the annual World Prayermeeting have faith that those needs will be met, for as they listen to Evangelist C. M. Ward

UNITING AT "REVIVALTIME'S"
WORLD PRAYERMEETING ALTAR FOR

A DAY OF MIRACLES

each week on *Revivaltime* they hear testimonies of deliverance from problems like theirs.

The tormented wife in Cincinnati may well have been moved to share her burden by hearing this testimony from a woman in Hibbing, Minnesota: "Your prayer group interceded for my brother, who had cancer of the lungs and kidneys. Praise God, he is healed!"

This letter from a happy housewife in Jacksonville, North Carolina, may have inspired the young Kansas Citian: "I want to thank God that my husband has returned safely from Vietnam. We know this is an answer to your prayers. He appreciated so much reading the mail you sent to him, and listening to the *Revivaltime* broadcast was a continual source of encouragement."

And the worried parents in Los Angeles can find hope in this moving testimony from Phoenix, Arizona:

"My son was saved after he had been the victim of narcotics for a number of years. The doctors said he would only live a few weeks.

"But I wrote to *Revivaltime* for prayer, and for that I will always be grateful. My son lived three more years, and during that time he came back to the Lord. Now one day soon I shall see my precious boy again—all because you prayed. Thank God!"

Yes, God has moved in a wondrous way around the world's longest altar. And He is still able to meet every need brought before Him at this year's prayer service.

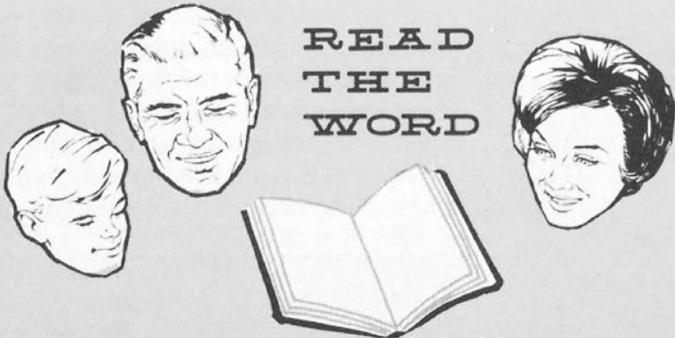
Immediately following tonight's *Revivaltime* broadcast originating from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, more than 50,000 believers around the world will unite in a time of intercession at the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting. At this anchor service in Milwaukee, the congregation, composed of Pentecostal believers from all the Assemblies of God churches in that metropolitan area, will pray in unison for every need brought to their city by the *Revivaltime* Team.

Revivaltime is counting on you to help share this tremendous intercessory responsibility. You must be one of those who "care."

Whether you participate in a local prayer group or find a quiet place of solitude to seek the face of God, find time to pray sometime during this day.

Believe with all your heart that God is able to do all things according to His holy promise. Abandon yourself completely to prayer for the desperate need of another human soul, and God will honor that selfless plea.

As we pray together, many needs will be met, giving thousands of persons cause to praise the Lord on Thanksgiving Day. Trust Him now for a glorious day of miracles!

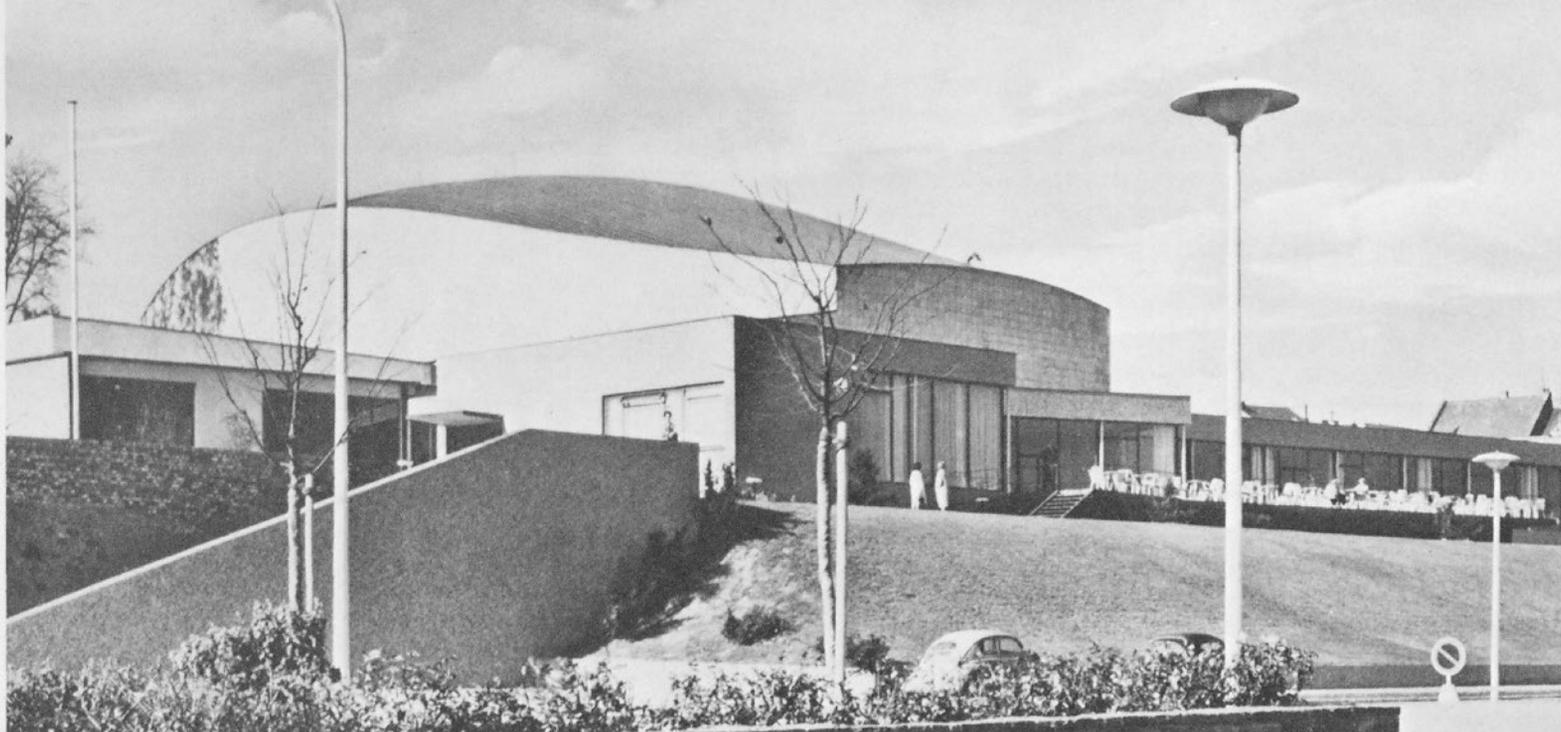


READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19-26

Sunday	Hebrews 7, 8	Thursday	James 1, 2
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Tuesday	Hebrews 11, 12	Saturday	James 5
Wednesday	Hebrews 13	Sunday	1 Peter 1, 2

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).



Beethoven Hall in Bonn, Germany

BONN



Willard Cantelon

GOOD NEWS CRUSADE

By WILLARD CANTELON • Missionary-Evangelist

ON THE BANKS of the Rhine River in the heart of northern Germany lies the city of Bonn. The university, the old cathedral, and the home of Beethoven have all been

special attractions to the travelers of the past.

Today Bonn is much more than a quaint little city in a picturesque setting. Since World War II, it has been

the seat of West Germany's government. The voices that speak from Bonn are now some of the strongest in Western Europe, so that Bonn's influence is felt in much of our modern world.

Although the coming of the German government to Bonn added power and importance to her former culture and historical interest, one thing was lacking. Bonn had no full-gospel church! To open one would be no easy undertaking. The majority of the city's population was Roman Catholic, and the remainder of the people were naturally affected with the pride and political interests that are always present in a nation's capital.

The man God chose to open a new church in Bonn was Waldemar Sardaczuk. He was a young man, full of faith and determination.

While I was in Frankfurt, Germany, in October 1966, Waldemar Sardaczuk came knocking at my door. "I have come to invite you to hold a campaign in Bonn," he said. "I cannot

The orchestra directed by Gerhard Rottcher which provided music for the Bonn Crusade.



offer you the attraction of a union meeting, nor even the backing of a strong, established church, but I can offer you one of the greatest challenges in today's Europe."

My plans had been made for the summer of 1967, and my schedule was full, leaving no time for a campaign in Bonn. I felt a natural reluctance toward changing my plans. But as Waldemar Sardaczuk appealed so earnestly for me to come to Bonn, I sensed the moving of God's Spirit in that direction.

The weather was cold and wet when we opened tent meetings in Bonn on May 28, 1967. The attendance was small in the opening meetings; but, as always, there was a thrill in seeing God work in a situation that commences small and grows under His blessing.

Each night in the Bonn GOOD NEWS CRUSADE new personalities with new interests and new problems came into the tent. Catholic student priests and various people from every walk of life came forward for prayer.

A lady with a tremendous spiritual need was walking on the street when a man just ahead of her received a piece of literature from one of the workers of our team. The man threw the piece of literature on the sidewalk, but the lady reached down and picked it up. After reading the message on the printed page, she made her way to the tent where she sought the Lord as her personal Saviour.

Thousands of pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature were distributed throughout the city prior to the tent meetings. Almost without exception each person dealt with at prayer time had come to the tent meetings as a result of the literature distribution.

After several weeks of meetings, the tent became inadequate to accom-



Boats on the Rhine River at Bonn.

modate the growing crowds. We closed the tent campaign with a promise to return to Bonn for services in the beautiful Beethoven Hall.

August found us back in Bonn in the Beethoven Hall. In spite of the summer heat and holiday spirit, it was a great sight to see the hall well filled. The audience was deeply moved as Missionary Melvin Jorgenson told how God had led him to Congo many years ago. Rudolf Lack from Switzerland also took part in the service, and Gerhard Wessler, pastor from Frankfurt, interpreted the messages of the afternoon.

We chose as our theme for the afternoon sermon *God's Plan for the Nations*. Reporters present in our services published a report of our meetings in the Bonn newspapers. The publicity that we received in Germany's capital was more favorable than we had received anywhere else in Europe.

