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

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“EVERY MAN”

THIS YEAR'S MEN'S DAY THEME HAS A DUAL MEANING. IT CHALLENGES **EVERY MAN** TO SERVE GOD IN THE CHURCH, AND WITNESS TO **EVERY MAN** IN THE WORLD WHERE HE LIVES AND WORKS!

MEN'S DAY DECEMBER 3

Phoenix First Assembly named “MF Church of the Year.” See page 16.



SMITH WIGGLESWORTH, a great minister among us a generation ago, would have his congregations sing at every service:

*"Only believe! Only believe!
All things are possible; only believe!"*

Amazing results followed. There were many miracles of healing in answer to the prayer of faith.

Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). How much of the gospel did this promise embrace? I answer, "All of it."

In this sermon I want to anticipate, and then answer, some of the questions you may have been asking about faith.

Archimedes, when he discovered the power of the lever, said, "If you can find me a fulcrum to rest my lever upon, I can move the world." You ask, "What is a fulcrum?" It is a point or center on which a lever turns. And you ask, "What is a lever?" It is a bar or mechanical power by which great weights are moved.

This New Testament text is the fulcrum—faith is the lever. With it we can move two worlds at once, and hell as well.

I

Is there any difference between faith and believing? Yes, as much as between water at rest and water in motion. Believing is the application of faith to some truth. *Believing is faith in motion.*

The fact is that there may be ever so much faith and no believing. It is not enough that there is a general agreement that God is true—that the Bible is a revelation from Him—that the invisible things of which the Bible speaks are realities. You may accept all this and yet not experience salvation. God has given us His testimony that His Son, Jesus Christ, died a sacrifice for the sins of every man, and consequently for you and me.

Faith, then, is putting confidence in God's testimony. Put confidence in God as you would in a friend. Believing is faith in motion—exercising what you know to be a fact. It is faith laying hold on the testimony of God.

II

You ask, "Is faith the gift of God?" Everything that is good in man is from God. I am exceedingly jealous of everything that seems to rob God of a particle of the glory of a sinner's salvation. *Faith is God's gift in the same sense that breathing, walking, hearing, and seeing are God's gifts.* Common sense tells all of us that, while the power to perform these acts is from God, the acts themselves are purely the initiative of man. As God does not breathe, walk, eat, hear, nor see for us, neither does He believe for us.

God has given to man a capacity to believe—a mind to weigh evidence and make a decision. And He has given us the indisputable evidence in Jesus Christ. God has given us the capacity, the evidence, the object, and then has laid upon us the responsibility. Salvation is suspended on this one thing—believing or not believing. Therefore, the act of faith must be possible to all men. It is folly to claim that God has not given you

faith. What could God have done to enable you to believe that He has not done already?

III

You ask, "Is it true that there is in some a greater aptitude to believe than in others?" I do not believe that one man is born with a greater constitutional tendency to believe than another. I do not believe that God is partial to anyone. But *it is true that one man has an unexercised faith, and another man an exercised faith.*

If some of us were to operate one of those noisy jackhammers that we see laborers using as they tear away the pavements of our city streets, we would be so stiff the following morning that we could not rise from our beds. But the laborer, accustomed to it, is up and at it again the next day.

Faith becomes stronger as you exercise it and weaker

ONLY BELIEVE!

A Radio Address by "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. WARD

as you neglect it. You should exercise your faith every day. Strength is not static. It cannot be stored in a freezer. Only believe! All things are possible.

IV

You ask, "Are the objects of faith limited? Can I believe for what I like and have it?"

It's a broad promise, "*All things are possible.*" God wrote that word into the text.

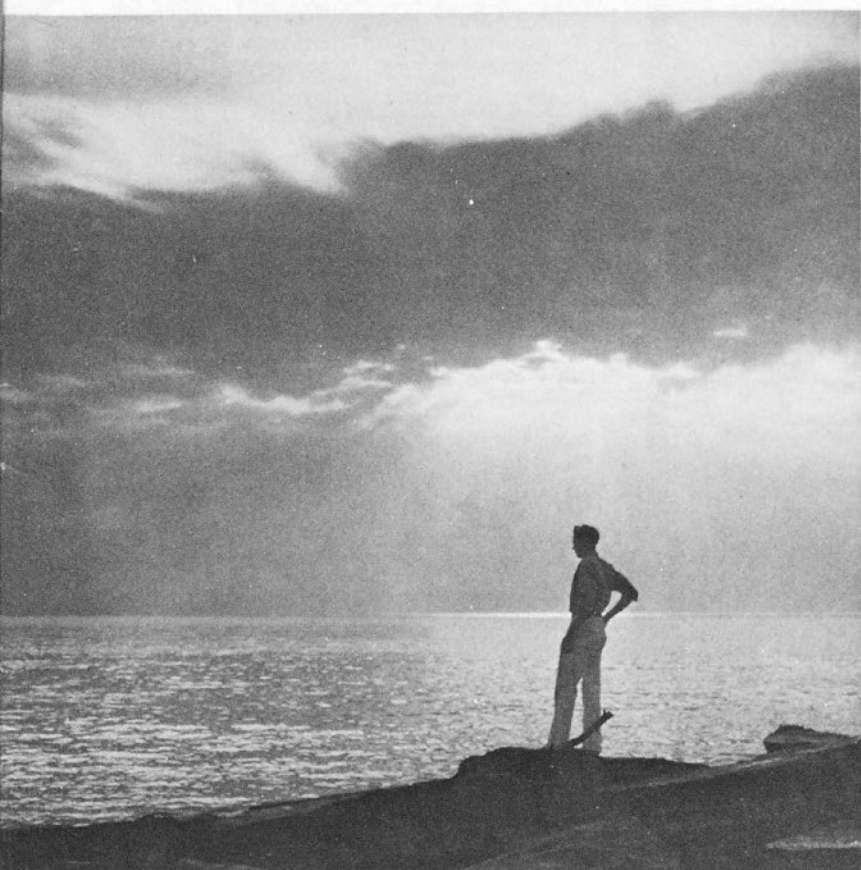
There's an instance in the life of Martin Luther that illustrates the assurance of faith in prayer. Miconius was ill with a swelling in his throat, given up by the doctors, and appeared to be on the border of death. Luther prayed for him, and said, "Lord, Miconius is necessary to Thy church; Thy work cannot go on without him." He felt he had hold of God, and he said, "Miconius shall not die, but live."

This testimony of faith by Luther was carried to

Miconius, and he became so exercised by Luther's faith that the swelling burst—the deadly infection drained—and his life was spared. Luther greatly desired something. No one has the authority to put a limit on faith.

Another instance on record concerns a man whose eyes were being destroyed by cancer. This man prayed, "O Lord, wilt Thou let cancer eat out mine eyes? Thou wilt not, Lord! Thou wilt put greater honor on Thy servant than that." And to the astonishment of medical men, his eyes were spared. The answer is the New Testament answer, "All things are possible."

In the matter of salvation there can be "a full assurance of faith." The law of the kingdom of God says to you, "Be it unto thee according to thy faith." Let there be an uncompromising, unreserved trust in Calvary—and if the Bible be a revelation from heaven; if there be virtue in the blood of Christ, and power in the



Holy Ghost, and truth in God, then you will be saved.

V

You ask, "How can I believe that we have in the present what is spoken of in the future tense?"

Examine the root and tenses of the verbs *believe* and *receive* in a Greek New Testament. You will see that these are neither the first future nor the first aorist. The words are rightly translated. It does not mean, "Believe now and receive some time later." It means, "Believe *now* and receive *now*." If you are tempted to have difficulty with this text, read Isaiah 45:24: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

You are not to believe that God formerly did it but doesn't do it now. You are not to believe that God doesn't do it now but that He will do it some time later. You are to believe that He does it *now*.

VI

You ask, "What preparation must a man have in order to believe?" I ask, "What do you mean by preparation?"

"I mean, how many tears must a man shed? How deep must be his feelings? What amount of godly sorrow must he feel? How long must he remain in a state of repentance?"

I have read my Bible through a good many times, and I find no such standard in it. God has set up none. No exact quantity of tears is mentioned. No time limit on repentance is set. I think most of our standards are set by men. God has put the power in believing—"purifying their hearts by faith." It does not say "purifying their hearts by tears, or by feelings, or by deep convictions." It says, "purifying their hearts by faith." The work is done in your life as you exercise confidence in God. Regardless of who you are, the method is the same. Whether you are a farmer, a doctor, a teacher, a waitress, or the president of your industry, it matters not. *Your personal salvation is through an exercise of faith alone!*

Don't misunderstand me. You can't hang on to sin and hang on to God at the same time. A man may fall into a pit and cry for help. Strong and willing friends may heed that man's cry for help. Their desire to help may take action, and a rope be lowered. It is up to the unfortunate man to grasp the rope. But the rope will come up empty if the trapped man says, "I have a few things down here that I would like to bring up with me." That man down there needs his two hands for one thing only—to grasp the rope that will save him. You must renounce sin.

VII

You ask, "What can I do? What is my part?"

The answer is in four words: *desire, pray, believe, and receive.*

One oldtimer defined *desire* as "the sails of the mind." You must want to! Nothing is ever possible to the man who doesn't sincerely want to. A drunkard has desire; that is why he drinks. A gambler has desire; that is why he gambles. A thief has desire; that is why he steals. What is it that works a man up to the point where he can commit a crime, the very memory of which chills his blood? The answer is—*desire*. You and I will never get anything from God that we don't really want, except punishment. That's why I say, "The moment you really *want* to be saved, you'll be saved." It will happen that very moment.

Desire is not enough. *Ask!* Tell God you want it. It's that simple. Just wishing won't make it so. Sinner, the way is open! Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." The first time you really *pray* will always be one of the most unforgettable moments of your life. The pleasures of sin will seem cheap and tawdry as you thrill to the full realization that there is Someone who knows you and who has been expecting you to call Him.

What have you to lose by asking? Sinner, there's a longing in your life that never can be satisfied until you are at peace with God.

Desire, pray, *believe!* Stop trying to earn your way into God's presence. There aren't enough good works

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Let's Talk About Jesus

IS THE AVERAGE PERSON offended when someone inquires concerning his religious views? Is he reluctant to discuss what goes on in his inner spiritual life?

Often we have assumed this to be so, and therefore we have hesitated to speak to people about their personal faith; but the Gallup Poll says we are mistaken. It reports that out of 1640 persons interviewed on this subject, only 10 of them refused to make a statement.

In this particular survey the Gallup Poll (otherwise known as the American Institute of Public Opinion) questioned a cross-section of adults, so selected as to form a representative sample of the entire adult civilian population of the U.S. The interviewers asked, "Would you say that you have ever had a 'religious or mystic experience'—that is, a moment of sudden religious insight or awakening?" Twenty percent—one in five—answered "yes."

When questioned further, these hundreds of people gave a variety of answers. The experience some described was a mystic thing—an "other-worldly" feeling of union with some Divine Being, usually unrelated to any specific faith or doctrine. Others testified to being "saved," or "converted," and knowing "their sins were forgiven." Individuals were poles apart in their understanding of spiritual values, but the vast majority who were interviewed were willing to talk about it. They described their experiences.

Many of the statements quoted in the Gallup report sounded like a Pentecostal testimony meeting. One person said, "It wasn't a feeling, it was a knowing—it affects your life and you get to depend on it." Another, "I was 'born again.' Christ entered my life and has been in my heart ever since." A third said, "It was so real—God forgave me of my sins in a moment at a small church. It was like going from darkness to light." A fourth, "I felt that I once was lost and now I was saved. I had a different outlook on life—the things I once did I didn't have the desire to do now."

It is significant that so many persons were found to have this kind of personal experience. Other Gallup surveys have revealed that churchgoing has declined steadily since 1955, especially among young adults in their 20's, and that religion is rapidly losing its influence on American life in general. (In 1957, 69 percent believed religion's influence was *increasing*; whereas in 1967, 57 percent expressed the opinion it is *declining*.) Perhaps it is a greater factor in the average individual's life than in society as a whole.

Even more significant, perhaps, is the fact that when the interviewers approached total strangers and questioned them concerning their religious experiences, they were not met with blank stares or rude rebuffs. Instead, they found nearly everyone was ready to respond to the questions openly and freely.

There is a lesson here for the Church. Those who know the Lord do not talk enough about Him. There may be someone at your side who is waiting for you to broach the subject. Perhaps he loves God and longs to discuss his faith with a fellow-believer. If he is not saved, you may find he is secretly groping for the kind of spiritual help you can give him. Let's talk about Jesus. Person-to-person evangelism is the great need of the day. Directed by the Holy Spirit it may result in more conversions than any other gospel effort.

—R.C.C.

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WHEN THE PSALMIST calls upon all that is within him to bless the Lord for all His benefits, he couples spiritual pardon with physical healing. He cries, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, . . . who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3).

When the prophet Isaiah foretells the deliverance of his people, he adds, "And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity" (Isaiah 33:24).

The prediction was accomplished beyond all anticipation when Jesus the Redeemer came down to this earth. How numerous were the healings He wrought. Whether by His own acts or afterwards by the commands which He left for His disciples, He shows us clearly that preaching the gospel and healing the sick went together in the salvation which He came to bring. Both are given as evident proof of His mission as the Messiah: "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk . . . and the poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matthew 11:5).