Pastor Sardaczuk and his people have purchased property at a strategic location in the heart of Bonn on which to erect a church. He has generously expressed appreciation for our ministry in Bonn. I, in turn, would express with equal sincerity our thanks to the laymen in the U.S. for their Light-for-the-Lost program that supplied the literature for this GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

I also join with the workers in Europe in an expression of appreciation for the relationship with our Foreign Missions Department and for what the great team of missionaries means to this generation throughout the world. As Charles Greenaway, field secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and Southern Asia, said in our last European meeting: "I am not preaching sunsets; this is no day of retreat. I am preaching only sunrises, for this is a day of great opportunity and victory!"

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Editor's note: While in Europe Brother Cantelon is also producing evangelism films. Among these films are illustrated sermons on Pentecost, a personal God ("Life on Other Planets"), and the Second Coming of Christ.

Offerings for this film evangelism are urgently needed. Mail your offering to:

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Left to right: Gerhard Wessler, Melvin Jorgenson, Willard Cantelon, Rudolf Lack, and Waldemar Sardaczuk.





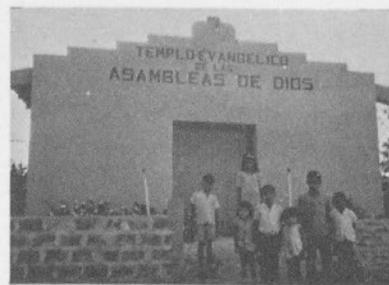
Pastor and wife at Apaneca



Pastor at Santiago Nonualco



Church at Jicilisco



Church at Rosario La Paz



Neighboring pastors at El Triunfo



Pastor and wife at Filadelfia



Church at San Salvador

BUILDING CHURCHES IN EL SALVADOR

By STERLING STEWART • Missionary to El Salvador

THE PAST YEAR in El Salvador has been a period of extensive building activity in the local churches. With no help from outside, 16 new buildings have been finished at tremendous sacrifice by the congregations.

In a country where the average worker receives 90 cents a day for

his labor, a working man is not able to support his family. The wife, too, has to work to help buy the beans and tortillas. As soon as the children are 12 or 13, they usually leave school and work for a few cents a day to help support the family.

Nevertheless, many members of

these churches put their last coins in the offering plate almost every week so the church construction programs would continue.

The sacrifices they made has united their hearts and produced faithfulness to God and to the church that would not have come in any other way.

San Julian church at time of dedication



College Professor Ministers in

HAITI

AFTER SERVING 20 YEARS as an Assemblies of God missionary in West Africa, George W. Flattery is now entering his fourth year of teaching at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. Two of his sons are missionaries—Warren has just returned to Amman, Jordan; and George M. directs the Foreign Missions Department's International Correspondence Institute.

For the past two summers, George W. Flattery has used his summer vacations to hold evangelistic campaigns in French-speaking areas outside the United States. In 1966 he spent a month in Montreal, Quebec, and this past summer he made a similar trip to Haiti at the invitation of Missionaries Robert and Arleta Turnbull.

The following is his report of the meetings in Haiti:

"The Haitians responded enthusiastically to the series of gospel meetings. The churches were nearly always full, and sometimes people had to listen from outside the building because there was not enough space to accommodate them within the sanctuary.

"About 15 people came forward for

salvation and repeated the sinner's prayer in the meetings, and many more raised their hands for prayer. I do not think I have ever heard more enthusiastic gospel singing than that of the Haitians.

"I spoke in 21 services between August 13 and 27. This included preaching in churches, lecturing in Bible classes, and witnessing at street meetings. Fourteen of the meetings were conducted in Port-au-Prince missions and the Pétionville church, and seven were in churches or on the streets of villages in northern Haiti.

"I preached in French. My messages needed no interpretation at Port-au-Prince and Pétionville, but some of them had to be translated into Creole in the northern villages.

"Haiti, a country of about five million inhabitants, has fewer Assemblies of God missionaries per capita than do the fields in West Africa. The present missionary staff is working arduously to meet the needs of the widely scattered churches in Haiti.

"Robert B. Turnbull, superintendent of the Haitian Assemblies of God, told me the greatest need now is for funds to construct a revival center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city."

LEFT: Robert B. Turnbull (left) and George Flattery examine literature translated into French. RIGHT: Mr. Flattery teaches a Bible class in the Pétionville church.



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

WHITHER INDIA?

PERHAPS NO NATION ON EARTH has been the object of more missionary activity than India. At this moment, however, there is a lengthening shadow of doubt cast across the whole future of missionary work in that land. This vast subcontinent is struggling with several revolutions within its borders.

India's population of nearly 500 million is expected to double in 30 years. The most optimistic statistics available indicate that, after hundreds of years of missionary work, the total Christian community is less than 3 percent.

World food experts say that, barring a major breakthrough in agriculture, one third of India's population will face starvation before 1980. Walking the tightrope between industrialization and a vast rural community geared to agriculture, the leaders of India's faltering Congress Party face a prodigious task.

The missions effort in India apparently faces stringent regulations on visa permits for foreigners to do missionary work. We have been given only two or three permits for new missionaries in the last seven or eight years. With the slow depletion of our veteran staff there, our problem is to supply personnel for commitments we already have.

Nowhere, however, has the Christian Church given up on India. The first and greatest need is prevailing prayer. We would sound a call to all prayer warriors, many who have prayed for India for years, to make renewed intercession before the Father's throne.

A public relations and liaison office, representing many missionary endeavors, is being opened in New Delhi, the capital, to keep abreast of current attitudes of the Indian Government. Applications for personnel are still being processed; and as long as there is a glimmer of hope, we must consider that India's door is still ajar.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



DELIVERANCE FROM TORMENT

IN OCTOBER 1965 I had a nervous breakdown. Before that time I was a Christian but had neglected to read my Bible and pray every day, as I had been impressed to do several times in the past.

When I finally did begin to pray, I felt that God had completely forgotten me and that He did not love me. One evening horrible evil thoughts about the Holy Spirit rushed through my mind. I was terribly frightened, for I believed I had blasphemed the Holy Spirit.

That was the beginning of all kinds of evil thoughts about everything holy, evil ideas about my family, and constant guilt feelings. Swear words rushed through my mind, filling me with such horrible fears that I could not eat or sleep. I lost weight rapidly.

At intervals I would turn to God's Word and receive some comfort. I read how Jesus healed those who were tormented. But when I tried to pray, I could not believe God would answer. There were temptations of all kinds, and I wanted to kill myself.

Throughout this experience I was determined to serve God, regardless of the opposition of the enemy. My pastor explained that the evil thoughts were from the devil and prayed for me. Others tried to help, and I kept looking to the Lord for deliverance.

One evening while my husband and I were visiting friends, we began to talk about Jesus. His name suddenly

became so precious to me. That night when I went home and began to pray, all I could say was the name of Jesus. Immediately I saw Him standing beside me. As He stood there and I kept saying His name, I felt a wonderful happiness, surpassing any earthly joy I have ever known. For several days this glorious feeling remained.

Jesus made me know He would heal me and showed me practical things I should do, such as getting adequate rest and food and concentrating on the immediate tasks.

Since then I have continually improved. I praise the Lord each day for His wonderful healing power and for shedding His precious blood for me.—Mrs. Barbara Bullock, Phoenix, Ariz.

(Endorsed by Pastor V. Ernest Shores, First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz.)

COMPLETELY HEALED THROUGH FAITH IN GOD

GOD HAS MET MANY NEEDS for me and for my family since we came to know and live for Him.

A few weeks after I was saved, a chest X ray showed some enlarged lymph nodes. In the hospital I was told it might be caused by several things, including cancer. But I was not afraid. Jesus was with me, and I knew everything would be all right.

After two weeks the doctor did a test on my neck, the test was negative. However, he said this type of trouble sometimes affected the eyes. In checking them, he found my left eye needed a corrective lens and might later require surgery.

I had needed surgery for another problem for about a year, so the doctor decided to take care of that while I was in the hospital.

About noon on the day before the operation was scheduled, four doctors examined me. Later my doctor came to my room and said, "How would you like to go home; you aren't going to have the operation. You are all right."

At six o'clock that evening I was home with my family.

My eye was also completely healed, as the doctor discovered when I went the following week for a check-up. He couldn't understand it, but I was glad to witness to him that I had been healed by the power of God.

From that day on I began to be stronger in every way. I thank God for praying friends and a praying church, as well as a mother who prayed for me over the years. My one desire now is to exalt Jesus. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. Deloris Rust, Cincinnati, Ohio.

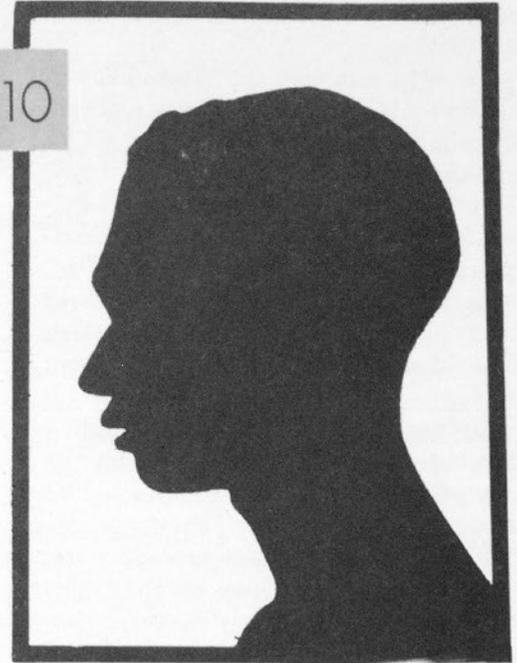
(Endorsed by Pastor V. I. Wardlow, Newton Assembly, Cincinnati, Ohio.)



PRAYER IN VIETNAM—Marines in South Vietnam pause for prayer—a tacit reminder of spiritual needs of courageous but lonely men far from home. If your loved one is serving his country, why not provide spiritual help through a "Pentecostal Evangel" gift subscription? Reduced Christmas rates are now in effect. (See opposite page.) The low American rate will apply on subscriptions to U. S. servicemen anywhere in the world. (Religious News Service photo)

HAI TI

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



ON HIS FIRST VOYAGE to the New World, Columbus discovered a Caribbean island which he called Hispaniola, "Little Spain." Two nations today share this troubled island. French-speaking Haiti occupies the western third and Spanish-speaking Dominican Republic the eastern two-thirds.

Haiti, the only Negro republic in the Americas, is densely populated. More than 4,500,000 people dwell in an area about the size of Maryland (10,700 square miles). Port-au-Prince, a city of 350,000, is the national capital, chief port, and commercial center.