Jesus, who took upon Him the soul and body of man, delivers both in equal measure from the consequences of sin. This truth is nowhere more evident or better demonstrated than in the story of the paralytic (Matthew 9:2-7). The Lord begins by saying to him, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," after which He adds, "Arise, and walk." The pardon of sin and the healing of sickness complete one another; for in the eyes of God, who sees our entire nature, sin and sickness are united as closely as the body and the soul.

In accordance with the Scriptures, our Lord Jesus has regarded sin and sickness in another light than we have. With us sin belongs to the spiritual domain; we recognize that it is under God's just displeasure, justly condemned by Him; while sickness seems only to be a part of the present condition of our nature and to have nothing to do with God's condemnation and His righteousness. Some go so far as to say that sickness is a proof of the love and grace of God!

But neither the Scripture nor Jesus Himself ever speaks of sickness in this light, nor do they ever present sickness as a blessing—as a proof of God's love which should be borne with patience.

The Lord spoke to the disciples of various sufferings which they should have to bear; but when He speaks of sickness, it is always as an evil caused by sin and Satan and from which we should be delivered. Very solemnly He declared that every disciple of His would have to bear his own cross (Matthew 16:24), but He never taught one person to resign himself to be sick. Everywhere Jesus healed the sick; everywhere He dealt with healing as one of the graces belonging to the kingdom of heaven. Sin in the soul and sickness in the body both bear witness to the power of Satan, and "the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).

Jesus came to deliver men from sin and sickness, that He might make known the love of the Father. In His actions, in His teaching of the disciples, in the work of the Holy Spirit, and finally in the words of the apostles, pardon and healing are always found together.

PARDON AND HEALING

By ANDREW MURRAY

Either one or the other may appear more in relief, according to the development or the faith of those to whom they spoke. Sometimes it was healing which prepared the way for the acceptance of forgiveness; sometimes it was forgiveness which preceded the healing, which, coming afterwards, became a seal to it.

In the early part of His ministry, Jesus cured many of the sick, finding them ready to believe in the possibility of their healing. In this way He sought to influence hearts to receive Himself as the One who is able to pardon sin. When He saw that the paralytic could receive pardon at once, He began by doing that which was of greater importance—forgiving his sins—after which came the healing, which put a seal on the pardon which had been accorded to him.

We see by the accounts given in the Gospels that it was more difficult for the Jews of that time to believe in pardon for their sins than in divine healing. Now, it is just the contrary. The Christian Church has heard so much of the preaching of the forgiveness of sins that the thirsty soul easily receives this message of grace; but it is not the same with divine healing, which is rarely spoken of.

In order to receive healing, it is necessary to begin by confession of sin and by purposing to live a holy life. This is without doubt the reason why people find it more difficult to believe in healing than forgiveness; and this is also why those who receive healing receive at the same time new spiritual blessing, feel more closely united with the Lord Jesus, and learn to love and serve Him better.

Unbelief may attempt to separate these two gifts, but they are always united in Christ. He is always the same Saviour, both of the soul and of the body, equally ready to grant pardon and healing.

The redeemed may always cry, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, . . . who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3).

Christmas in Juneau

IT WAS CHRISTMAS MORNING at the Juneau Children's Home. The lights of the tree seemed unusually bright against the darkness of the Alaskan winter. A fresh blanket of snow covering the ground added its sparkle to the lights of our tree.

As I stood looking at the tree with the gifts surrounding it, I couldn't control the stream of tears; for I realized this would be the first Christmas filled with cheer, happiness, and meaning for many of our children.

For instance, Susan's parents were alcoholics. She had been left continually without proper clothing and was chronically undernourished. Many times, with her hands tied together, she had been locked in a bedroom for long periods until her diapers would become frozen. Christmas to her held little meaning, except for dark memories of chaotic scenes and extreme violence, after which her parents would slump into a state of unconsciousness. The police seemed to be frequent visitors and were often compelled to break their way into the house in order to avoid a tragedy. Life in general had meant only hunger, filth, and abuse.

As I recalled her sad little past, Susan quietly entered the room. Looking at our lovely tree with the many gifts, her lips began to quiver as she gave a little gasp.



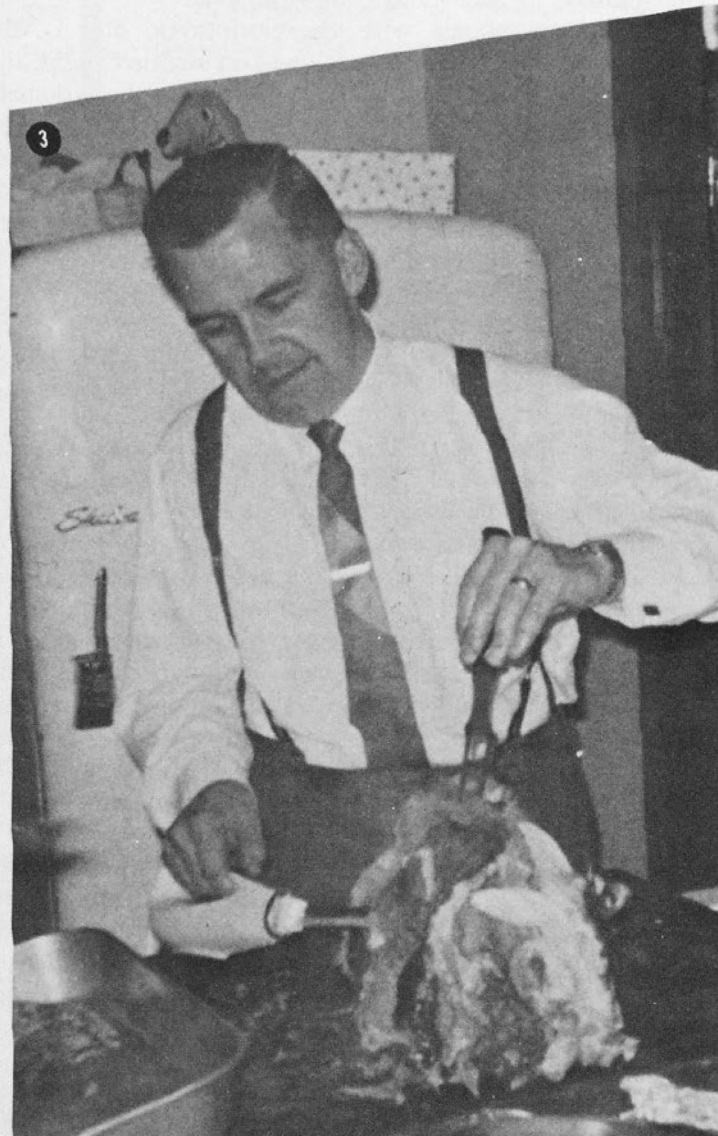
1. Mrs. Peterson removes the dressing from the turkey for the Christmas dinner at the Children's Home in Juneau.

2. Shining black eyes anticipate Christmas morning.

3. Gus Peterson carves the turkey.

4. Some of the younger children gather around the Gustav Petersons to hear the Christmas story.

(Mr. and Mrs. Gustav A. Peterson are directors of the Children's Home.)



Her first gift was a large baby doll. After opening the package, Susan placed the doll gently on the table. She exhibited no emotion. So after a few moments I picked up the doll and put it gently in her arms, assuring her that it really belonged to her. The expressionless face suddenly brightened, and big tears flowed down over her smiling lips as she clutched the baby doll tightly in her arms. No doubt Susan had seen such a doll in a store window, but the hope of having one had been beyond her comprehension.

As the day progressed, the luscious odors from our kitchen began to penetrate each little stomach. One by one the children must take a peek into the oven. "What are those big things?" some questioned in awe-filled voices. Turkey had never been on their dinner menu.

Carving the turkeys with 35 pairs of eyes watching was quite an undertaking, but we finally accomplished the task amid the oh's and ah's of all our little helpers.

Finally the hour arrived; dinner was ready. Each member of our large family sat quietly in his or her place with bowed head, all lifting their hearts together as we prayed: "Our Father in heaven, we humbly bow before You. How thankful we are for Your Son Jesus whose birthday we celebrate today. We thank You for our food and the

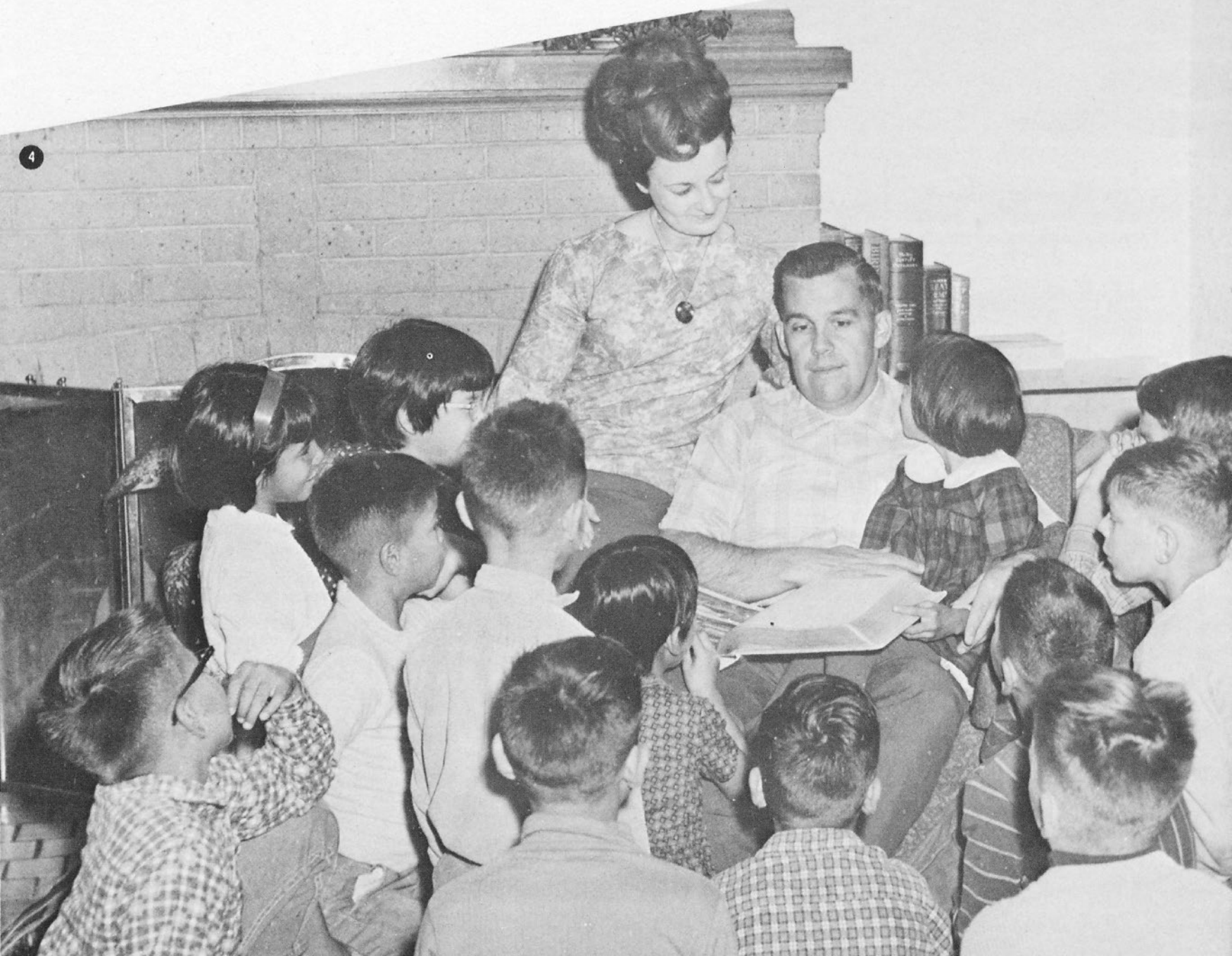
gifts we have received; but most of all, we thank You for our friends who have loved us enough to share and sacrifice on our behalf. O God, bless them abundantly this day, and somehow let them know how much happiness they have brought into so many lives. Amen."

Children in our home do not believe in a Santa Claus, because if there were such a person, he had always forgotten them in the past. But they have come to believe in a Heavenly Father who has planted His love in the hearts of our many friends—love which has become a motivating power in their lives, causing them to give of their own abundance to the needy.

As Christmas again approaches, we know this same Spirit of Christ will move in the hearts of His people in behalf of our children, and we shall declare with the Psalmist, "I will make known thy faithfulness to all generations."

All the buildings of the Juneau Children's Home property need redecorating inside, and the springs have begun to pop through most mattresses. The Home Missions Department hopes to be able to send the Home a substantial Christmas check this year to make the home more comfortable and cheerful for the children and staff members. Don't forget to put the Home on your Christmas list now.

By EVELYN V. PETERSON • Codirector of the Juneau, Alaska, Children's Home





LEFT: One of the four converts testifies after being baptized. Mrs. Eric Pahl is seated at the left with her accordion.

LOWER LEFT: The Speed-the-Light vehicle, Ranger V, was used to take tents and supplies down to the inlet where the baptismal service took place.

LOWER RIGHT: Eric Pahl uses the Ranger V in numerous ways — hauling coal and other supplies for the church and parsonage.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Brother Pahl baptizes a convert during an August baptismal service.

THE DAY WAS ONE OF THE WARMEST and brightest of the Alaskan summer (52 degrees). The Eskimo congregation at Wainwright and their pastor, Eric Pahl, knew the Lord had given them this good weather for the baptismal service in the afternoon.

Brother Pahl comments: "It was a precious service as the people worshiped the Lord in the open-air service following the baptismal ordinance. Our feelings must have been similar to those the disciples experienced with Christ by the shores of the blue Galilee."

Converts must prove their faithfulness before they are permitted to be baptized in water. Thus water baptism means a great deal to Eskimo Christians.

Brother Pahl says the Sunday school is increasing in number as public school is in session and the children are back on schedule after their carefree summer. The days are getting very short, and the children have little time to play out (as they term it) in the evenings.



"He departed without being desired" is hardly an epitaph to strive for.

A SALUTE TO THE JUST

By Verna B. Flower



Singing praises to God during the Men's Fellowship Seminar (Latin American District) in Houston, Tex.

THE BIBLE gives some classic examples of how *not* to live one's life. Although the Word of God is basically positive, there are instances when it gives a strong negative emphasis to accomplish its purpose.

Note the life of Jehoram. He lived sinfully and selfishly. At his command all his brothers were slain. Because he led the kingdom of Judah into idolatry, God's judgment came upon him in the form of a painful disease which he suffered for two years. He died at 40, and this epitaph reveals much about his life: "He reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired" (2 Chronicles 21:20). His subjects thought so little of him that he was not accorded burial in the sepulchers of the kings.

His story is a warning. Jehoram had every advantage. His godly father Jehoshaphat set a good example. The nation was enjoying peace; surrounding nations had been subdued. The stage was set for Jehoram to become a great king and bring even greater blessing to Judah. But he destroyed it all by his wickedness. And his example spilled more wickedness into the land during the reign of his one remaining son (the others all met death at the hand of enemies) until he was slain at the end of one year.

"He departed without being desired" is hardly an epitaph to strive for.

Another verse of Scripture can become the epitaph of a dedicated Christian. "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). When this is spoken of an individual, we know immediately his life was upright, godly.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD



Many stories that would inspire future generations to serve the Lord will never be written. Nevertheless, in remote mountainous and desert areas and scattered among the populace of huge cities and small villages are thousands of shining lights. They are the men and women of integrity who are living dedicated lives.

Today, Men's Day, the Home Missions Department salutes the *just* men of the Assemblies of God. They are the ones who give stability and strength to every outreach program. Their support is the base from which spiritual thrusts are made. Both the Church Extension and Special Ministries areas of the department depend upon the dedicated men of our Fellowship.

In Special Ministry fields, home missionaries report 63 Men's Fellowship groups as follows: Indian, 11; foreign language branches, 44; deaf, 5; and Hawaii, 3. These men's groups have contributed greatly to the growth and upkeep of their churches, and their efforts have added many souls to the Kingdom.

For instance, the Latin American Branch reports four Men's Fellowship and Royal Rangers seminars conducted in its Texas Conference during September and October. Manuel De Leon, president of the MF of this conference, has just published the fourth volume of *Pescadores* (Fisherman), a booklet in Spanish containing suggested themes, the official MF song, and other helps for MF groups. He also has published a tract similar to the "Winner's Wallet" and a bimonthly periodical containing helps,

such as timely translations and excerpts from articles or sermons.

J. G. Martinez, secretary of the Texas Conference MF, is also "mobilizing" his part of the work. The Texas Conference has 23 organized MF groups and the Central Conference has 19. More than 253 individuals have been saved during the past year through the efforts of the MF groups of these two conferences.

Raul Solis, Royal Rangers Conference Commander (Texas) uses unique ideas for promoting his program. An attractive Royal Rangers display draws much attention at all the seminars.

The Latin American Branch also held four MF seminars in its Central Conference during the past year, and each of these was well attended. Interest was high. Pedro Q. Ramos is the new MF president. The banquet in Grand Junction, Colorado, proved a time of special blessing and rededication for many men. The Grand Junction and Pueblo, Colorado, MF groups promote extra activities such as jail and prison work.

MF groups of the Latin American Branch in general have regular cottage prayer meetings and street meetings. (The Pacific and North Central Conferences of the Branch also have active MF groups, but their reports were not available in time for this article.)

These reports give only a few examples of the interest and work of the men of our movement. Hats off to dedicated and just men!

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



MOTHER TELLS OF A MIRACLE

THE DOCTOR TOLD MY HUSBAND, "If she lives until evening, it will be a miracle." He was speaking of me. I had just been delivered of stillborn Siamese twins.

The fact I had been delivered was itself an answer to prayer, for all had supposed it was going to be a normal single birth. After I had been in labor for hours, the doctor and nurses discovered something was wrong. Examination disclosed that the baby was dead and I must fight for my life.

I had never been a Christian, but my mother was, and she taught us children how to pray. As I lay there in the shadow of death, I asked God to forgive my sins and to bring me through. I promised the Lord that if He delivered me, I would serve Him and take my children to church regularly.

Within 20 minutes my prayer was answered. The fact I survived was indeed a miracle, the first of several miracles. My mother was told that if I lived I would be a cripple. I heard a nurse outside my room say, "I fear for her; if she recovers, she will be paralyzed from the waist down."

Well, I cried out to God again. I turned my face to the wall and prayed, "Lord, You brought me this far; please complete the work and don't let me be a cripple." Then my mother called for her pastors, Brother and Sister Evans, to come and pray with me. They did, and the whole congregation at the Petoskey Assembly also prayed.

I was in great pain. I went home in an ambulance a week later a cripple. But God helped me, and in time I was able to walk without pain.

That happened 12 years ago. I have been filled with the Holy Spirit so I can testify that Christ is my Saviour, my Healer, and my Baptizer. God also has given me another little girl since that time. I was told this would be impossible, but I prayed and again the Lord answered. I had a perfect delivery of a healthy seven-pound baby and I have been raising her for Him just as I promised. I praise the Lord for the miracles of grace He performs for those who pray.—Mrs. Cecil Broman, Petoskey, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. H. Evans, Assembly of God, Boyne City, Mich. Records of the case are at Lockwood General Hospital, Petoskey, Mich.)

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



HEALED OF INFECTIOUS POLYNEURITIS

DOCTORS GAVE ME ONLY AN EVEN CHANCE for complete recovery from infectious polyneuritis, but God intervened and healed me.

I was admitted to the hospital on February 24, 1966, after my right leg had collapsed. I supposed the trouble was somehow related to the fact that our second child was to be born within the next few weeks. But gradually my entire body became paralyzed, and doctors offered little encouragement that I would fully recover.

Neurosurgeons diagnosed it as infectious polyneuritis and said its effects could range from slight paralysis to death. As there is often nerve damage, they were not optimistic about my full recovery and they warned my husband that a nervous breakdown was not uncommon in such cases.

On March 29, at the peak of my illness, our baby girl was born. My vision improved at that time, but I did not notice any other improvement. The baby was dismissed from the hospital five days later, but I was still there. My condition had been at a standstill for weeks. But just when I felt I couldn't bear the emotional strain any longer, the Lord intervened.

It seemed as if an angel visited me while I slept, because each morning my strength was doubled. I had to learn to walk all over again; but thank God, I now feel better than I ever have. I did not suffer the nervous breakdown or other effects we were braced to expect.

I appreciate so much the faithfulness and prayers of Christian friends, including my pastor.—Mrs. Myrna Oleson, Virginia Beach, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph C. Stanley, Calvary Temple, Groton, Conn., who writes: "Mrs. Oleson was a member of our church when she became ill. We saw her condition worsen, and then we witnessed her recovery by God's miraculous healing power. Part of her stay in the hospital was in the intensive-care unit. At times all hope seemed gone; but the church prayed, and healing came.")

TRIED BUT TRIUMPHANT

ONE SUNDAY MORNING several years ago our pastor preached on the refining of pure gold as a parallel to God's dealing with our lives. He quoted the words of Job, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." He also mentioned 2 Timothy 3:12: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

In my heart I thought I must not be very godly because I had never suffered much. But very soon afterward I began to understand more about suffering.

First, my two teen-age sons turned away from the Lord and it broke my heart. Then I lost my dear Christian mother who had been such a blessing to my life.

Somehow I couldn't seem to commit all this pain and grief to God and accept His peace as I should have. I began to have severe trouble with my nerves and developed a stomach ulcer. Due to the ulcer, 70 percent of my stomach had to be removed.

Less than six weeks after this operation I was in an auto accident. My head went through the windshield, and several vertebrae in my neck were broken. Within two years six major operations, including some to fuse the broken vertebrae, were performed. Still I was in intense pain most of the time.

In the summer of 1967, as I was facing still another operation on my neck, our family decided to have a reunion in Yellowstone Park. Since it seemed I was going to die anyway, I determined to go to the reunion. I flew to Bozeman, Montana, and went in a car from there to Livingston, but with much pain.

It was a joy to be with my father and brothers and sisters in Yellowstone, although I suffered intensely. One day as I was crying in my tent all alone, my brother's wife, Mrs. Everette Nicholson (they are pastors in Livingston), came in. She laid her hands on me and prayed a very simple prayer, and God heard!

From that day I have had no severe pain, and I have not needed the operation I was facing before the reunion. My health continues to improve.

God has been so good to me through all these tests.

There were times of discouragement, but His presence was with me and He lifted me up. I can see good in everything I went through. My illness has made me compassionate for others who are sick, and during my times in the hospital I had opportunities to witness for the Lord.

My greatest desire is that God will use every test and trial to bring me "forth as gold" for Him.—Marjorie Nicholson Gross, Grand Junction, Colorado.

(Endorsed by Kenneth R. Schmidt, pastor of First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colorado.)

CHILD HEALED OF BURNS

OUR FAMILY KNEW JESUS COULD HEAL, but on a Saturday morning in May this year we had an unexpected opportunity to prove it.

I was cooking breakfast when my four-year-old daughter Trudy came into the kitchen. As I turned



away for a moment, she went straight for the electric percolator on the drainboard. Before I could stop her, she had turned it over. The hot coffee poured down over her, and she began to scream.

I called my husband and son, and together we prayed that God would heal Trudy. The skin had already begun to fall from her arm and chest. We put cold cloths on her, and finally she went to sleep.

Our pastor and the congregation at Stotts City joined hands and prayed for Trudy's healing. God undertook for our baby, and after five days only some redness of skin remained to show for the serious burn. We give God all the praise for this wonderful miracle.—Mrs. Esther M. Allen, Mount Vernon, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Franklin J. Burton, Assembly of God, Stotts City, Mo.)

"But it isn't Valentine's Day..."

True enough! But we still mean to get next to your heart with our Christmas list. It includes all our home missionaries and home missions institutions, including the Alaska and American Indian children's homes, and our Indian Bible schools. We could build a cold, logical case for sending our sacrificing home missionaries a Christmas remembrance. But we ask you to help us do it simply out of Christian love. Mail your generous gift to Home Missions Christmas Fund, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

HANG YOUR HEART ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

THE LORD'S



HEALING TOUCH

By **LOUIS H. HAUFF**
 Pastor, First Assembly, San Bernardino, California

DIVINE HEALING IS A GRACIOUS PROVISION for God's people. It is a wonderful experience to feel the healing touch of the Lord on one's physical body as the leper did: "Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and said unto him, Be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him" (Mark 1:41, 42).

However, many for whom prayer is offered do not receive an immediate healing touch. What is the reason? What should they do now? We would encourage them to keep their faith strong and continue to expect their healing.

A helpful portion of Scripture is Hebrews 10:35, 36: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath

great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." This is an admonition to wait patiently until the promise is fulfilled. In modern and Bible times alike, many have had to wait for a healing touch. There is always a reason, though we may not understand it at the time. "God's delays are not denials."

Luke 17:12-14 tells of 10 lepers who came to Jesus and prayed for His help. In this case Jesus did not touch them and He did not tell them they would be healed. They might have insisted that He lay His hand on them as He did upon the one leper, but they did not ask for this. They were willing to obey His word in faith. Jesus said, "Go show yourselves unto the priests." And they obeyed, for the priests alone had the legal right to declare that a leper was healed. Without the healing touch, they left Jesus to do what He had told them. "And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed." Faith in His word brought them healing.

Many unfortunately seem to have more faith in the touch of some man's hand than the Lord's. It is possible to be touched by man without being touched of the Lord. It is also possible, without being touched of man, to be wonderfully touched of God. An illustration of this is Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army, who had leprosy. He traveled a long distance to Samaria to find the man of God. So many today travel long distances to find healing, and numbers of them are disappointed. Like Naaman they have preconceived ideas of how the Lord should heal them.

Naaman was a very important man and thought he should receive special attention from Elisha. He came to the door of Elisha's house, but the prophet of God did not come out to him. A messenger came instead with instructions for him.

Naaman was unhappy about this and went away angry. He had expected a personal interview with Elisha. So many today are very unhappy if the evangelist does not take time to give them special attention. Naaman thought, "He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper." When at last Naaman humbled himself and was willing to dip seven times in Jordan as the prophet directed, he was healed. He returned home with faith in God, rather than in Elisha.