Haiti, an Indian name, means "high land." How true is the Haitian proverb, "Beyond every mountain is another mountain." The highest peak, Morne la Selle, rises to 8,790 feet.

Haiti's economy is predominantly

agricultural. Haitian women trudge many farm-to-market miles with baskets of fruits and vegetables skillfully balanced on their heads. Coffee is the country's chief source of foreign exchange.

When Columbus reached Hispaniola in 1492 the island was inhabited by the mild-mannered Arawak Indians. By the mid-16th century these aborigines had been ruthlessly exterminated by the Spanish. African slaves were imported to work on the plantations. The overworked slaves revolted against cruel masters and, after a titanic struggle for freedom, Haitian independence was achieved in 1804.

Ninety-five percent of Haiti's people are descendants of African slaves; the remaining five percent are mulattoes. The typical Haitian is warm-hearted and generous, a timid person

of simple dignity. He has been described as "the poorest in the Western Hemisphere—but the happiest." Literacy, when last officially reported, stood at 15 percent.

Haiti, the only French-speaking republic in the Americas, is a two-language nation. French is the official language, but unique cultural traditions are reflected in Creole, a mixture of French verbs set to an African-style grammar.

The country conjures a picture of voodooism, a mystical combination of religion and superstition based on secret ritual and magic. The voodooist believes in one god, but in order to contact him he must go through "intermediaries," known as Loas, the powerful secondary gods. The hypnotic beating of drums is an integral part of voodoo rites. (When a voodooist becomes a Christian, he gathers his voodoo paraphernalia and burns it. He finds in Christ the "one mediator between God and man.")

Roman Catholicism, introduced by Spanish and French colonialists, is still the official religion of the country. Its creed, superimposed upon voodoo beliefs and practices, brings about a strange duality in religious matters. Men who ostensibly wear a crucifix may hide occult charms under their garments.

Under the leadership of Lawrence Perrault, the Assemblies of God entered Haiti in 1945. After one or two years of ministry our missionaries temporarily withdrew. When a group of Pentecostal believers appealed to the Assemblies of God to reopen its



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work, Mr. Perrault returned to Haiti in 1957.

To help establish the Assemblies of God in Haiti, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull transferred from the Dominican Republic in January 1959. Two months later they began holding services in Pétionville, now the headquarters of our work. When Mr. Perrault returned to the States due to ill health, Mr. Turnbull was appointed field superintendent, a position he still holds.

A four-story, cement-block building purchased in Pétionville serves as evangelistic center, Bible school, and missionary residence. The congregation of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, gave much of the money for the training center as a memorial to their pastor, Louis F. Turnbull, an uncle of Robert Turnbull.

The school was opened in the fall of 1960 and now offers a two-semester, three-year course. Ray Fairbanks is director. The Robert Turnbells and Mrs. Fairbanks teach in the school. The Ronald Hittenbergers, who recently arrived, will share in the work of the school and also direct the youth activities on the field.

The Bible Book Store, opened in 1964, is a fine witness for Christ in this community of 30,000 and the only place in the city where gospel literature is available. A strategically located property adjacent to the Bible school has been purchased this year to accommodate the bookstore (now in a rented building) and to provide dormitory space for students.

Port-au-Prince has a cement-block church seating 300 people. This was provided through various donations.

The Haitian government gave a plot of land; Southern California churches gave \$3,000 and sent two of their pastors, Bob Jones and Sam Eubanks, to build the church. Haitian believers also donated their time and skill to complete this house of worship.

Ever since the beginning of Assemblies of God work in Haiti our missionaries had desired to put forth a special evangelistic effort in the capital city, Port-au-Prince. Early in 1967 a building seating 1,500 people was located and readied for special meetings with Evangelist Everett Stenhouse of Southern California.

Robert Turnbull reported, "The total attendance for two weeks reached 25,000, and more than 500 came forward for salvation. Others came for healing. Light-for-the-Lost literature was of inestimable value during the campaign. The converts from the revival have been formed into a new church in downtown Port-au-Prince. Pierre Constant, one of the Bible school students, has been named pastor."

Many outstations are located in remote mountain villages, and our missionaries visit these groups as time permits. The encouragement mountain Christians receive from a missionary's visit more than compensates for the difficult journey over rugged roads.

More than 40 churches and outstations have been established because of our work in Haiti. Our 50 Haitian preachers minister to the Assemblies of God constituency of 2,500 and seek to make Christ known throughout the land.

Mrs. Robert Turnbull and daughter Cheryl have produced two TV pro-



Evangelist Everett Stenhouse of Southern California preaches in revival meeting.

grams that were well received. "There is no other evangelical witness on TV," writes Mr. Turnbull, "so we pray that this ministry may be continued."

The current missionary staff of six looks forward to the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jimenez, recently approved for missionary appointment. They previously worked in Haiti and established three fine churches.

Haiti's mountains have long reverberated with the sinister echoes of voodoo drums. May a spiritual awakening come to this land that its people, "all their lifetime subject to bondage," will experience the freedom that Christ alone can give. The task of evangelizing Haiti is far beyond the power of a small missionary staff. More qualified national workers will be needed to give leadership to the emerging indigenous church. 



LEFT: Robert Turnbull conducts baptismal service at Trau du Nord. BELOW: The congregation at Grand Bois is pastored by a Bible school graduate.



HOW



TO CHOOSE A CHURCH

By **ELDRED NELSON** - Pastor, Ridgeview Assembly, Spokane, Washington

OURS IS A MOBILE POPULATION. When you move to another city or town, you should immediately seek out a new church home.

If there is more than one church of your denomination in the new area, a number of factors may influence your choice.

Each church has its own distinctive personality, which is a composite of the personalities of its people and pastor. This difference will understandably influence your choice, for you have your own personality and preference.

An important consideration in selecting a church should be its proximity. Its nearness to your home may well influence the frequency of your attendance. This may also be a factor in your witness in the community. Some unsaved person you are trying to win may not understand why you bypass a nearby assembly to attend another of the same denomination.

It is not always the church which can "offer you the most" that should be your choice. It is possible to be swallowed up in a larger congregation where workers are in abundance, while some smaller work may be in desperate need of your help and support. A good question here is, "What can I contribute?" rather than, "What's in it for me?"

What about changing churches within a given community? We cannot say this should never be done, for many of our Assemblies of God people have left churches of other denominations for the more vibrant atmosphere of our Pentecostal Assemblies. They found denial and rejection of their experiences and simply sought out people of "like precious faith." However, it has also happened that irreparable damage has been done to individuals and churches by indiscriminate church-changing.

So when, really, should one change churches within a given community? To answer this question adequately, let us consider some reasons that are given.

Some change because of personality

clashes. People have been known to leave a church because they have had a "falling out" with the pastor or other members in the church. Instead of working out the problems, they run. In the new church, to their surprise, they may encounter the same problem. Offenses and misunderstandings will come, but they provide opportunities for maturity and growth to those who hold steady and work them out in a Christian manner.

A clash in personalities is not a valid reason for changing churches; it may be a divinely given opportunity to develop patience and demonstrate the love of God.

On the other hand, if you cannot find it in your heart to be gracious and patient, if you persist in being unhappy and disruptively critical, perhaps you do the membership of that church an injustice by staying there—so do change. But wherever you go, you will still live with yourself; and it is yourself with whom you are, in reality, unhappy.

Others have changed to "a more spiritual" church. This reason may have validity. If your church is denying truths that are essential to Bible teachings, or if your church has a "form of godliness" but denies the power thereof, you should change and find a Bible-believing and Bible-preaching church. However, the words "more spiritual" may have overtones and symptoms of a deep-seated malady—that of a very subtle and obnoxious spiritual pride and hypocrisy.

These words can be used to camouflage a host of ulterior motives, to justify actions which in truth spring from animosity, jealousy, pride, and fleshly desires. People of this disposition can be highly critical of a church while others within the same congregation are being enriched with a glorious sense of the presence and power of God.

Yes, changing to a "more spiritual" church may be valid; but it requires that one be truly honest with himself and with God. Be sure your motives are wholesome and pure.

Occasionally, people change churches with the stated purpose of working for God in a more needy field. If this is indeed one's motive, pure and unadulterated, this can be valid. Churches have been known to have "give-away" services in which a spirit of sacrifice and true Christian concern for the expansion of the Kingdom is manifest in the giving of families toward establishing new congregations.

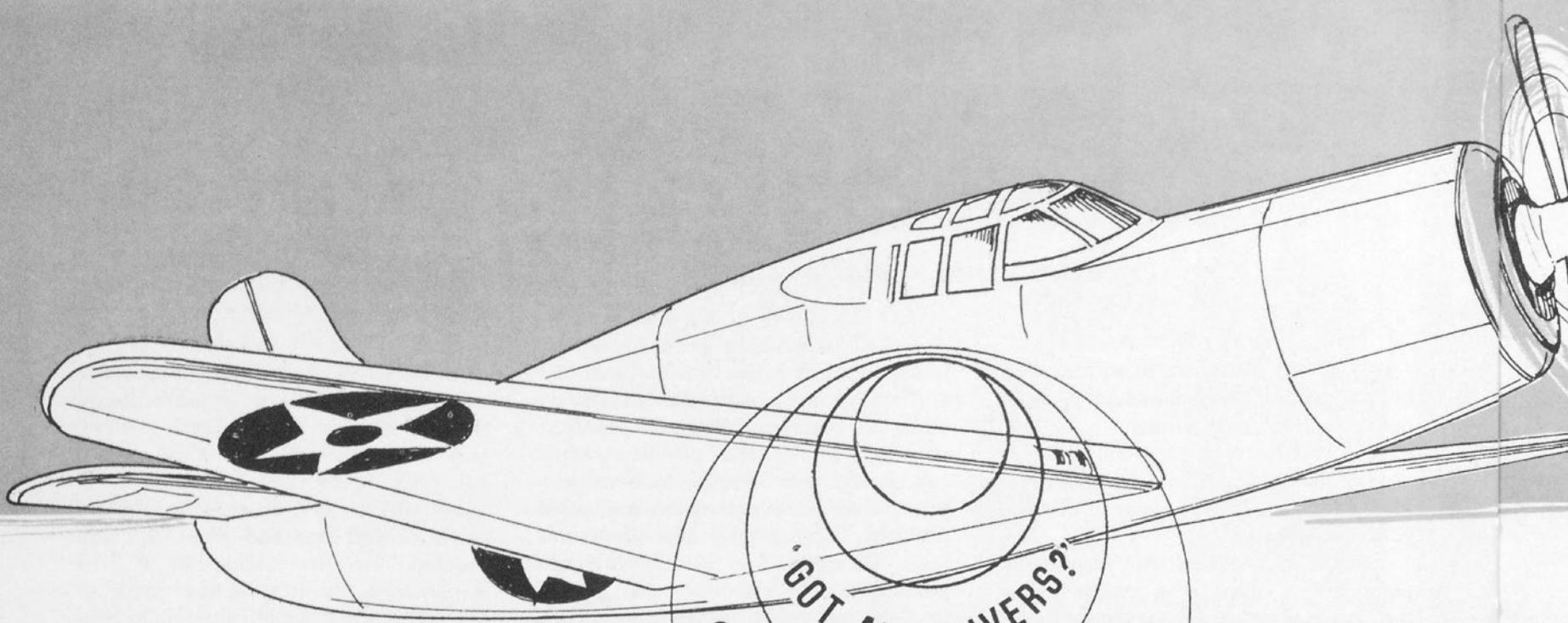
This is the spirit in which we encourage our youth to go off to school to prepare themselves for life and ministry. If this stated reason does not mask underlying unwholesome motives, it can be a good one for changing churches.

In all of life, one of the most significant values is our relationship to others which may even reflect our relationship to God. In these days of infidelity, unfaithfulness, and ingratitude, good relationships are especially important and must be preserved with delicate sensitivity. With this in mind, Christians should not change churches simply to meet new people to the disregarding of old friends. Time, interest, prayer, and love have been generously invested in them. This is similar to the deeply invested involvements of a family. To have these affinities dissolved is not easy. It hurts. It is like a youngster's coming of age, denying his parents, and disregarding all they have done for him.

No one lives to himself. His life is intertwined with others in a complex interdependence. What one does affects another and another. When you attend a church, you commend it to others. When you leave it for invalid reasons, you do it damage, and the real failure may be your own.

If you are not getting all you want out of your church, try putting more into it. After all, the church is partly what you make it.

When should one change churches? The individual himself must answer; but it should only be after serious consideration of what it will mean, both to you and to the work of God of which you are a part.



The Story Behind a Well-Known Song

As Told By OSCAR C. ELIA

'GOT ANY RIVERS?'

I NOTICED A LETTER published in *The Pentecostal Evangel* recently which alluded to the song, "Got Any Rivers You Think Are Uncrossable?" There was a statement to the effect that this gospel song is "a take-off on the song of the builders of the Panama Canal."

I would like to correct that statement. I happen to be the person who wrote the music for this song, which originally was a slogan for the construction company which constructed the Panama Canal, and it was I who put the word "God" in place of the word "we." The way in which this came about was as follows.

During the summer of 1929, after graduating from the Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School in Minneapolis, I went through some severe testings. My brother passed away, and I was not expected to live either, for I was seriously ill. While attending Northwestern I had become acquainted with a Presbyterian minister, C. K. Ingersol, a man who had great faith in God, especially in praying for the sick. Although the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dr. W. B. Riley, felt that he himself was not gifted along the line of praying for

the sick, he knew that prayer for the sick was the duty of the church, a duty which has been neglected through recent centuries. Therefore he had asked Brother Ingersol to conduct these services every Sunday afternoon in one of the Sunday school rooms.

Many were the answers to prayer in that room. I had also been reading *The Pentecostal Evangel* which told of answered prayers in many places, and on my sickbed I felt led to send word to Brother Ingersol to come and pray for me. The result was that I was healed of tuberculosis. This healing took place over 37 years ago. To God be the glory.

After the healing I felt led to make a slight change in the slogan of the Panama Canal builders and to write music for it. This I did, and it became a popular gospel chorus. I introduced it in North Minneapolis, and in a short while it seemingly was being sung all over the English-speaking world. At that time it had no verses. These came later.

During World War II a student from Bob Jones University, Dick Knautz, was called into the service of his country and served in the U.S. Air Force. One Sunday afternoon he was

flying his plane over the Stockton, California, airfield. While waiting for his signal to land he was singing this chorus. Unknown to him, his mike switch was on, and he was broadcasting to the control tower and through all of its loudspeakers to 5,000 cadets below!

The control tower cut in: "Listen, Dick, if you want to start a revival, you come down to earth." God was in this incident; and when Dick landed the plane, five young men sought him out and wanted to accept Christ as their Saviour. He led them all to Christ.

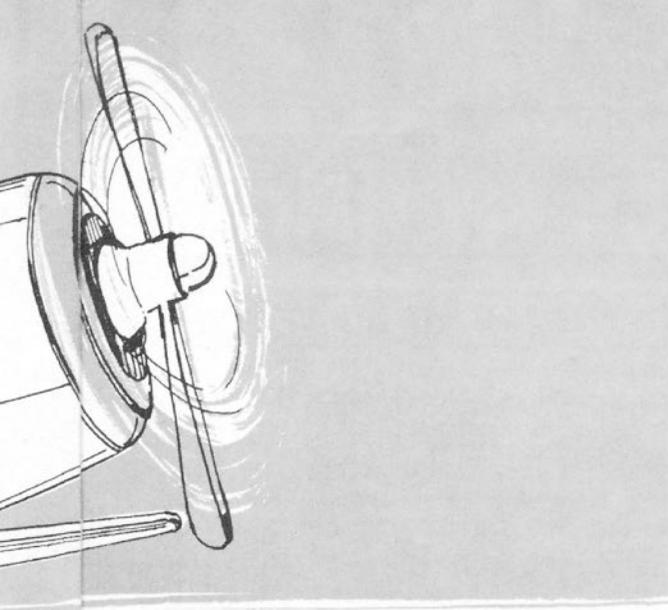
If you wonder why this happened, the answer is simple. This Sunday afternoon Dick's mother up in Oregon was praying for her son. She was ask-

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ing God to use him in some way that very day, and God answered that mother's prayer. Later Dick was killed while serving his country. The story was told by a friend of his at a Gideon convention in Modesto, California. Then it was published in the Gideon magazine, and subsequently in other religious papers.

About this time I began to receive orders from practically every state in the Union asking for the chorus, and some asked for "the whole song." They supposed it had verses. I was then led to write the verses which were dedicated to the mother of Dick Knautz.

*"Be of good courage," God spake unto Joshua,
When o'er the river God pointed the way;
Jordan uncrossable! things seemed impossible;
Waters divide as they march and obey.
Battles to win! they would meet with their obstacles,
Jericho's walls, too, must fall to the ground.
God never failed; He stood back of His promises;*

Walls had to crumble as they marched around.

*God is the same, and His Word is dependable,
He'll make a way through the waters for you;
Life's situations by Him are amendable,
Mountains and hills He will part for you too.*

Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?

Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?

God specializes in things thought impossible,

*He does the things others cannot do.**

In the spring of 1955, at the late Phil Kerr's Monday Musicales in the Civic Auditorium, Pasadena, California, I was asked to tell the story and Mrs. Eliason was asked to sing the song. After this we were invited to do the same in churches of many denominations in various parts of the country.

I remember once, after we had told the story and sung the song in a large church in Des Moines, Iowa, the evangelist told how God used it in his life. He said that one winter he was scheduled to conduct revival services in Seattle, Washington, beginning on a Sunday night. He, and his family were on the other side of the mountains, and the highways over the mountains were all closed due to a severe snowstorm. It was reported that the roads were impassable and that they were not likely to be opened again in time for his appointment.

What could he do? He said he believed God wanted him to be in Seattle on Sunday night, so he headed toward the mountains in spite of the weather reports. By faith he and his family sang, "Got Any Rivers?" God honored their faith. He sent a Chinook wind and melted the snow, so they reached their destination without any trouble.

We serve a God who specializes in doing things thought impossible. Truly He works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

—OSCAR C. ELIASON, Route 1, Box 310, Cook, Minnesota 55723

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NEW CHURCHES RISE IN THE TWO NEWEST DISTRICTS

ALASKA AND HAWAII ARE ADVANCING IN CHURCH EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ON THE HOMEFRONT

THIRD CHURCH OPENS IN ANCHORAGE

By WILLIAM L. CUMMINS
Pastor of New Sunset Hills Assembly

GOD SPOKE TO US a couple of years ago to open a new Assemblies of God church in Anchorage, Alaska. At that time my wife and I were pastoring the Kodiak Assembly.

Harold Bither, pastor of First Assembly; Gilbert Mort, pastor of Fairview Assembly; and the Alaska District encouraged us. They agreed that Anchorage was ready for another *Branch Out* venture.

Brother Bither, presbyter of the section, gave invaluable assistance in locating property and arranging to finance and purchase it. The Alaska District and the National Home Missions Department assisted with the \$6,000 down payment.

We moved June 1 with our family of six boys and

spent the month preparing the small building for our temporary place of worship. District Superintendent B. P. Wilson was speaker at the dedication on June 26.

July 2 marked the beginning of a full schedule of services for Sunset Hills Assembly of God. We are rejoicing in the fine attendance which averaged 35 in Sunday school and 40 in church during that first month. The second month the average increased to 45.

Although we are now located in a rural area, the groundwork is being laid for industries and supermarkets to serve this community nine miles south of Anchorage. For Anchorage is growing rapidly. It is bordered by mountains on one side and by Cook Inlet on the other. Thus future expansion will be in the direction of the church.

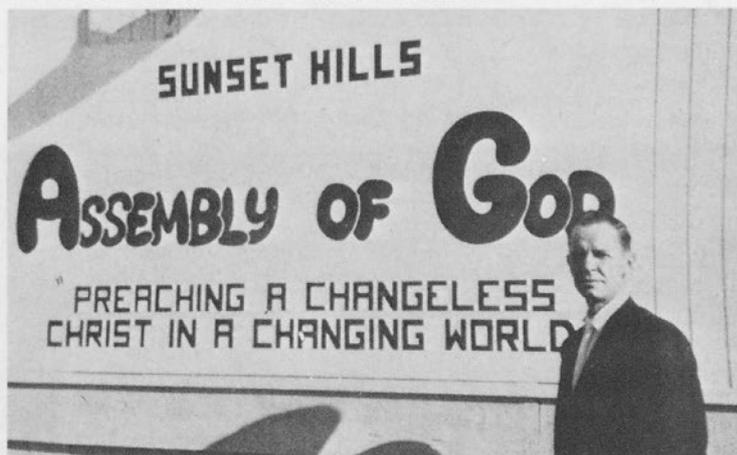
We are making plans to build on the 150- by 200-foot property, using the *Herald* blueprints obtained from the National Home Missions Department.