Another person who was delayed in receiving an answer to his petition was Jairus. He came to Jesus in behalf of his daughter who was sick (Luke 8:41). He urged Jesus to come down to his house and lay His healing hand on his daughter, but Jesus was delayed because the people thronged Him. The crowds many times are filled with curiosity seekers and those without faith. Only one in that crowd had enough faith to receive healing. She was a weak, sickly woman. She did not demand the personal attention of Jesus. She did not even request Him to put His hand on her. She believed Jesus was so full of divine power she only needed to touch Him to be healed.

Her faith may be compared with our use of electricity. We know there is electricity in the wall outlet, but no power will be released until we put in the plug and make the contact. Similarly, this woman knew there was healing power in Jesus. Her faith made the contact, and healing virtue flowed into her sick body to make her whole.


Though Jairus did not receive an immediate answer,

he patiently waited for Jesus. Even when his servants brought word that during the delay his daughter had died, he did not complain. Jesus eventually arrived and touched the lifeless body of the girl, raised her up, and restored her alive to her parents. Jairus was rewarded for not casting away his confidence. His example is a reminder of the scripture, "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might obtain the promise."

What if a person is prayed for and is not made completely well? We should give thanks for any touch from the Lord. At one time Jesus touched a blind man, and he did not receive a complete healing (Mark 8:22). After Jesus touched him, the blind man "looked up and said, I see men as trees walking." He had received only a partial healing. Why? Perhaps his faith was weak and needed to be strengthened. The first touch of the Lord gave him faith to believe for complete healing. He needed a second touch. Jesus again put His hands upon his eyes and bade him look up. "And he was restored and saw every man clearly." If you have received a partial touch, believe God for a further touch.

If you have prayed and have not as yet received healing, do not despair. "Cast not away therefore thy confidence" but rejoice in God's promise and live close to Him. The Lord is not a respecter of persons. No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly before Him.

Though you have prayed long and the answer is still delayed, remember Luke 18:7, 8: "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

Be patient. Be persistent. Mingle praises with your prayers. Give thanks to the Lord for all He has done, and for all He has promised, and keep believing until He grants your petition. 



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The Last Check

By EVELYN C. GUNTER

DECEMBER always found my husband evaluating the year financially. Throughout the year he gave tithes and offerings to the Lord's work, but in December he checked carefully to see how his books stood with the Lord. As a preacher and a farmer, his income fluctuated. The calves sometimes brought more than he had anticipated, or there may have been other unexpected income.

Always it was a thrill to see how the Lord had blessed us financially throughout the year, and to see how much we still owed Him.

My husband made special offerings from these ac-

cumulated funds. If he owed the Lord \$100, he liked to designate some for several fields. Home missions, foreign missions, and benevolences were included. His blue eyes fairly sparkled as he gave joyously to missions. I suspect his delight in giving may have been the reason we always had some "extra" for the Lord.


Last spring my husband remarked, "I want to give some to missions."

I wondered why he was giving early. In March he sent a check for \$110. Then in June he decided to give another offering to missions.

On July 15, as he paused to see if the cows had water, he suddenly went to be with the Lord. Doctors called it a heart attack. The apostle Paul says, "... asleep."

Later, as I went over his checks, I was thrilled to find that his last check was to the Foreign Missions Department. The gift was premature, according to our usual pattern, but right on time from God's viewpoint. I was glad he had obeyed the prompting of the Lord in this.

As a pastor, he had his Sunday sermon already outlined and in his Bible. His text: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course..."

Finished? Not quite. The little checks to missions will live on. 



"Revivaltime" expands its coverage in Southeast Asia as servicemen write:

Thanks for Remembering Vietnam

THIS WAR DRAGS ON AND ON, and we all know American troops will be here for many years."

This is the philosophy of a 20-year-old soldier in Vietnam—a philosophy repeated again and again in scores of letters received by *Revivaltime* from men fighting for liberty in Southeast Asia.

Realizing that an extended struggle in Vietnam was probable, *Revivaltime* initiated its radio outreach into that land on March 10, 1966, via the facilities of Far East Broadcasting Company.

Since that first shortwave release from Manila, American troop strength in Vietnam has mushroomed to more than 500,000. And with the Armed Forces build-up, *Revivaltime's* ministry has expanded to five weekly radio services, besides scores of broadcast tape recordings shared with servicemen by itinerant chaplains. Certainly this must be noted as a substantial radio evangelistic effort in a nation which just a decade ago did not appear on a world atlas!

Daily the Radio Department is assured that the broadcasts to Vietnam are a worthwhile endeavor. A man in the Special Forces wrote recently: "Brother Ward, I feel as if I am on a first-name basis with you. In this war, which never seems to end, we are reminded of things that are dear to us. You'll never know what your program does for us who are so far from church and those we love. Thank you for caring for us."

In an area where death lurks behind every tree, beneath every clump of jungle undergrowth, the gospel still gets through. One group of marines wrote that they lis-

tened to the broadcast over a captured Viet Cong short-wave set!

Sergeant Charles V. Pratte, a member of the First Cavalry Division and an active supporter of *Revivaltime*, played a key role in securing tape recordings of the broadcast for use by chaplains in battle areas. Before his return from Vietnam, he testified: "Today, as I walked through the jungle, I could hear *Revivaltime*, with the strong voice of Brother Ward, coming from many radios in the nearby thickets. It sounded wonderful, and it filled my heart with joy to know that the good news of Christ is reaching thousands of our servicemen."

And an Army medic says: "The worth of your endeavor here in Vietnam will never be fully known, but rest assured that many blessings and decisions are realized among the troops here. One feels so uplifted after listening to *Revivaltime*. I pray daily that Brother Ward's challenging messages may be shared with even more of us over here."

To Christians hearing the broadcast in Vietnam it is a "touch of home," but it is more than that. Again and again their letters indicate an even deeper emotion toward the program.

They know firsthand the agony and strain of living intimately with destruction. They sometimes witness the dying throes of unsaved buddies. More than anything else, these young soldiers want to share Christ with their comrades. They realize that radio evangelism is an effective medium by which to do this.

It is heartwarming to read letters like this one from a 19-year-old infantryman: "I am now in a combat zone; but when I receive my pay, \$20 goes to *Revivaltime*. Thanks for helping us tell our friends about Jesus!"

Or this testimony from an Assemblies of God youth on patrol duty seven miles south of the demilitarized zone:

"I had my radio on this morning, and there were three or four guys listening to *Revivaltime* with me. They were very interested in what you said.

"I have been able to witness to a lot of the guys in my battery. They all know I'm a Christian and respect me.

"One friend of mine got saved just before he left for home. This made me real happy."

He concluded his letter by saying, "Keep up the good work. Your sermons and the choir have blessed many people here."

A recently returned veteran of Vietnam visited the Radio Department to express personally his gratitude for *Revivaltime's* battlefield outreach. His service record included duty in both World War II and the Korean conflict, so we were encouraged when he told us that the servicemen in Vietnam seemed more open to the gospel than were his buddies in other wars.

The cream of American youth are now struggling on a narrow, 1,000-mile-long strip of Asia. One of them may be your brother; or perhaps your husband, the father of your baby; or a neighbor's son.

Chances are, he'll be there for several months. And when he leaves, another young man—just as frightened and just as lonely—will take his place.

Revivaltime intends to reach these brave lads with the message of salvation and a touch of home. By the help of the Lord, we will honor the request of the young man who signed his letter, "Your Soldier in Christ."

As he said, we are going to "keep up the good work."

Serving every man . . . with a place for every man to serve

'Every Man...'

A HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR for the men of our churches is Men's Day, to be observed this year on December 3.

This year's emphasis is on reaching every man and involving him in service to God. On Men's Day the churches can enjoy reports from their men. Because laymen are becoming more active in the church program, it is well that some portion of the services next Sunday (December 3) be devoted to the men and their work.

This also is the day when churches receive the annual offering to help support the national Men's Fellowship Department. This is the only appeal made to the churches for the total ministries among the men of the Assemblies of God. (These ministries are explained further on this page.)

The new slogan of the department expresses its philosophy of service to our Fellowship—"Serving every man . . . with a place for every man to serve." Your church is included whether or not it has an organized Men's Fellowship chapter.

For every church sending an offering to the national Men's Fellowship Department and returning the questionnaire already sent to the church, an attractive tract wallet with a copy of the new tract, *Stain Removal Guide*, will be sent for each man in the church. This wallet is ideal to aid

the every-man witness for the Lord. Use the form below to send your church offering for the support of the national Men's Fellowship Department.

The Men's Fellowship Department

The Men's Fellowship Department provides ways wherein the men of the church may give an account to God of their total resources. This is accomplished by calling attention to the kinds of abilities God is using and by finding places where they may be developed and used.

Action Crusades

Action Crusades have created a renewed interest in personal witnessing. MF leaders are training both men and women in better methods of witnessing. As a result, lay people are going out to where the unsaved live and work, and are winning them to Christ.

Light-for-the-Lost

In an increasingly literate world, the demand for literature mounts. The purpose of Light-for-the-Lost is to provide these new readers abroad with gospel literature. Laymen have spearheaded this fund-raising venture through banquet meetings, faith-promise pledges, aggressive promotions, and earnest prayer. God has blessed, and the literature is bringing salvation to many in foreign lands.

Royal Rangers

At the most impressionable period of their lives, the boys of our churches—and many unsaved boys in areas surrounding the churches—are now being provided with training for Christian living and service through Royal Rangers. The boys are being reached through the most attractive ways possible. Camping and other outdoor activities appeal to the boys and provide opportunities for presenting Christian concepts of living. And the boys gain proficiency in a wide range of crafts, skills, and leadership techniques.

Many men are needed to serve as Royal Rangers outpost council members and officers. They are given opportunities for special training and enjoyable associations with other men from various parts of the country. With growth and development, each man finds new avenues of service open to him. These areas of ministry lead to a deepening of his spiritual life.

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MEN'S DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



ABOVE: Officers for the Men's Fellowship chapter of First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz., shown on the front row, are (left to right): William J. Wind, president; Ralph Noland, treasurer; V. Ernest Shores, pastor; and Rolland Moore, secretary.

RIGHT: Men and boys active in Royal Rangers are shown on an outing. Strong leadership is provided, and interest among the boys is high.



1967 MF

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ABOVE: Holding posters, indicating projects the chapter will support this year, are (left to right): Don Jensen, Seth Faulkner, Paul Brandt, Ralph Noland, Bob Pleger, Will Chavez, Bill Bowers, and Bryon Smith.

RIGHT: Interest in supporting Light-for-the-Lost has increased yearly. Everett James (left), secretary of LFTL national council, and Glen B. Bonds (right), national MF secretary, look on as Wm. J. Wind, and Pastor Shores indicate their goal.

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Wm. J. Wind leads the men in training to be better personal witnesses for Christ.



ABOVE: Glen B. Bonds presents the MF "Church of the Year" plaque to MF President Wind and Pastor Shores of First Assembly, Phoenix.

BELOW: Brother Wind presents Pastor Shores with certificate showing that First Assembly is pledged to make a monthly contribution to support the national Action Crusades ministry.

THE YEAR'

mbly of God, V. Ernest Shores, Pastor

DISTINCTIVE AREAS OF MINISTRY (see page 15) have been set forth for the men of the Assemblies of God. To encourage full participation by our churches in all these areas of the Men's Fellowship program, each year a church is honored as the MF "Church of the Year." First Assembly, Phoenix, Arizona, has been chosen this year for this distinction.

Since the Men's Fellowship chapter was organized in First Assembly in 1960, it has met monthly. The group has had dedicated men in leadership positions.

The men find they must be lively to keep up with the Royal Rangers. They have hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back, and have explored other areas of the state.

During the past two years the church gave \$11,000 for Light-for-the-

Lost. A goal of \$6,500 was set for this year.

Each Sunday evening, services are conducted at the Rest Haven Nursing Home. Sparking this project are Wm. J. Wind, MF president; and Frank Wortman, member of the National Light-for-the-Lost Council. Others assisting are Paul Strivings, Bill Harshman, Gene Jeffries, and Roy Smey.

Two Action Crusades—training courses in personal witnessing—have been held with a total enrollment of 50 men. Wm. J. Wind, regional vice-president of the National Action Crusades Council, was the instructor.

The chapter does not limit its participation to MF activities only. The officers observe the rule, "Use them or lose them," and so the men fill in wherever a need exists.

They take a keen interest in their Indian neighbors. The Laveen Indian



Children's Home is kept shipshape, both inside and out, by the crew directed by Don Pitman.

An air-conditioning system was installed at the new Indian Children's Home in Show Low by MF members Paul Brandt, Paul Cooper, Ralph Jarrell, and Wm. J. Wind. This was completed at a savings of 75 percent of the retail cost.

Pastor V. Ernest Shores has co-operated wholeheartedly with the Men's Fellowship program and has given great encouragement to the men. His vision has challenged them to extend their ministry as laymen, and the whole church program at First Assembly has profited.