Credit is due First Assembly for the loan of chairs, and Fairview Assembly for the loan of tables. A member of First Assembly purchased a new piano for the Assembly. Christ's Ambassadors of the section purchased 50 new songbooks for the church.

Presently we have a Sunday school organized with officers. Both WMC's and C.A.'s are functioning. Soon the church will be set in order with a board of deacons and official church membership.



The congregation of Sunset Hills Assembly in Anchorage anticipates construction of a new church soon. Pastor William L. Cummins stands beside the church sign which displays the slogan he has used during his ministry in Alaska.



HAWAIIAN YOUTH ASSIST 'BRANCH OUT' CHURCH

By HENRY K. KAHALEHILI
Pastor, First Assembly, Kahului, Hawaii

LAST SUMMER Christ's Ambassadors and ministers from the islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai, and Maui invaded the whaling port city of Lahaina, Maui, with rewarding results. The C.A.'s paid their own air fare to the island for this witness crusade to assist Larry Elies, pioneer pastor.

Under the capable direction of David Paco, district C. A. president, the invasion resulted in 79 possible prospects, and seven people testified to salvation.

On Sunday afternoon two C.A.'s endeavored to witness to a young Hawaiian boy. He dismissed them by saying he was too tired to listen, and told them to come back later. At 11 p.m. he was killed in an automobile accident—without Christ!

The Saturday and Sunday evening services convened at the Kamehameha III School cafeteria. Friends from Puunene, Makawao, and First Assembly in Kahului helped with transportation. Sunday morning services of the *Branch Out* church are held in the community building.

Lahaina is the first *Branch Out* effort for the district.

Women's Missionary Councils played an important part in this home missions effort. They provided beds, dishes, and other household items for Pastor and Mrs. Elies.

The district's *Branch Out* goal is for new churches in each of the six islands. There are no Assemblies of God churches on the islands of Lanai and Molokai. People on the island of Lanai desire a church there, but the necessary Christian workers are not available.

In this recent invasion, the young people faced individuals deeply involved in false doctrines. But the C.A.'s of Hawaii are on the march for Christ. They are determined to witness despite the obstacles. Their next invasion will be on the island of Kauai in November.



Pastor and Mrs. Larry Elies (left) and D-CAP David Paco (right) pose with the C.A.'s who participated in the witness crusade in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

WEBSTER DEFINES "APOSTLE" AS "ONE SENT ON A MISSION." WORKING TO REACH THE UNSAVED MILLIONS OF AMERICA ARE HUNDREDS OF ANOINTED . . .

...Apostles on the **HOMEFRONT**

By CURTIS W. RINGNESS • National Home Missions Secretary

IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES God anointed men for the holy offices of prophet, priest, and king. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). On one occasion, God spoke through His prophet Isaiah and said, "Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people" (Isaiah 55:4).

In New Testament times God "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:11, 12).

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16).

Paul, "an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God," said, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God" (2 Corinthians 1:1, 21).

The God-called minister is not only a gift to the Church but also a gift to a sinful world. Before God can send the promised blessings of revival and salvation, He must have leaders—men and women who know His voice, who have proved His power, and who will follow Him fearlessly at any cost.

David Brainerd was a shining example of the dedication of divinely anointed pioneer pastors and missionaries. E. M. Bounds wrote of him:

"Alone, struggling day and night with consumption of the lungs, unschooled in the care of souls, having access to the Indians whose salvation he sought for a large portion of the time only through the bungling medium of a pagan interpreter, with the Word of God in his heart and his soul fired with divine flame, he fully established among the American Indians the worship of God, and secured all its gracious results.

"The Indians were changed with a great change from the lowest besotments of an ignorant and debased heathenism to pure, devout, intelligent Christians."

Jonathan Edwards said of David Brainerd, "His life shows the right way to success in the work of the gospel ministry. He sought it as a soldier seeks victory in a seige or battle, or as a man runs a race for a great prize. Animated with the love of Christ and souls, how did he labor? Always fervently! Not only in word and doctrine, in public and private, but in prayers by day and night, wrestling with God in secret and travelling in birth with unutterable groans and agonies, until Christ was formed in the hearts of the people to whom he ministered."

Even as David Brainerd was God's man—first, last, and always—so are the scores of pioneer pastors and the more than 330 appointed home missionaries. They are God's men and women for this hour. Filled with the Spirit and obedient at any cost, they have willingly followed the Lord into difficult places.

Because of the sacrificial efforts of pioneer pastors, souls have been saved and full-gospel churches have been established in Christ-starved communities across the nation and in Puerto Rico. The dedicated, untiring ministry of home missionaries is also producing fruit for the Master among native Hawaiians, Eskimos, American Indians, Jewish, the deaf and the blind, teen-age dope addicts and gang members (through Teen Challenge), and foreign-language groups.

These modern pioneers realize that victories achieved in their fields are largely due to the prayers and financial help of their partners in the supporting churches. Let us show our thankfulness for their dedicated and sacrificial labors with special Christmas gifts.

You can express your gratefulness to God for your blessings by remembering the pioneer pastors with Christmas food showers and love gifts. Offerings for them may be sent to your district office.

Send your Home Missions Christmas Fund offering for home missionaries laboring in eight Special Ministry fields direct to the National Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. World Ministries credit will be given. 

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THE IMPRESSIVE DECLARATION OF THANKSGIVING which the farmer of ancient Israel made when, on the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost), he presented his basket of firstfruits to the priest in the Temple (Deuteronomy 26:1-11), includes one of the many references in the Bible to the description of Israel as "a land flowing with milk and honey."

The exact connotation of these ancient words is of considerable interest.

To deal with "honey" first, it should be remembered that the reference in the Bible is not to bee honey but to date honey. The Jews include the date among the seven agricultural species which are "the glory of the land of Israel." Yet the appropriate verse (Deuteronomy 8:8) which includes wheat, barley, vine, fig, pomegranate, and oil olive, refers by name neither to the date palm nor to its fruit (*tamar*), but to *d'vash*, honey; but the accepted interpretation that this means date honey ensures the date a place among the seven species.

The phrase also occurs in Exodus 13:5, and in his commentary on that verse Kashi adds one little detail, stating of *d'vash* that it is "the honey of figs or of dates," thus extending the meaning of the word to the extract of fruits other than dates.

As for "milk," in that same comment he explains, for some reason or other, that the reference is to goats' milk and not cows' milk. Be that as it may, "honey" is honey, whether it be date honey or fig honey, and "milk" is milk, whether it be from goats or cows; and that would seem to settle the matter.

It does not, however. Of all the ancient rabbinic sources, the Mishna (or Oral Law) is certainly one of the most authoritative, and a reference to the Mishna produces the surprising statement that the "milk" of "milk and honey" is not milk, and the "honey" is not honey! In its interpretation of the verse containing these words in the Declaration of Thanksgiving on Shavuot, the Mishna declares that "a land flowing with milk and honey" means "that the fruits should be tasty." In other words, the phrase is made to apply not to specific agricultural products as such, whether fauna (milk) or flora (honey), but to the *quality* of the fruits of Israel.

Nor can this interpretation be dismissed summarily as a mere vagary of the rabbis' imagination. It has its roots in the text of the Bible itself. Not only does it say, in Joel 4:18, "The hills shall flow with milk," where the reference cannot be to milk literally, but in the Song of Songs (4:11) the impassioned lover extols his beloved with the words, "Honey and milk are under thy tongue." He obviously does not mean that she has taken a sip of milk and not yet swallowed it; nor that she has literally provided herself with a "honeyed tongue"! It is beyond question a metaphor for the fragrance of her kisses. If, therefore, "milk and honey" is found in this passage as a metaphor for fragrance and sweet taste, the rabbis probably were right in in-

terpreting the oft-repeated phrase, "a land flowing with milk and honey" as meaning "a land whose fruits are tasty and fragrant."

And so the new Hilton Hotel in Israel has not gone wrong in calling its dairy restaurant *Halav U'd'vash* (as long as the fare offered there justifies it), and the "honeydew melon" of Israel which has captured the overseas market is well named.

Israel is well on the way to the fulfillment of this promise. One of the significant advances made by Israel in recent years as a fruit-producing country has been not only in the quantity of its fruit but in its increasingly good quality, especially with regard to deciduous fruit.

It is becoming more and more a "land flowing with milk and honey" in the sense in which the Mishna understood the term—a land which produces not only fruit in abundance, but delicious fruit.

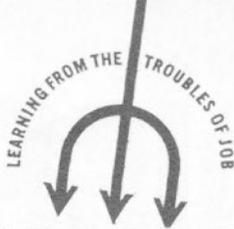
At Shavuot the citizens of Israel have reason to give thanks for the "goodly and pleasant land" in which they are privileged to live.

—Condensed from the *Jerusalem Post*

'milk and honey'—with a difference

With daisies in her hair and a bouquet in her hand, a young Israeli participates in the festive ceremonies of SHAVUOT: FESTIVAL OF THE FIRSTFRUITS.





JUST WHAT CAN SATAN DO?

By JACK COLEBURN - Pastor, First Assembly, Colton, California

THREE FORCES INFLUENCE YOUR LIFE: *God, self, and Satan.* Satan is the lesser of the three, yet we often give him the most credit.

We say the devil inflicts illness upon us or causes us to lose our jobs. Yet we may have become ill because we failed to take proper care of our bodies. We may have lost our jobs because we failed to do our work properly. Rather than take the blame ourselves, we place it on Satan. This is wrong! In blaming Satan, we give him more power than he actually has.

Although God allowed Satan to take away Job's worldly possessions, his servants, cattle, sheep, camels, and all his sons and daughters, "in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22). Job didn't sin because he realized just what Satan could do.

Satan went back to God seeking permission to test Job further. God granted his request, and Satan returned to inflict Job with a terrible disease. Even Job's wife turned against him and said, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die" (Job 2:9). Through this trial, Job was able to answer his wife, "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speakest. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" (v. 10).

From the first chapter of Job, we can learn just how much power Satan has over us. In Job 1:6 we find that *Satan is accountable to God.* He was commanded to appear before God and he certainly did not appear by choice. In Job 1:8 we discover that even the dark mind of Satan is an open book to God. God read his mind and asked, "Hast thou considered my servant Job?" Satan acknowledged that God had read his mind and answered, "Doth Job fear God for nought?" (v. 9). How great our God is, for He knows what Satan is thinking at all times!

Satan can do absolutely nothing without God's permission. Satan admitted that he couldn't harm Job because God was protecting him and had built a hedge around him (v. 10). God will do the same for you and me. Satan can hold the things of this world in front of us to tempt us, but he cannot harm us as long as we are under God's power.

Satan has no more power over us than Pilate had over Jesus. "Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me except it were given thee from above" (John 19:10, 11). If we could keep this fact in mind, we could always conquer Satan—just as both Job and Jesus did.

Satan is not omnipresent. Satan cannot be equal with his creator (Ezekiel 28:15). He does not have the power of God. He cannot be in more than one place at one time.

He does have an army of demons at his command. These are the spirits that tempt us most of the time.

Satan is not omniscient. This is another power we have foolishly ascribed to Satan that he does not have. Again we have put him on an equal plane with God. The Book of Proverbs tells us we are snared by the words of our mouths (Proverbs 6:2). Satan could not read Job's mind. He could not read Jesus' mind. He cannot read our minds. If he could, the dignity of the human personality could not exist. What kind of life would this be if both God and Satan knew what we were going to do before we did it. God is just and allows us to make a choice. Satan would force us to serve him if he could. Satan is not omniscient. What a comfort this should be!

Just what can Satan do? As Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he tempts us today by implanting evil thoughts in our minds.

He is called the "angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14) yet his message is only one of darkness and destruction. Because of this, John exhorted us to "try the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1). Paul urged, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17).

God may grant Satan the power to test us in a special way, as He did with Job. We will come to a crossroad where circumstances look bad. We can either become *bitter* and curse God, or we can become *better* and praise God. (Notice how little difference there is between the two words: *bitter* and *better*. The only difference is the "I.")

Job did not become bitter. He yielded to God completely. In a never-to-be-forgotten moment, God spoke to Job out of a whirlwind (Job 38:1). Job's answer to God was one of submission, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye seeth thee: wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5, 6).

After Job's confession, God blessed him. Our trials are actually blessings for they draw us to God. God doesn't want a weak people, nor does He want a captive people. He wants a tried and true people. God wants people who love Him by choice. He wants a victorious, separated people. This is why He allows trials and testings.

Despite everything that happened, Job recognized God's control over Satan and was victorious. The *child* of God has the same authority over Satan God has. We can live successful Christian lives. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

Bible Society of Ghana Inaugurated

ACCRA, Ghana—At the famed Black Star Square here the Bible Society in Ghana was inaugurated on February 19, 1967, reports Missionary Robert L. Cobb.

This, in the words of one of the speakers, William Ofori-Atta, was an act of God. Mr. Ofori-Atta was saved by reading the Bible while in prison. Reading the Bible changed his life so completely that his old friends could hardly believe he was the same man. He stated that the Bible would change the heart of any person who would read it with an open heart and with a desire to understand himself.

The forming of the Bible Society in Ghana does not simply mean that the Scriptures are distributed in that country. Rather it means

that the Christians in this land have reached the place where they say: "The Bible belongs to us. It is God's gift to us. It is our Christian heritage. We have received it from the hands of others, but we want to accept the responsibility of being stewards of this precious gift. We pledge ourselves to cherish it and guard it. We make it our solemn aim and purpose to share with all men everywhere this precious gift that God has entrusted to us."

The congregation of Evangel Church (Assemblies of God) in Accra was present for this important ceremony, as well as Missionaries Oliver Swaim and Robert and Velma Cobb and four national pastors.

During 1966 the Assemblies of God churches in America gave thousands of dollars to help put Bibles in the hands of Ghana's school children. The church in Ghana continues to urge its members to read the Bible and to encourage illiterates to learn to read. The establishment of the Bible Society of Ghana will help to further this purpose.

Many Moved by Students' Farewell

SUVA, Fiji Islands—The closing exercise of the Fiji Bible school, with 41 students participating, took place during the annual conference, according to Missionary Orville Carlson.

Following the service a host of friends gathered on the wharf to bid farewell to nine Samoan students who were returning to their homes. As these young men lined the deck, they began to sing and at times raise their arms in adoration of the King of kings. Christians lining the wharf provided ukulele accompaniment and joined in the singing.

Passengers aboard the ship came onto the decks, and people passing the wharf remained with the group until midnight when the ship pulled anchor. Nine young men, with tear-dimmed eyes, waved farewell as they began the journey home to preach to their own people.

The next day, one young man who had been at the farewell, was contacted by a business woman who had paused to listen to the singing the previous night. She

questioned him for over an hour about the strange power she had felt. He replied, "This power which you felt is the same power which last month drew me to God. I then gave my life to Him."

Three Tongan students who returned to their island sent back a glorious report to the Bible school—86 souls won to Christ, 27 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and some marvelous healings. One of the students reported laying hands on a blind man's eyes, praying in the name of Jesus, and seeing the man immediately receive his sight.

Mr. Carlson says, "Our hearts are thrilled with the wonderful power of God which we continue to see manifested in Fiji."

Farmers Gather to Hear Gospel

TERRACINA, Italy—When a member of the congregation asked her to visit her brother, Missionary Loretta Castaldi promised to go to the nearby farmhouse the following night.

Miss Castaldi reports, "When I arrived at the farmhouse, I was surprised to find a room full of farmers and some of their wives. There were at least 15 people waiting to hear the gospel."

Miss Castaldi continues, "After



Tom Grazioso preaches at an outdoor evangelistic meeting in Italy.

Outdoor Crusades Spread the Good News

ITALY—"Tent crusades and open-air meetings are being programmed with ever-increasing frequency," states Missionary Thomas Grazioso.

"We are by no means alone in this form of propagation," he continues. "The Communist Party of Italy has found this a most effective method for reaching the disgruntled masses, and just recently various orders of the Roman Catholic Church have begun to employ this form of outreach to offset the alarmingly low attendance in their cathedrals."

During the past year Mr. Grazioso and his wife Gretchen have held successful GOOD NEWS CRUSADES throughout Italy.

In Barrafranca the crusade followed a religious festival. At the end of the week the local priest publicly praised the evangelicals for their fearless proclamation of the Word of God.

The host pastor for the Niscemi crusade reported, "From the first to the last day our tent which seats 250 was packed with people who were hungry and thirsty for the Word of God. Few there are who did not receive something from the Lord. A number of those

reached through the crusade are now attending our weekly services."

A series of 13 open-air meetings was held in the province of Calabria. At one town a number of monks came to hear the message and after the service asked to speak privately with the missionary.

When the crusade came to the town of Paternopoli, the very atmosphere was charged with antagonism. The gospel message of love and grace soon disarmed the antagonists, and many felt obliged to apologize for the discourteous reception.

At the end of the meeting the mayor invited the crusade team to have refreshments in his cafe. He said, "You must come again. And next time I will personally assume the responsibility of organizing your street meeting. I guarantee that the whole town will be on hand."

During one crusade a Roman Catholic priest came to the gospel tent to salute the evangelist. "Your evangelistic crusade has shaken the entire town. You could never imagine its far-reaching effects," the priest said. "Many of my own colleagues have been secretly listening to your sermons. I personally haven't missed a one."

Then the priest explained how the messages broadcast over the P. A. system could be heard in nearby apartments. He concluded, "We have been genuinely moved at the simplicity and sincerity of the gospel message of hope and love, and I want you to know that it is appreciated. In fact, I shall be praying that God will enlarge your field of ministry in Italy."

Holy Spirit Outpoured at Aymara Bible School

GENERAL PANDO, Bolivia—A group of delegates to the World Pentecostal Conference in Brazil made a trip to the Aymara Bible School in General Pando, reports Missionary Monroe Grams.

Because of the bitter cold, the guests expected to stay for just half an hour. As several of the students testified, the Lord began to bless, and the visitors stayed for four hours. Sixteen of the 54 Aymara students received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 11 received a refilling.

After the World Pentecostal Conference, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman, Foreign Missions Executive Director J. Philip Hogan, and Field Secretary for Latin America and West Indies Melvin L. Hodges visited the work in Bolivia.

Mr. Grams says, "As we sat together, talking and planning, we felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make new plans for advancing the work in Bolivia. It was a blessing to our hearts to have someone from the outside to counsel, pray, and guide us. We are proud to be a part of the fellowship of the Assemblies of God."

Missionary Visits Bulgarian Church

SOFIA, Bulgaria—On his way back to Tehran, Iran, from the Locarno Assemblies of God Conference this past summer, Missionary Mark Bliss was able to visit with Pentecostal believers in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In the capital city of communist Bulgaria they found a congregation of about 250 members. As they talked with them, they learned that there are over 60 Pentecostal churches in Bulgaria with a total of 3,000 to 4,000 believers. They found them to be "sincere and hungry for God."

The Bulgarian Christians seemed extremely happy for the visit of an Assemblies of God missionary and requested prayer for their people and their churches. In fact, they said, "This is all you can do for us; just pray for us."

There are many thousands of Assemblies of God believers in Eastern Europe. Though our contact with them is limited, they are united with the worldwide movement in doctrine and when possible by fellowship together.



Superintendent S. M. Makoala and Mel Grams at conference.

Bible Conference Held in Botswana

GABERONES, Republic of Botswana—A five-day Bible conference was held here during the last part of August, according to Missionary Melvin Grams.

The highlight came on Sunday morning when 21 men and women were baptized in water.

Mr. Grams said, "I could not help but weep as I saw these men and women obeying the Lord's command and as I heard their testimonies. Two of them were converted witch doctors, and one young man had been recently

saved from a life dedicated to the spread of Communism."

The conference revealed the fine progress this mission work has made during its three years of existence. According to General Superintendent S. M. Makoala, the district now has an active Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, and Christ's Ambassadors Department.

"As I reflect on my five days at the Botswana Bible Conference, I see an open door everywhere. The government has granted us favor. I saw large villages unreached with the message of Christ. I saw hungry hearts respond to the message of salvation. Finally I saw 40 young people step out to dedicate their lives to the spread of the gospel in Botswana," states Mr. Grams. "I have never in my life seen such hunger and response to God's Word. Pray for Botswana—her people, her pastors, and her missionaries."