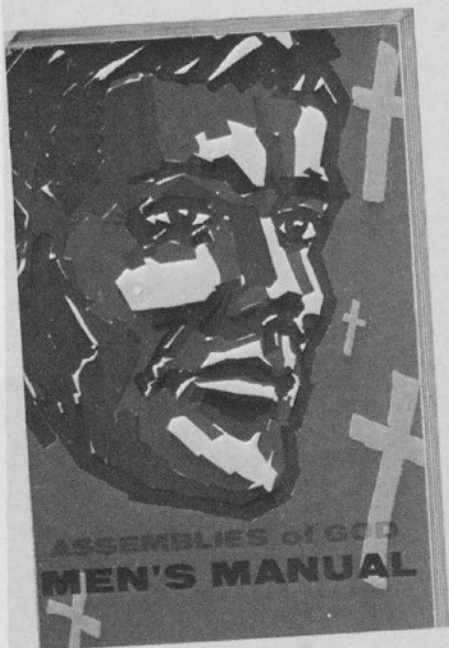
These men lead the Royal Rangers program in First Assembly, Phoenix. They are (left to right): Herb Carpenter, senior commander; Don Pitman, commander of the Pioneers; Jack Taylor; Cliff Goldsmith; John Lee, commander of the Trail Blazers; Bill Phipps; and Mark Carpenter.



MF men have put in a new air-conditioning unit at the Indian Children's Home in Show Low at great savings, have kept the



Laveen Indian Children's Home in shipshape, and carry on a weekly ministry at the Rest Haven Nursing Home.



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that you can perform to ever merit salvation. Faith makes it possible now.

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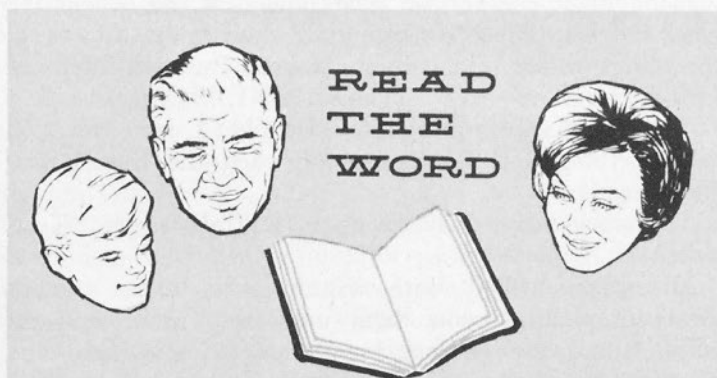
John Fletcher used to say, "Come to a naked promise by a naked faith." He meant, by a naked faith, a faith stripped of feeling. Just with the kind of heart that you have at this very moment, come just as you are. If you seek to weep more—to wait until you know more about the Bible, until you are better prepared to give to the church—the chances are you will never come. Desire, pray, believe!

Do what the poor woman in the New Testament did. She said, "If I can but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be made whole." Her chances didn't seem too encouraging. She could have thought, "I am weak with the loss of blood; I fear I shall never reach Him; I shall die in the attempt." But she said, "If I tarry here, I will die; so the very worst that can happen to me is to die trying. I will make the attempt." Jesus is near you; make the attempt. Touch Him and become alive!

All that remains now is to *receive*. You do that by thanksgiving and praise. Salvation is God's gift to you. The first words from your lips right now ought to be a heartfelt thanks, as on bended knee you say, "Thank you, God, for saving my soul!"

The devil doesn't care how much you may believe that God will do something for you *sometime*—you don't know quite when. He'll let you believe that God is able, willing, waiting and anxious to save you. No, it is faith in the present tense that the devil dreads. Satan doesn't want you to believe that God will do it *now*. Believe by receiving—simply take God at His Word. If ever God is present He is present *now*.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."



CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 26—DEC. 3

Sunday	1 Peter 1, 2	Thursday	2 Peter 3
Monday	1 Peter 3, 4	Friday	Esther 9, 10
Tuesday	1 Peter 5	Saturday	Job 1, 2
Wednesday	2 Peter 1, 2	Sunday	Job 3, 4

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

NOVEMBER 26, 1967



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LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF CHRIST!



TEMPORAL, HOW TEMPORAL, are the glittering 20th-century achievements that clamor for our attention! Material luxuries have reached a new high, and multitudes feverishly strain to acquire what may be swept away in a moment.

Christ said, "Take heed to yourselves, lest... that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth" (Luke 21:34, 35). Weymouth says it will come "like a falling trap."

Conditions that have precipitated the fall of great civilizations in the past are ominously present today. Immorality, sacrilege, proud defiance of the laws of God and man—all these are hallmarks of a large segment of American society.

How tender were the tears and warning of Jesus for the people of Jerusalem in the shadow of impending judgment. "When he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known... the things which belong to thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes" (Luke 19:41, 42).

To His disciples He said, "Behold, I have foretold you all things... Ye know not when the time is... Keep watch."

The world says, "Live it up!" But Jesus says, "Keep watch!"

History is filled with examples of those whose destruction came upon them unawares. Some had no way of knowing; others knew but did not heed the warnings.

Unaware was the ambitious *S. S. Titanic* one cold April night, pressing forward to break all records, disregarding the warning that icebergs lay ahead. Was she not unsinkable? Were there not too many "first crossing" wireless messages to send to concentrate on safety measures? Thus the warning that might have saved some 1,100 from a watery grave was disregarded!

Unaware that their lovely city would soon be in flames, the citizens of San Francisco rose as usual on a fateful morning in April 1906. The earthquake

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UNAWARES

By ZELMA ARGUE

turned their dreams to nightmares in a matter of seconds.

Unawares came the great stock crash on October 24, 1929. Many awoke to find all they had lived for was gone, and in bitterness at the loss they found life unbearable. Great numbers took their own lives because the sand on which they had built gave way beneath them.

Unawares, Jerusalem was captured by King Nebuchadnezzar long ago. "Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled. . . . Then they took the king and carried him up unto the king of Babylon . . . where he gave judgment upon him" (Jeremiah 52:7, 9). This was one of the most poignant and crucial moments in Israel's history. The prophets had warned the nation, but they did not heed.

For a hundred years the fall of Nineveh was delayed because the city repented under the preaching of Jonah. Yet eventually the day came when Nineveh forgot, and judgment came—*unawares*.

About 1100 B.C. the beautiful city of Tyre, on the shores of the Mediterranean, reached its zenith. Its King Hiram was a friend and ally of Solomon, supplying him with cedar and with skilled labor for building the Temple at Jerusalem, in exchange for wheat and oil. This proud city of antiquity was situated partially upon an island which invaders could not block. How rich were its wares; how fabulous its merchandise. "They occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen and coral and agate" (Ezekiel 27:16).

Yet God judged Tyre, "because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, . . . thou hast gotten thee riches" (Ezekiel 28:2, 4). "They shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers. . . . It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea" (Ezekiel 26:4, 5).

History records the successive falls of Tyre, and the fact that today it is a fishing town is mute testimony to the accuracy of God's Word.

Noah built the ark in the midst of a people who chose to mock and disbelieve. They "knew not until the flood came, and took them all away." It came upon them *unawares* because they chose to ignore Noah's warnings. "So shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Pompeii, Babylon, Troy, Sodom, . . . the list is long, and the judgment was sure.

Let us not be lulled into a false sense of security because ours is an affluent society. Around us is comfort. Transportation to all parts of the world has become a relatively simple matter. But we are in danger if we consider this as a permanent state of affairs.

Great cities and great nations have fallen before, and others will fall when their cup of judgment is full. Thinking people agree that our nation and the whole world today are in a time of crisis. This is a time to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth. "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Jesus is coming suddenly, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. For many, He will come *unawares* and find them unprepared. But "to them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin unto salvation." When that day comes, may we not be taken *unawares*. Let us be sure that He is our personal Saviour—that we have been "born again," and cleansed from all sin through His precious blood—and let us be ready. "Keep watch."



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??????? QUESTIONS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Answered by ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Brother Williams, what does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

It means to surrender one's life and will so that the Holy Spirit can have complete control. To be filled with the Spirit as an initial experience is one thing; to keep filled is another. It requires a person to live "not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." This cannot always be judged by the way a person feels. The Spirit-filled person walks by faith, not by emotions or feelings. He may receive fresh infillings of the Spirit from time to time but he maintains a consistent course of Spirit-filled living at all times, including "dry spells" as well as "showers of blessing."

Is there any place in the Bible which indicates that we should seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:31). He taught the disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). While waiting for the promise, the disciples "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14).

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

What is your view of Ephesians 1:13? It states, "After ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Does this refer to the experience of being baptized with the Holy Spirit?

There may be some differences of opinion as to whether "after" is the correct translation in this verse. Some say it means the sealing occurs *when* one becomes a believer; others say "after that ye believed." There seems to be no good reason why "after" should not be accepted as the correct translation for it agrees with the experience of these Ephesian believers. In Acts 19:1-6 we are told they were first baptized in water as believers in Jesus, and after this they received the baptism of the Spirit and spoke in tongues.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Please explain, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Corinthians 12:7).

A manifestation usually directs attention. In whatever way the Spirit manifests His working, it is for the profit, or benefit, of others. Gifts are of no value except as they bring spiritual benefit.

What is the difference between "diversity of gifts," "differences of administrations," and "differences of operations"? (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

There are diversities of gifts; that is, there are gifts of various kinds. There are different offices to fill—

administering, looking after, or caring for the work of God. There are differences of operations, various ways in which the Spirit works. This is probably well illustrated in Hebrews 1:1 which reads, "God, who at sundry [various] times and in divers manners [different ways] spake in time past unto the fathers." As the Spirit moved on different ones, at different times, and in different ways, so He now works in those who have been filled with the Spirit, quickening their personality and using them in accordance with His will and His particular place for them.

Please explain the difference between "the word of wisdom" and "the word of knowledge" (1 Corinthians 12:8).

I suggest this difference. The word of wisdom would be the ability to speak the right word at the right time. Its qualities are found in James 3:17, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

The word of knowledge would result from revelation received either in the past or at the present moment. It consists of correct information given to man in a supernatural manner; that is, information he would not have through natural learning.

What difference is there between the gift of faith and the gift of healing, since healing is by faith? And why the term "gifts of healing" (plural) instead of "gift of healing"? (1 Corinthians 12:9).

While I do not present my explanation of "gifts of healing" as a doctrine, I have observed there are those who seem to have faith for healing some diseases while others have faith for healing other diseases.

The gifts of healing are limited to the healing of the body; the gift of faith might cover a wider field of action. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove" (Matthew 17:20). Beautiful illustrations of faith are found in Hebrews 11.

The gift of faith is bestowed on believers by the Holy Spirit to fulfill particular purposes. It differs from saving faith by which all who believe in Jesus as their Saviour are saved.

What is the working of miracles? (1 Corinthians 12:10).

Miracles are signs divinely given. They are enablings by the power of the Holy Spirit to produce outstanding evidences of divine power. The Bible records miracles of

Instead of the usual "Your Questions" column conducted weekly by Ernest S. Williams and appreciated so much by the readers of the *Evangel*, we offer this week a longer series of questions and answers all of which pertain to the work of the Holy Spirit.

many kinds. They are not limited to any single field of action.

What is the gift of prophecy? (1 Corinthians 12:10).

Biblical prophecy is inspired or quickened speech, speaking "unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). Prophecy is intelligent speech which appeals to the mind and heart, unfolding the will of God. It is something beyond ordinary preaching. Its content is to be judged. "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge" (1 Corinthians 14:29). The prophet brings an edifying message for the encouragement and strengthening of those who hear.

Please explain discerning of spirits (1 Corinthians 12:10).

Some think it means the ability to tell people what evil spirit or what sickness is in them but I think this is a mistake. I quote from different translations: "To another the power of discriminating between prophetic utterances" (Weymouth). "To another the power to discriminate between the true Spirit and false spirits" (Williams). "To another the gift of distinguishing between true and false inspiration" (Twentieth Century). It is a tragic error when believers claiming discernment begin to accuse other believers of being demon-possessed. Such claims as this may seem to indicate more a spirit of divination than the Spirit of God.

Why is tongues called a gift? (1 Corinthians 12:10).

This is a remarkable gift. It results from the Holy Spirit so taking possession of Christians that they "speak with other tongues, as the Spirit [gives] them utterance"

(Acts 2:4). A clear distinction is made, however, between tongues as a sign and tongues as a gift. All believers speak in tongues when they receive the Spirit, as a *sign* that they have been baptized with the Holy Spirit; but all do not receive the *gift* of tongues.

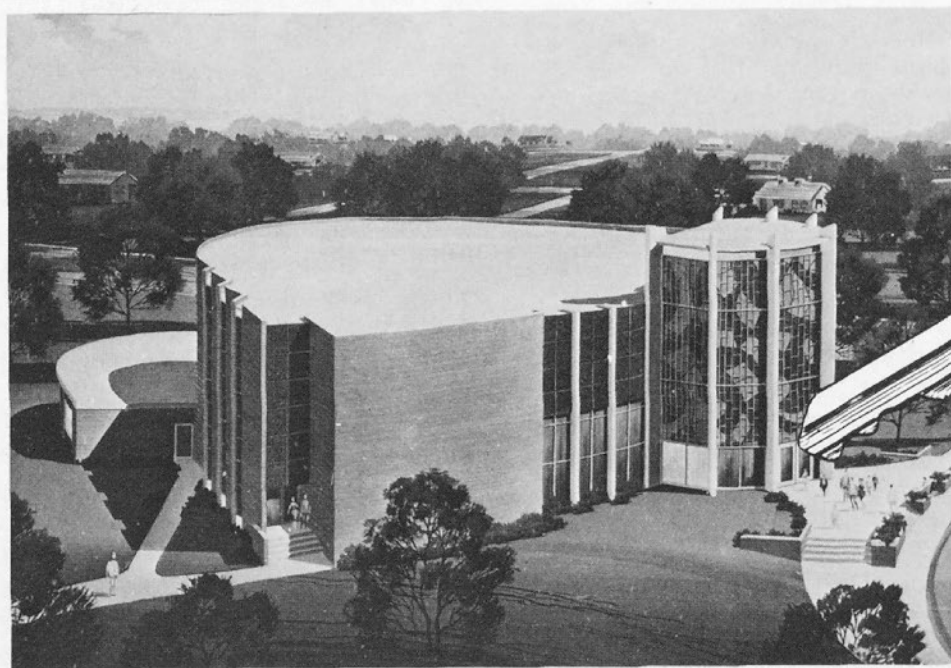
Scripture indicates that the gift of tongues is the imparting of the ability to speak in languages unknown by the speaker. "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth" (1 Corinthians 14:14). This pouring out of the heart to God in private devotion is wonderful, but in the church consideration must be given to the edification of others. We should refrain from speaking in tongues in a public service unless there is interpretation also. This is all explained in 1 Corinthians 14.

Please explain the gift of interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10).

Interpretation of tongues is supernatural ability to explain what a person speaking in tongues has said. Its purpose is that the church may be edified by understanding what the Holy Spirit means by the utterance in tongues.

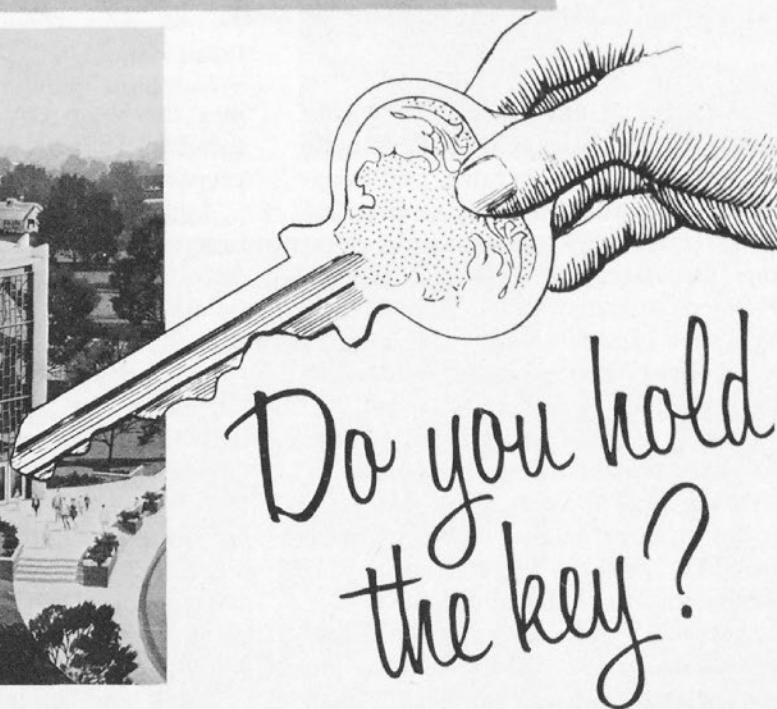
What is meant by "dividing to every man severally as he will"? (1 Corinthians 12:11).

All gifts of the Holy Spirit are the workings of the one Spirit, but are divided among those whom He may choose to use severally (that is, individually, to each his own gift) as He may direct. We are taught that the Church is the body of Christ, consisting of many members, each of which may be used by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:12) in His own way from time to time.



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The Parthenon, built on the acropolis at Athens.

ATHENS, GREECE, was known in ancient times for such famous thinkers as Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle. The favorite pastime of the elite in old Hellas was to spend hour upon hour discussing the new philosophies of the day. Later under Roman rule the upper classes all over the empire would send their sons to Athens to study.

The outward appearance of Greece has changed, but the inward desire to learn is still present. This Mediterranean country as never before needs men like Paul to reveal anew the identity of the "Unknown God."

Accepting this modern challenge, the Assemblies of God of Greece is now constructing a Bible school that will also serve as campgrounds and headquarters facilities.

The permit has been granted, and work is underway just 38 kilometers from Athens. The building containing the dining room, kitchen, and small storage room has been completed and used first for a summer camp program. The dining room became a dormitory with 30 bunk beds crowded

into the room; the kitchen served as the dining area; and the meals were prepared in the small storage room.

Approximately 25 girls attended the first month, and 25 boys attended the next month. Several gave bright testimonies, indicating that a real work was done in their hearts during the summer camp.

Before the construction of this building the Assemblies of God of Greece held their Bible camp under a tent. This was an ordeal, as it was too hot in the daytime and too cold at night. The tent was destroyed by a storm, so in 1964 the leaders drew up plans for permanent buildings that would serve as Bible school, campgrounds, and headquarters for the Assemblies of God of Greece.

This year a dormitory and another building were far enough along to be used for the children's camp. The Greek churches have asked help from American WMC's in furnishing these buildings.

Mary Orphan Metaxatos, our representative to Greece for 18 years, traveled in the United States this past

The main building of the Athens Bible School was first used for a camp meeting.



FOR ATHENS



summer to raise funds for this important project. More than one-fourth of the population of Greece lives within the immediate area of this Assemblies of God property.

The Greeks—a brave, intelligent people, lacking only the opportunity for spiritual instruction—will succeed if given the chance. But they need training.

The Bible school facilities are needed to enable young men and women to prepare themselves to preach the gospel to their own people.

The Assemblies of God in Greece is working faithfully to complete this building program. Friends in the United States can help through prayer and material support.

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DRAGUTIN VOLF, secretary of the Pentecostal church in Yugoslavia, recently visited Assemblies of God Missionary Paul Williscroft in Germany. The following interview occurred on that occasion.

WILLISCROFT: To what extent would you say an expanded literature program would help in building up the work of the Lord in Yugoslavia?

VOLF: It would be a tremendous help to have a strong literature program. In this way we would have the possibility of reaching a great many people. We could bring effective teaching to our own people and the gospel message to the unsaved. There are several language groups in our land. A larger supply of good literature would be very helpful in reaching them. The printed page would also bring the Pentecostal message to other people not acquainted with it.

WILLISCROFT: Do you have much literature in your language at the present time?

VOLF: We have almost nothing in comparison with other countries. We have a monthly magazine, a correspondence course, and a songbook, all of which have been done on a mimeograph.

WILLISCROFT: Do you have any other mimeographed materials?

VOLF: We have four pamphlets and one tract. When we mimeograph our monthly magazine, we make more copies than are needed, and at the end of the year we bind these extra copies together and sell them as books. In addition, we have just finished mimeographing the biography of George Müller.

WILLISCROFT: Is this really all the spiritual literature you have done in your language?

VOLF: Yes, that is all we have.

WILLISCROFT: And to think that we have thousands of good spiritual books in English! It hardly seems fair that you should have so few. How many people speak your language?

VOLF: About 20 million. It would be a great blessing to our people if we could get more material printed in our language.

WILLISCROFT: What are some of the materials you think are most needed?

VOLF: First of all we need Sunday school materials, and we need tracts, pamphlets, and books.

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WILLISCROFT: Do you have the possibility of producing some of this material?

VOLF: Yes, without too much difficulty. Much of it can be translated from English. We are very thankful for everything that is made available to us. It is helpful to our people, and they appreciate it very much.

WILLISCROFT: Are you working on any particular program now?

VOLF: Yes, we expect to have our first Sunday school quarterly along with colored visual aids available soon. And we hope to have available soon an offset printing press which will greatly help us in getting out tracts and books.

WILLISCROFT: What do you think will be the response to this literature?

VOLF: It will be like food for starving people. For instance, we mimeographed 4,000 copies of a tract. It was not possible to do more copies. The supply was completely exhausted in two weeks! And as to Sunday school literature, our churches have no satisfactory material. When they

get good materials, it will bring about great results in the growth of this work. Many will be reached for the Lord.

We are thankful that we can learn much from the literature program of the Assemblies of God, and we are grateful for the encouragement of our Assemblies of God brethren.

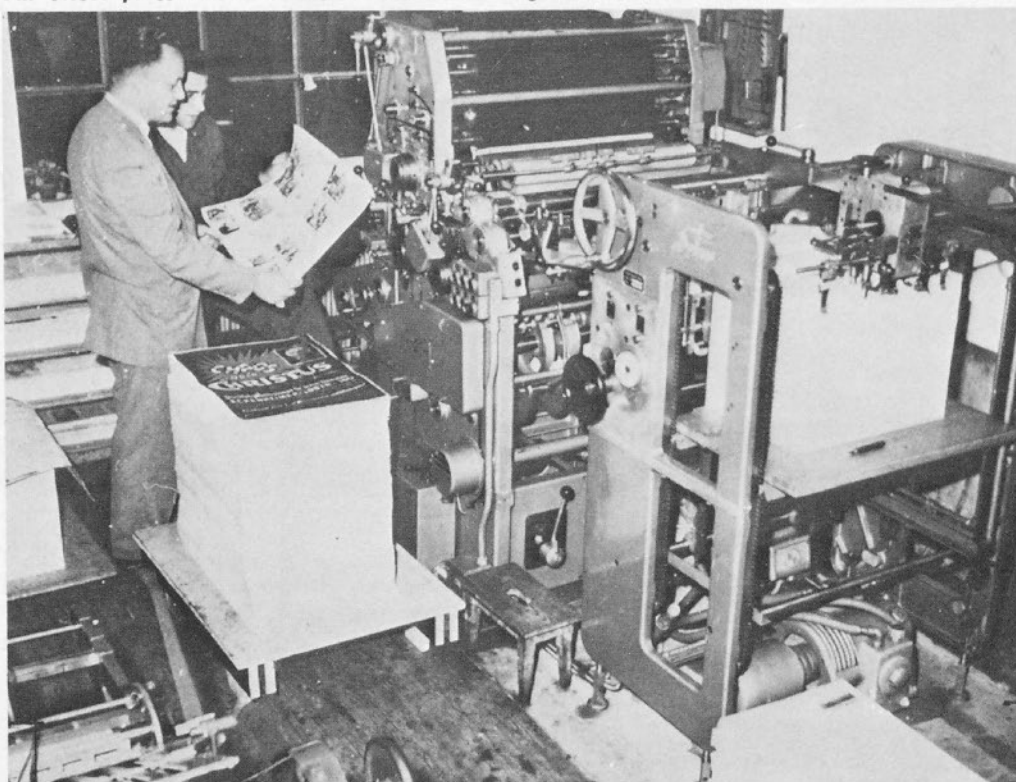
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dragutin Volf is presently traveling in the United States to present the needs of the Yugoslavia churches. The Foreign Missions Department requests your prayers and support for his work.)

Dragutin Volf, secretary of the Pentecostal church in Yugoslavia, and his family.



An offset press like this one is needed in Yugoslavia. Paul Williscroft talks with printer.





THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

Sunday School Lesson for December 3, 1967

1 PETER 1:3-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

PETER'S LETTER was written to Jewish and Gentile converts scattered throughout Asia Minor who were suffering severe persecution—not from the State or the emperor, but from the heathen and unbelieving people among whom they lived. Peter's letter was forceful, simple, direct, yet tender and sympathetic. He urged them to be courageous, pure, and faithful to the Christ whose coming in glory they eagerly waited.

CHRISTIAN PRIVILEGES (vv. 3-12)

1. *Election* (v. 2). Though scattered widely and despised by the world around them, those who belong to God are His by divine election—"chosen . . . in him before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). The blood of sprinkling (Exodus 24:7) is both the ground of their election and the seal of their obedience to God.

2. *A living hope*. "We have been born again to an ever living hope" (v. 3, Amplified). The Christians to whom

Peter wrote were well aware that the heathen world had numberless hopes that had never come to fruition. In contrast this "hope," mentioned as the first result of the new birth, is a "living hope" because the Saviour in whom that hope is fixed is alive forevermore!

3. *An inheritance*. We who have become members of God's family by the new birth, receive an inheritance—an inheritance just as much ours the day we are saved as it ever shall be. Our inheritance does not grow, but our appreciation and enjoyment of it will. This inheritance is "incorruptible"—not subject to decay. It is "undefiled"—pure and free from all stain of sin or evil. It "fadeth not away." It is "reserved in heaven," kept absolutely secure for those to whom it belongs. How very different from the greatest of earthly inheritances!

4. *An assurance*. Peter reminded us that not only does the Christian have an inheritance which is reserved for him, but he is preserved for that inheritance—"kept by the power of God." Though Christians pass through fiery trials, subtle temptations, and perplexing experiences, they are *kept*—not by self-effort, not by works, but by faith in an all-sufficient Saviour and God.

5. *Blessing as a result of trial* (vv. 6, 7). First, the trial of faith is "more precious than of gold that perisheth"; that is, it yields eternal dividends to those whose faith and trust in Christ is strengthened by it. Second, trials are only "for a little while" (ASV). Third, trials are permitted so that Christians may come to know the Lord in a more real way and that God may be glorified.