German Hippies and Beatniks Hear Dave Wilkerson

GERMANY—The churches in which Dave Wilkerson spoke were packed, according to Richard C. Fulmer, Assemblies of God servicemen's representative in Europe.

Mr. Fulmer reports that Mr. Wilkerson's ministry was equally effective in German and American

meetings. Mr. Wilkerson is the director of Teen Challenge in New York City and works with teen gang members, dope addicts, and other delinquent youth.

In the Stuttgart church, which normally seats 1,800, there were 3,000 at a Wednesday night service.

At Darmstadt nearly 2,000 crowded into a chapel seating 1,000. Most of them were unchurched teen-agers including hippies and beatniks. The 340 who responded to the altar call remained to follow Mr. Wilkerson into another chapel where he could pray for them individually. Most of those who came forward were seeking salvation.

The church in Frankfurt was filled to capacity, and closed-circuit television was arranged for the overflow crowd in the basement.

Crowds Pack Mission

CAPE PALMAS, Liberia—Missionaries Paul and Audrey Davis report that their ministry continues to grow. Church attendance has increased to where they are using every available seating place, and for the last three months no less than three have been saved in each Sunday night service.

A lady 66 years old received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The missionaries held a baptismal service at the ocean shore for nine new believers, and another baptismal service at the military jail for seven men.

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



The Habib Iskanders



The Delmar Kingsriters



The James Vignas



The Ralph Cobbs



The John Franklins



Myrna Wilkins

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Ralph Cobbs** (Nigeria), the **Habib Iskanders** (Egypt), the **John Franklins** (Guatemala), and the **James Vignas** (Taiwan).

Delmar Kingsriter is returning to Malawi; his wife and family will follow later.

Mary Ballenger (Dakar) and the **Harold Calkins** (El Salvador) have completed language study and are on their way to their respective fields.

Myrna Wilkins, recently appointed to Venezuela, has temporarily deferred language study to fill an emergency need in the Latin American Orphanage in Mexico.

Missionaries returning to the United States for furlough are: the **Harry Penningtons** (Nigeria), the **V. H. Shumways** (Nigeria), the **Paul Pughs** (Brazil), the **Harland Parks** (Hong Kong), and the **Donald McMurrays** (Malaysia).

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

GALENA, MO.—The Assembly of God here was stirred during a two-week meeting with Evangelist Helen Steele of Whittier, Calif. Several were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and all were blessed by the Lord.

The Sunday school record of 67 was broken twice during the services, with 75 present one Sunday, and 87 on the last Sunday.

—Carl Williams, pastor

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FORT WORTH, TEX.—The Spirit of the Lord moved throughout Zion Temple Assembly here during recent services with Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Essary of Blackwell, Okla. Nine were saved or reclaimed, and 14 were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Attendance was good.

—B. R. Griffith, pastor

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RIVERTON, NEBR.—The Holy Spirit moved mightily in each service during a recent meeting at the Assembly of God here. Kenneth Krivohlavek of Nebraska City, Nebr., was the evangelist.

Two persons were saved, one was reclaimed, and three were refilled with the Holy Spirit. Fif-



DONATED LABOR HELPS CHURCH CUT CONSTRUCTION COST

LEWISTOWN, PA.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. Russell Williams, Eastern District superintendent, was the dedicatory speaker. C. Eugene Bell, district secre-

tary-treasurer, led in the act of dedication.

The sanctuary seats 360 with overflow accommodations for 100 more. Both the sanctuary and nursery are air-conditioned.

Facilities in the educational

wing include a C. A. chapel which seats 125, a primary chapel, 18 Sunday school rooms, a church office, and pastor's study.

The building with furnishings and land has been appraised at \$155,000. However, with donated labor of the congregation, the total cost is \$85,000.

Earl H. Ford, the present pastor, acted as building contractor.

teen testified to receiving healing in their bodies. Many visitors also attended.

The church is following up the results of this meeting.

—G. E. Smith, pastor

SCARBORO, ONTARIO, CANADA—Four churches of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada recently sponsored a centennial tent crusade here with Evangelist and Mrs. William McPherson of Jasonville, Ind. James Weller, pastor of Scarboro Gospel Temple, was the crusade chairman.

Each night men and women met God, with about 40 making decisions for Jesus Christ. Others were filled with the Holy Spirit or healed, and a strong spirit of revival prevailed.

Aggregate attendance figures for the two-week meeting surpassed the 5,500-mark with up to 1,500

attending the two services each Sunday.

For a month prior to the meeting, members of the four Pentecostal assemblies held cottage prayer services.

A suburb of Toronto, Scarboro has a population of about 300,000.

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CARBONDALE, PA.—First Assembly here enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Kashner of York, Pa. Seven received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a number of others went forward to seek more of God in their lives.

—Lee Lockett, pastor



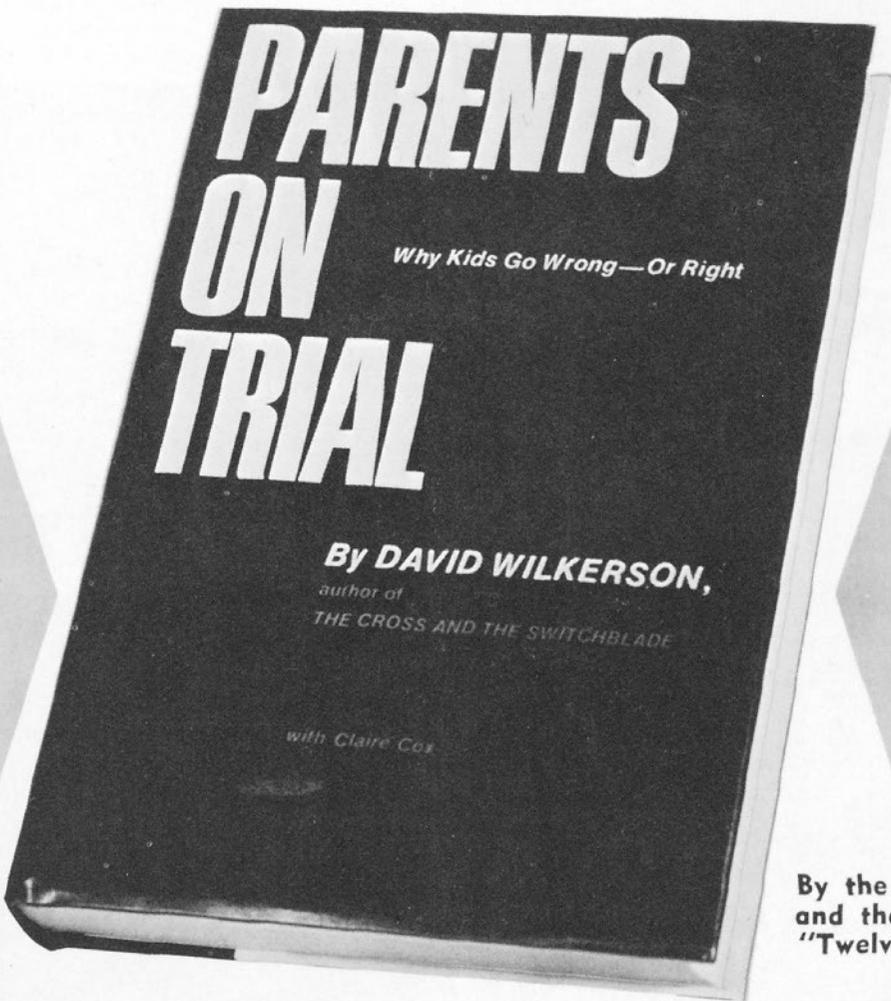
GROTON, CONN.—Paul Emery (right), president of Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., speaks at the anniversary banquet honoring Pastor and Mrs. Joseph C. Stanley of Calvary Temple here. Pastor Stanley began the first Pentecostal work in Groton in 1961, meeting in a home. Today the congregation meets in a beautiful building which seats 300.



Four churches of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada sponsored a tent meeting in Scarboro. William McPherson was the evangelist.

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NEW SUPERVISORS—Marvin W. Knott, left, plant superintendent of the Gospel Publishing House, congratulates the two newly appointed divisional supervisors. Norman Pearsall, center, new supervisor of art, and Elton C. Phelps, supervisor of layout-offset preparatory, began their duties September 25. Brother Pearsall is also art editor for the "Evangel."

CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

SHERBURN, MINN.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. The dedicatory speaker was Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent. Herman H. Rohde, Minnesota District superintendent, conducted the service.

The 40- by 80-foot building with 16- by 28-foot foyer extension is of fireproof block and brick construction. Using overflow facilities in the vestibule and an enclosed balcony, the main sanctuary seats 300.

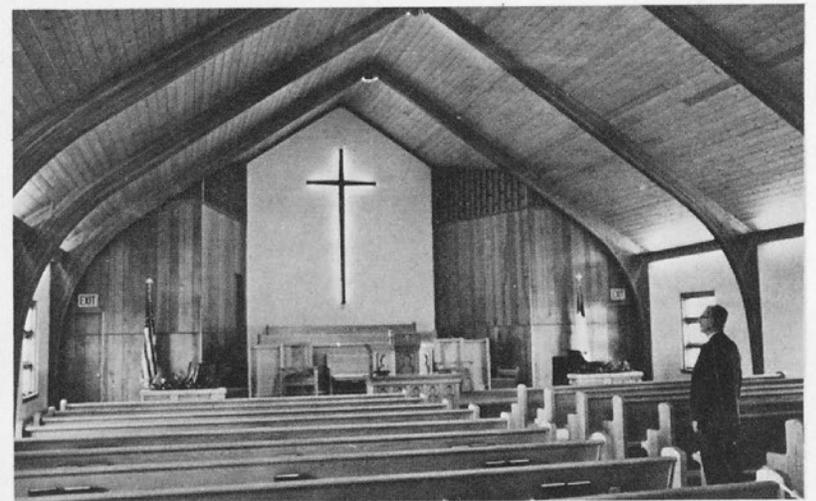
Other facilities include a full basement and fellowship hall with folding partitions to make Sunday

school rooms, an enclosed nursery, spacious parking lot with basement level entrance, natural wood paneling, light oak padded pews, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Total cost of the building, exclusive of the lots, is approximately \$85,000.

The first congregation of the Assembly of God met late in 1922 in an old Methodist Church. The Assembly moved into its own building in 1925. Ground was broken for the new building in May 1966.

Melvin B. Hanson has been the pastor since 1959.