6. *Joy through fellowship with an unseen Christ*. "Whom having not seen, ye love" (v. 8). What a strange fact! How contrary to human ways! Yet millions of people in every age and every land have shared a personal attachment and devotion to Jesus Christ unlike that given to anyone else. The secret of such a love? "We love him because he first loved us," said John the apostle. "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5).

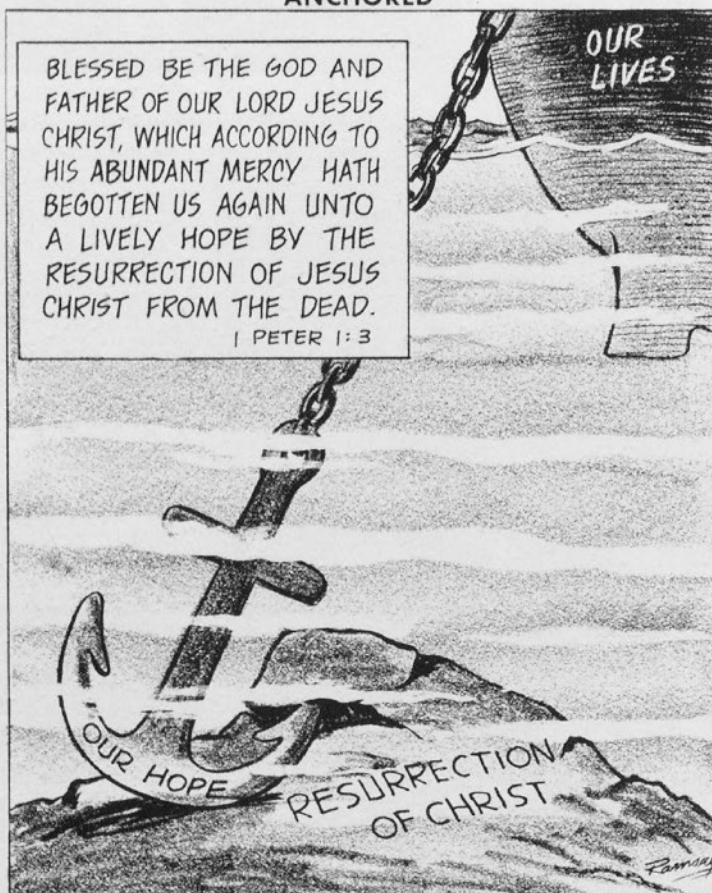
Verses six to eight begin and end with great joy; yet in between are mentioned some of the things which hinder that joy: (1) Trials may hinder it. Trials will either sweeten or sour men—draw them closer to God, or cause them to harden their hearts toward Him—depending on the way they react. (2) The words "having not seen" and "though now ye see him not" (v. 8) may suggest a hindrance to joy. Yet the fact that we have not yet seen Him may be an advantage rather than a disadvantage. We may see Him by faith (Hebrews 12:2; 2:8, 9). We may know Him by the Spirit's revelation, for He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away."

CHRISTIAN OBLIGATIONS (vv. 13-21)

Peter followed Paul's procedure in his epistles. Responsibilities accompany privileges. The "wherefore" of verse 13 connects what follows with what has gone before. Because our destiny is what it is; because Jesus is what He is; because our salvation embraces all it does; because it has been a source of wonderment to prophets of old, to apostles, to angels who would love to have a part in its spread; therefore, "Gird up the loins of your mind."

Following this is Peter's description of the conduct of Christians who live in the joy and power of their privileges in Christ.

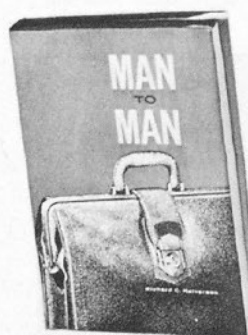
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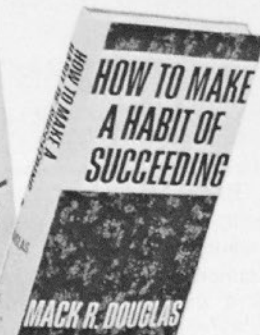
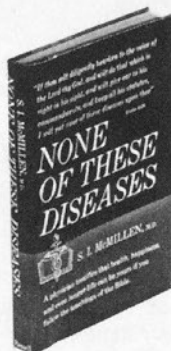
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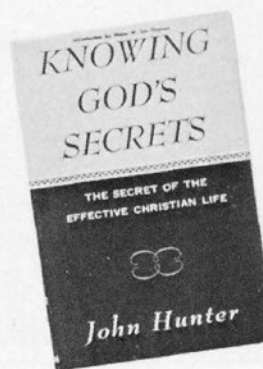
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INTERNS TRAIN IN ALASKA COMMUNITY

TOK, ALASKA—This past summer I had the privilege of training two interns from Assemblies of God Bible schools. They were a blessing to me, to my church, and the community of Tok.

Kenneth McNulty, second-year student at Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., had spent the summer of 1966 working among the American Indians in southern Arizona. He declares, "It is a real privilege for me to know the Lord as my Saviour and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Formerly I was in a monastery, studying to be a monk. How I praise God I have found the truth which set me free."

Bill Smith was leader of the North American prayer band at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

These young men engaged in

hard work physically, mentally, and spiritually. They traveled by boat and air to remote Indian villages in order to give the full gospel to people who had never heard. They assisted in building a garage, pouring cement, drilling a well, and insulating water pipes. At times they slept on cold floors and ate dried fish.

Thank God for the sincere dedication of young men who will subject themselves to hardships for the gospel's sake.

The work in this area has made advancements through the recent ministry of R. D. Coffman, pastor of Calvary Temple, DeKalb, Ill. Fifteen people were saved in the village of Tetlin, and 17 professed salvation in Tok.

Gerald Silliman is working with me full time. We have visited the villages of Tonacross and Eagle.

—Patrick Donadio

Alaskan children with Bill Smith, one of the summer interns at Tok.



INSTITUTE OPENS SECOND MISSION

BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO—Students of the *Instituto Asambleas de Dios* opened a new mission in mid-September in Sierra Bayamon, according to Andres Rosa, director. On October 1, the Sunday school attendance reached 102.

The first mission was opened in the village of Caguas by one of the couples attending the Bible school.

Brother Rosa reports the 43 students are enthusiastically pur-

suing their studies. There are 17 members on the faculty.

Due to limited facilities, the cafeteria also is used for a study area. When funds are available, a combination study-library will be constructed over the kitchen and cafeteria.

The director's brother, Pablo Rosa, recently donated four large cafeteria tables and 40 chairs which are a great asset to the school.

These people now attend the mission opened in Sierra Bayamon by Bible school students.



Here are a few of the 27 men who helped put a roof on the new church of Missionary Assembly, West Tampa, Fla.

THEY RAISED THE ROOF

TAMPA, FLA.—In just one hour, 20 men of First Assembly, Clearwater, Fla., erected the trusses for the roof of the new home of Missionary Assembly, under construction at 4110 Lemon Street in West Tampa, reports Gustavo Jimenez, pastor. Arthur L. Shell, pastor of First Assembly and assistant superintendent of Peninsular Florida District, supervised the job.

The next day the group returned to complete their project together with seven men of Missionary Assembly (the pioneer church). Ladies of the church served lunch. By 3 p.m. the roof was finished. Brother Jimenez termed the nine-hour accomplishment "a miracle of speed."

"We thank the Lord for Brother Shell and the church he pas-

tors," writes Brother Jimenez. "Their missionary vision prompted them to pay roofing costs of approximately \$2,000. Brother Shell also donated the blueprints for the church."

Other churches in the district also have given assistance to the assembly which ministers to Spanish-speaking people, many of whom are Cubans. First Assembly, Lakeland, gave \$500 for the foundation and walls, and Pleasant Grove Assembly, Durant, contributed \$200 for the walls.

More than 80 people regularly gather in the 18- by 32-foot hall where the congregation still worships. The new church will alleviate these crowded conditions and provide facilities for further development of their outreach program.



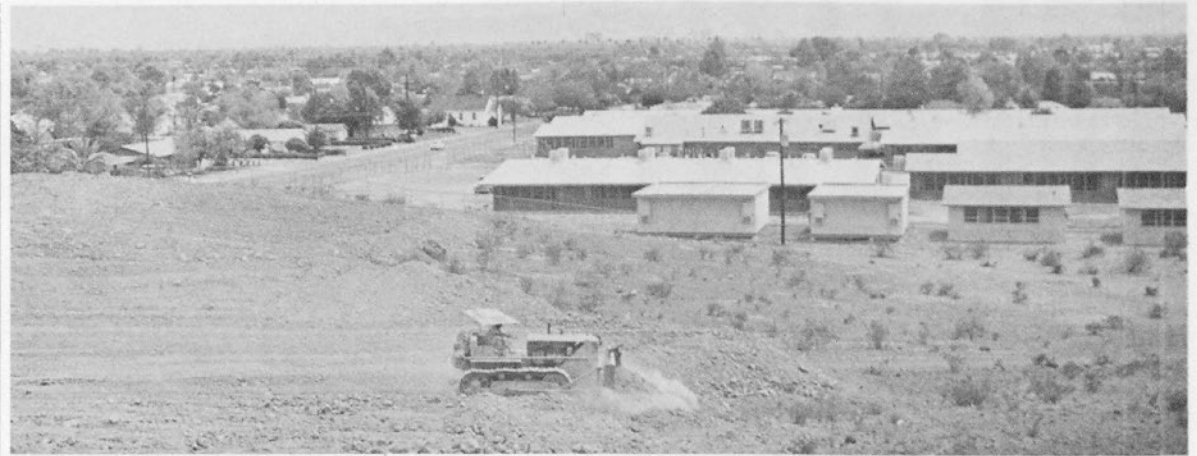
ILLINOIS CHURCH ASSISTS MISSION

CEDAR CREEK, ARIZ.—Nine young folk accompanied Pastor and Mrs. Harold R. Rhoden of First Assembly, Wheaton, Ill., on a summer journey to give a helping hand to Missionary Pearl Foster.

Cedar Creek Indian mission buzzed with activity from August 14-20. In these seven days, the group conducted a teacher training course and a VBS, furnishing all books and materials for these instructive sessions.

The Wheaton pastor and his young people decided to leave tangible evidence of their visit. With paint and brushes, they applied a fresh coat of paint to the church building.

Sister Foster writes, "These thoughtful folk were a great blessing and help, both materially and spiritually. It meant more to me personally than I can tell. Last year a group of 40 from Full Gospel Tabernacle in Fresno, Calif. (Paul Evans, pastor), visited the mission to assist in a similar manner. We are indebted to these wonderful friends."



A bulldozer levels portions of the 10-acre plot that will be the future home of the AIBI

AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE RESUMES CLASSES

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The fall semester at the American Indian Bible Institute opened with 22 students enrolled. They represent 11 tribes—Onondaga, Klallam, Chetco, Quechan, Pima, Navaho, Yaqui, Apache, Hopi, and Papago.

President Donald Ramsey anticipates a fine year. "Our staff has gained experience, and students are eager for both the study of the Word of God and the moving

of the Holy Spirit in their midst."

One lady has expressed her desire to sponsor two students (\$50 a month will pay board, room, and books for one student). Sponsorship of deserving students will allow them to devote more time to their studies.

A continuing burden upon Brother Ramsey's heart is the urgent need to erect a new building on the recently acquired prop-

erty. Present accommodations are inadequate for all the activities of the school. As finances permit, construction work will go forward.

Contributions for student sponsorship or for AIBI support and expansion should be sent, properly designated, to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. World Ministers credit will be given for offerings.

HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

New Appointees

Lynn Drumwright was granted Home Missions appointment recently as a missionary in Puerto Rico.

Since 1965 Brother Drumwright has been working under a government agreement with servicemen at Ramey Air Force Base. In addition he pastors the Borinquen Assembly in Aguadilla.

Robert I. Lentz, who is ministering to the deaf in Baltimore, Md., recently received Home Missions appointment.

Brother Lentz engaged in some ministry to the deaf while a student in Bible school. At that time he also taught the language of signs to a class of students.

Notes of Victory

Eldeth Adkins and Vera Eldridge, pastors of the Jackson Street Assembly in St. Paul, Minn., recently witnessed good

results from meetings with Donald Miller of Faribault, Minn. The attendance was good. Seven prayed for salvation, and a number of people testified to healing.

In the past six months souls have been saved and visitors have attended the services each month. The congregation includes American Indians of several tribes.

Leonard Everly, Dulce, N. Mex., missionary-pastor to the Jicarilla Apache Indians, reports that interest in the newly organized Royal Rangers group has revitalized their Men's Fellowship group.

The Robert Nathans, pastors of the deaf church in Flint, Mich., report an excellent response to revival meetings held October 3-8 with Anthony Callies, Springfield, Mo. More than 25 people attended each service. Backsliders were restored and several people were saved or filled with the Holy Spirit.

Esko Rentola, Kingston, Wash., missionary-pastor to the Klallam Indians on the Suquamish Reservation, reports God's blessing upon the three-week Bible school conducted by the George Kallappas, Neah Bay, Wash. Subjects studied were expositions of Luke, John, and Acts. The Kallappas will be engaging in short-term Bible schools for the American Indian churches in the Northwest District.