CINCINNATI, OHIO—Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Burgess of Memphis, Tenn., recently conducted a two-week meeting at First Christian Assembly here. Twenty-two persons were saved, and eight were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sister Burgess conducted a Kids' Crusade during this period. Many children accepted Christ as their Saviour.

—W. Randall Ball, pastor

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SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—First Assembly here enjoyed 10 days of special services recently with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. Some persons were saved, and others were filled with

the Spirit. Two persons, including the pastor's wife, were healed of deafness.

—G. E. Mandel, pastor

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RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.—Excellent crowds were present each night at Bethlehem Church during recent services with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh.

A good number of people responded to the invitations and gave their hearts to the Lord. Ten believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Soon after the meetings were over, 18 followed the Lord in water baptism and 20 joined the church.

Bethlehem Church recently com-

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pleted a building program in which new facilities valued at \$200,000 were added. The congregation is grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness in all things.

—William J. Behr, pastor
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KEYSER, W. VA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a moving of the Holy Spirit during recent services with Evangelist John Masto of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Eight were saved, and four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many in the church were refilled and refreshed during the two-week meeting.

The revival spirit prevails as people continue to seek the Lord.

—R. C. Lymburner, pastor
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IOLA, KANS.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Paul E. Morris. There was a good spirit of cooperation. Several persons were saved, and others were drawn closer to the Lord.

Members of the congregation contacted more than 500 families, inviting them to the services. Many visitors attended.

—R. R. Morrison, pastor
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VALLEY PARK, MO.—First Assembly here enjoyed a recent meeting with Evangelist A. N. Trotter of Riverside, Calif. Two were saved, one was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The church continues to feel the impact of the moving of God.

—John Eller, pastor
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NASHVILLE, TENN.—Evangel Temple here enjoyed a recent meeting with Evangelist Duane Miller of Springfield, Mo. Nine were saved, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and five were refilled with the Spirit. In addition, six followed the Lord in water baptism, and five joined the church. Attendance was good.

—Jimmy R. Snow, pastor
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ST. JAMES, MO.—Attendance was above average for recent services at First Assembly here with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

Twelve were saved, four reclaimed, and seven were baptized in the Holy Spirit. In addition, six persons followed the Lord in water baptism, and one joined the church.

One lady was healed of the effects of a stroke. Two nights later she was filled with the Spirit.

—T. Bluford Conway, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY AND HOME-COMING—Nov. 26 at Galloway Assembly, Lakeland, Fla. Services throughout the day.—by Maxwell J. Cloud, pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	L. Wayne Pitts	Nolan D. Lee
Ariz.	Gilbert	A/G	Nov. 26—	Bennie & Mary Grissom	Charles Kirkpatrick
Ark.	Fort Smith	Calvary	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Corbett C. Crace	Milton Brown
	Malvern	North Malvern	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	LeRoy King
	N. Little Rock	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Ed Eaton	David A. Hastie
	Parkin	First	Nov. 20—	Tom F. Ogdon	G. D. McClung
	Siloam Springs	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Lonnie Nelson
	West Helena	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Miriam A. Hooks	Louis Yendrek
Calif.	Bakersfield	Panama Lane	Nov. 20-24	Fisher-Cheek Team	A. B. Farmer
	Indio	First	Nov. 19—	Wm. T. Holcomb	E. T. Collins
	Ivanhoe	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 3	Tommy & Esther Lance	Delbert Jackson
	Port Hueneme	A/G	Nov. 21—	Neville & Beulah Carlson	J. Harold Edmonds
	Santa Clara	¹ Glad Tidings	Nov. 19-24	Charles Senechal	Esther Brady
	Santa Cruz	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Howard Rusthoi	Kenneth Short
Conn.	Hartford	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 22-26	George DeTellis	Allen E. Mitchell
Ga.	Bainbridge	Calvary	Nov. 26—	Nettie Parham	W. H. Judah
Ill.	Bloomington	First	Nov. 21-26	Carl E. & Mrs. Gammel	W. A. Akridge
	Joliet	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Arnold & Anita Segesman	James L. Duncan
	Oak Lawn	A/G	Nov. 24—	Duard Baldwin	John Ber
Ind.	Plymouth	First	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	The Singing Lunsfords	E. J. Bruton
	Sullivan	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Bill & Verna McPherson	T. M. Bontrager
Kans.	Bucklin	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Dwaine & Nola Braddy	Floyd Remer
	Overland Park	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	I. D. Rayborn	Gail Howard
Md.	Edgewood	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	R. L. Beavers	W. M. Hoard
Mass.	Gardner	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 3	George & Evelyn Butrin	Werner Johnson
Mich.	Onaway	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Chas. A. Fairfield	Franklin Deater
	Wyandotte	A/G	Nov. 19-Dec. 3	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Warren B. Tyler
Minn.	Detroit Lakes	A/G	Nov. 23-26	The Tanner Team	Melvin E. Culbertson
	Eagle Bend	A/G	Nov. 26—	Lloyd Portin	James Gast
Miss.	Louisville	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	L. R. Self
	Vicksburg	Beechwood	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Lloyd & Irene Logan	N. E. Hartshorn
Mo.	Eldon	First	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Dan & Marty Womack	George O. Flora
	Winona	A/G	Nov. 20-26	Samuel & Patricia Calk	D. E. Roderman
Mont.	Columbia Falls	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Lawrence A. Plumley
Nebr.	Burton	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	Wayne Jameson
N. Mex.	Grands	Milan	Nov. 12-19	Moses Jones	Weldon L. Burchett
	Roswell	Central	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Raymond & Mrs. Mayfield	Harry R. Gray
	San Jon	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	L. T. Bates	Almyra Ragland
N. Y.	Howard Beach	A/G	Nov. 22-26	Mildred & Roy T. Johnson	Werner Kordon
	Rochester	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 3	William Caldwell	Ernest Morgan
	Utica	First	Nov. 22-26	Gene & Heather Burgess	Louis Lisi
Okla.	Healdton	A/G	Nov. 21-26	Doyle H. Thompson	Willard Teague
	Ninnekah	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Doyle Jones	J. W. Wyckoff
	Walters	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 3	Larry & Helen Hatfield	H. L. Walker
Pa.	Boynton	A/G	Nov. 21-26	•Olshevski Musical Team	Edward L. Ferguson
	Everett	² A/G	Nov. 23-26	James L. Snyder	Frederick L. Zufall
	Irwin	Pentecostal	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Stanley MacPherson	Samuel Weidler
Tex.	Austin	Bethel	Nov. 8-19	James & Laverne Sartor	J. F. Owen
	Floydada	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	James D. Jones	Ralph Staggs
	Freeport	First	Nov. 26—	Charles N. McKnight	E. W. Hancock
	Irving	A/G	Nov. 26—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	E. L. Terry
	Mineola	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 3	James & Laverne Sartor	Carl Zuber
	San Antonio	Faith	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	David F. & Mrs. Watson	Sam Mask
Wash.	Clarkston	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	J. C. Burkey	A. R. Gloy
	Lynden	A/G	Nov. 21-26	Franks Party	Cornelius Rientjes
Wyo.	Cheyenne	Calvary Temple	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Donald Abbott	H. W. Thiemann

¹ Children's Crusade

² Anniversary Crusade

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THANKSGIVING C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 22 and 23 at the West Florida District Campgrounds, Marianna, Fla. Speakers: John Stallings and Joe Register.—by Charles Raley, district C. A. president.

DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 22-24 at Lake Bonny Bible Camp, Lakeland, Fla. Speaker: Quentin Edwards.—by Vester Raburn Jr., district C. A. president.

DEDICATION AND HOME-COMING—Nov. 19-26 at the Assembly of God, Quakertown, Pa. Speakers: Russell Williams, Eastern District superintendent; and Chester Roberson of Northeast Bible Institute.—by Walter A. Stuart, pastor.



JUNEAU, ALASKA—District Superintendent B. P. Wilson chats with Bethel Assembly's new pastor and his family, the J. Phillip Johnsons, after the installation service. Brother Johnson formerly pastored the Westminster Assembly in Seattle. On Nov. 24-26 Bethel Assembly will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Brother and Sister Charles C. Personous, who pioneered the church, will be guest speakers. They held their first service in Juneau on Thanksgiving Day in 1917.

For Things Not Given

*For all Thy blessings there are many now to thank Thee, Lord;
But for the gifts withholden I fain would add my word.
For the good things I desired that barred me from the best,
The peace at the price of honor, the sloth of a shameful rest;
The poisonous sweets I longed for to my hungering heart denied;
The staff that broke and failed me when I walked in the way of pride;
The tinsel joys withheld so that content might still be mine;
The help refused that might have made me loose my hand from Thine;
The light withdrawn that I might not see the dangers of my way;
For what Thou hast not given, I thank Thee, Lord, today.*

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

Unmeasured Thanks

*For grief unsuffered, tears unshed;
For clouds that scattered overhead;
For pestilence that came not nigh,
For dangers great that passed me by;
For sharp suspicion soothed, allayed;
For doubt dispelled that made afraid;
For fierce temptation well withstood;
For evil plot that brought forth good;
For weakened links in friendship's chain
That, sorely tested, stood the strain;
For harmless blows with malice dealt,
For base ingratitude unfelt;
For hatred's sharp unuttered word,
For bitter jest unknown, unheard;
For every evil turned away,
Unmeasured thanks I give today.*

—Author Unknown

Gratitude

*If, from a lofty summit, vision ran
To meet horizons of our vast domain—
Its East, South, West, and rugged North—to scan
Its mountains, valleys, fields of ripened grain,
Think you the largess of God's hand would find
In human hearts rich sheaves of gratitude?
A harvest of thanksgiving? Or a mind
Bent on complaint amidst our common good?*

*How shall our nation larger blessing seek,
How hope for richer store of creature good,
If it forget the One who giveth rain
To fall upon the haughty and the meek?
Oh, for the Pilgrim Fathers' gratitude—
E'en though their Day of Thanks doth yet remain!*

—WILLIAM M. RUNYAN

"I Thank You"

*Dear God:
Today I kneel to say, "I thank You."
For once my prayer holds no request,
No names of friends for You to bless—
Because I think that even You
Might sometimes like a prayer that's new;
Might like to hear somebody pray
Who has no words but thanks to say;
Somebody satisfied and glad
For all the joys that he has had.
And so I say again, "I thank You, Lord."*

—Author Unknown