This hogan has been the place of worship for the Lukai Springs Assembly in Arizona.

LAND LEASE IS GRANTED

WINSLOW, ARIZ.—On September 14, the advisory committee of the Navaho tribe leased two acres of land for a mission site, reports Donald Johnson, missionary-pastor of the Lukai Springs Assembly. The site is on a main highway close to the Teesto Trading Post and the boarding school and is four miles from the present church. There is no other mission in the area.

"For five years services have been held in a hogan church located on a disputed area of land between the Hopi and Navaho tribes. It is the type of dwelling

many Navahos still live in, except the church has a concrete floor with tile covering while theirs have dirt floors.

"The children have had their Sunday school classes in the bus since no rooms were available in the church.

"Tumbleweeds now cover the area where the new mission will be located, but within a few months we hope to have a mission with adequate Sunday school rooms and facilities for cooking, sewing, and handwork classes. Philippians 4:19 is still true," concludes Brother Johnson.

L. Drumwright



R. Lentz



NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Seven churches sponsored the Tommy Barnett crusade at a Battle Creek high school auditorium.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Tommy Barnett was the evangelist for an areawide crusade sponsored by seven churches at a high school auditorium here. Some 300 persons, including many entire families were saved or reclaimed.

Attendance was good for the 13 consecutive nights; sometimes as many as 900 were present.

Preparation for this crusade began several months before the evangelist came. Weekly prayer meetings inspired a week of fasting and prayer and then an all-night prayer service. Billboards, newspapers, posters, handbills, and radio announcements were used to publicize the meetings.

Local assemblies benefited from the crusade. Each church held baptismal services for the converts now attending its services.

—T. G. Skoog, general chairman

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CINCINNATI, OHIO—Newtown Assembly here recently concluded four weeks of services with Evangelist Gertrude DeGraffenreid of Oklahoma City, Okla. Twelve persons were saved, and 10 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

God moved by His Spirit in the meeting. Nearly every night people stayed to pray until after midnight.

—Vitura I. Wardlow, pastor

ROYERSFORD, PA.—The Holy Spirit moved in recent meetings with Evangelist Charles Morris of Mt. Morris, Pa., at Grace Assembly here. There were five saved, three reclaimed, four baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 10 baptized in water.

Visitors from every major denomination in the city attended the services and saw Pentecostal power in action. The Sunday school record was broken for three Sundays in succession.

So far this year 25 persons have been saved, 20 baptized in water, and 16 members added to the church.

—Jack A. Mason, pastor

LONACONING, MD.—The rich blessing of God rested upon the eighth annual George's Creek camp meeting here recently with Evangelist Chief Bruce Thum and the Sunshine Party. Many people were saved or reclaimed. Twenty-two persons followed the Lord in water baptism two weeks after camp was over.

—Charles Fussell, pastor,
First Assembly, Lonaconing, Md., camp pastor

RAMONA, CALIF.—A spirit of praise and prayer prevails in services at First Assembly here after a week of meetings with Evangelists Ren and Grace Marr of

Fredericktown, Mo. One teen-ager was saved, and a Sunday school teacher was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others were refilled.

—Seth R. McGhghy, pastor
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TULSA, OKLA.—In four weeks of revival at Sheridan Assembly here, 150 were saved or reclaimed and 150 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many were healed, revived, and refilled.

Thirty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism. Marvin Schmidt of Bakersfield, Calif., was the evangelist.

Each service was well attended. Often people of other denominations were present and several of them were filled with the Spirit.

Sheridan Assembly has started its third branch church, with about 50 people from the mother congregation joining the effort. Already the new church has had an attendance of nearly 100.

Although about 50 people did leave the congregation to begin the new work attendance at the mother church is averaging more now than a year ago. Seating over 800, Sheridan Assembly is well filled each Sunday.

—Glenn E. Millard, pastor

Crowd at the revival meeting at Sheridan Assembly, Tulsa, Okla.



Put the Christmas Evangel among the gifts

Churches can use the colorful holiday *Evangel* for visitors at Christmas activities and other services, in December visitation efforts, and in hospitals and rest homes. Youth groups can leave copies when they go caroling. Individuals can give copies to friends and relatives. (Some people use it as a Christmas card.) Ready for shipment December 4. Order *Evangel* number 2797. Prices: 1-9 copies, 10c each; 10-99 copies, 7c each; 100-499 copies, 6c each; 500 or more copies, 5½c each.

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INDIANA DISTRICT NOTES PROGRESS

GARY, IND.—Ministers, delegates, and visitors to the Indiana District Council at Faith Temple here where Lee Petrucci pastors were blessed by the ministry of the Word of God, Earl Goodman, superintendent of the Montana District, was the special speaker.

Johnny Garrison, pastor of the Assembly of God in Harrison, Ohio, was chosen to succeed Brenton Osgood as district Christ's Ambassadors president. Brother Osgood is now the national representative of Speed-the-Light.

Robert Bayless of Elkhart was elected to be district missionary secretary. New presbyters are Robert Rieben of Gary, and John Smith of West Terre Haute.

District officers reelected were Marshall Calloway, assistant superintendent; Leonard R. Nowell, treasurer; E. E. Marrone, Men's Fellowship director; and Gordon

Matheny, Sunday school director.

During the past year there was an increase in giving to home and foreign missions. Three new churches were opened in 1966. So far this year another three churches have been opened.

Fourteen ministers were ordained at the council.

—Wm. Van Winkle,
district superintendent

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ariton	Bethel	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Edwin G. Casey
	Ashford	First	Dec. 3-10	David L. Scruggs	J. W. Wooldridge
	Mobile	Crichton	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Musical Vanderploegs	Clarence Cope
Alaska	Ketchikan	First	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	G. W. Minton	Billie Alsop
Ariz.	Laveen	Indian	Nov. 20-Dec. 3	Charles O. Hudspeth	Harold D. Hanson
	Tucson	Grantway	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	John Stephens	Arnold C. Mack
Ark.	Biscoe	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 10	Loyd & Patsy Singley	David J. Ellis
	Horatio	First	Dec. 3-17	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	James L. Walker
	Little Rock	Evangel	Dec. 5-17	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	James A. Wischart
	Pocahontas	First	Dec. 4—	Tom F. Ogdon	Fagen L. Flowers
	Russellville	First	Dec. 6-17	Ed Eaton	Tommy Parker
Calif.	Mariposa	A/G	Dec. 3-8	Charles Senechal	Arnhold Litke
	Newark	A/G	Nov. 29-Dec. 3	George Holmes	A. R. Rahner
	Placerville	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	Charles Senechal	Curtis Myers
	Ridgecrest	Calvary	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Bob Bloom	Norman Erickson
	Shafter	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Fisher-Cheek Team	J. W. Dollins
Conn.	Manchester	Calvary	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Kenneth Gustafson
Fla.	Chipley	First	Dec. 3-10	Randall A. Walker	C. E. Hodges
	Okeechobee	Trinity	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Ray & Elaine Leonard	R. C. McNew
Ga.	Augusta	Lakeview	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Doug & Judy Maners	Milford Vaught
	Bainbridge	Calvary	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Nettie Parham	W. H. Judah
	Brunswick	First	Dec. 5-10	Doug & Judy Maners	H. P. Matlock
Ill.	Bloomington	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Carl E. & Mrs. Gammel	W. A. Akridge
	Clinton	A/G Tab.	Nov. 29-Dec. 10	The Singing Lunsfords	C. R. DePrenger
	Columbia	St. Stephens	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Marion & Sandra Beach	R. H. Davis
	East Moline	First	Dec. 4-10	Carl E. & Mrs. Gammel	Novin Buntentbach
Ind.	Anderson	First	Nov. 29—	"Little Joe" Peterson	Lloyd E. Wead
Kans.	Wichita	First	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Bob & Sharon Jones	Derald Musgrove
La.	Ferriday	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Robert Louis Stephens	James Garner
Md.	Havre de Grace	First	Dec. 5-17	R. L. Beavers	John Pittam
Mass.	Taunton	First Pentecostal	Nov. 22-27	Hal Davis	R. E. Piedmonte
Mich.	Jackson	First	Nov. 28—	Singing Stephenson	Roy Hilton
	Owosso	A/G	Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Andrew G. Basell	William Malone
	Quincy	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	J. E. Friend	Roger Kimerer
Minn.	Anoka	A/G	Dec. 5-10	William Caldwell	Wilbur Mandigo
	Willmar	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	David E. Dean	Richard Orchard
Mo.	Advance	A/G	Dec. 5-17	Dwaine & Nola Braddy	Frank Heitman
	Appleton City	Apostolic Faith	Dec. 3-17	Knott-Olson Team	Judith Creighton
	Centerville	A/G	Dec. 2-10	Glenna Byard	Edward Lackey
	Hillsboro	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	James Spinner
Mont.	Libby	A/G	Dec. 5-17	Roy & Arlene Brewer	H. C. Robinson
Nebr.	Beaver City	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	Larry Hessler
	Broken Bow	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	Lynn Nichols
	Omaha	Southside	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Milo Harmon	Wes Reynolds
N. J.	Butler	1st Baptist	Dec. 6-17	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Nelson Kenyon
N. Y.	Lyons	A/G	Dec. 5-10	John & Esther Hamercheck	Arden Morton
	Middletown	Trinity	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	John & Esther Hamercheck	Peter Pignalliso
	Newark Valley	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	James L. Snyder	Bessie M. Conklin
	Ossining	Gospel	Nov. 29-Dec. 10	Gene & Heather Burgess	William H. Douglas
N. C.	Mooreville	First	Dec. 3-17	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Fred C. Daugherty
Ohio	Findlay	First	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	James & Beulah Pepper	Howard Spriggs
	Massillon	First	Dec. 5-10	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Carl E. Ladd
	Salem	First	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	W. W. Martin	Paul Taylor
Okla.	Broken Bow	First	Dec. 3—	John & Freda Bryant	W. G. Baker
	Fletcher	A/G	Dec. 4-10	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Ernest L. Rolland
	Kingfisher	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Doyle H. Thompson	Elmo Meloy
	Stigler	First	Dec. 5-17	Larry & Helen Hatfield	Herley Wilson
	Tulsa	Mingo	Dec. 3-17	B. P. Carroll	Billy Rich
Pa.	Hamlin	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 10	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Ralph E. Midgett
Tex.	Arlington	Pantego	Dec. 6-17	James & Laverne Sartor	W. O. Jackson
	Bryan	College Heights	Nov. 29—	Glen Shinn	Donald R. Young
	Dallas	Memorial	Nov. 29-Dec. 10	Keetah Jones	J. Elwyn Wray
	Denison	First	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	E. A. Manley	H. E. Smithee
	Fort Worth	Richland Hills	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	J. G. Hall	James L. Barnes
	Plainview	Glad Tidings	Nov. 20—	John & Freda Bryant	J. J. Stone
	Splendora	A/G	Dec. 6—	Mike & Linda Murdock	H. C. Walker
Wash.	Seattle	Ch. by Side of Rd.	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Joe Johnson	Howard May
	Tacoma	University Place	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Franks Party	Frank Funderburk
Wis.	Boscobel	A/G Tab.	Nov. 28-Dec. 10	Matschulat Party	G. E. Christiansen
	S. Milwaukee	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Dan Johnson	W. L. Williams

¹ Children's Crusade

² Deeper Life Crusade

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

MCKINLEYVILLE, CALIF.—God blessed the Assembly of God here during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist John Stevens of Tulsa, Okla. Six were saved, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—George Alcorn, pastor

SHELBYVILLE, TENN.—First Assembly here has just concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist Elbert R. Smart of Liberty, Tex. The congregation is praying that the revival spirit will continue.

—R. L. Corvey, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

23RD ANNUAL MISSIONS CONVENTION—Nov. 22-26 at Gospel Tabernacle, Hartford, Conn. Speakers: Edgar Pettenger, Gustav Bergstrom, Verne Warner, and George DeTellis.—by Allen E. Mitchell, pastor.

Few Bonds Left at High Interest—Write for Prospectus

Bonds are still available to help liquidate the indebtedness on the new J. Roswell Flower Hall at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. Bonds maturing from April 1, 1978, through April 1, 1982, will sell at a discount to yield 6% to maturity. Bonds maturing from April 1, 1973, through April 1, 1977, will yield 5%. Send the coupon below for more information.

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I AM A TEAR-STAINED ALTAR. No, I haven't always been like this. At first I had such a high luster that you could almost see yourself in me as you knelt to pray. But it isn't like that now. Tears make a difference. . . .

I remember the first teardrops I felt. That Sunday morning the pastor had encouraged the people to trust the Lord to help them with their problems. When he gave the invitation, many came and knelt by me. This had happened before, but suddenly something warm and wet touched me. This was new. Then I felt it in another place. Then in many places.

Tears! And such praying! I had not experienced anything like this in the entire month I had been in this new church. When the service was over, the people who had wept now had such joy upon their faces that I didn't care if my finish was marred. Not when it did so much good for this congregation.

The spots over there bring back warm memories. I must admit I was not expecting tears when that teenager knelt in front of me. She was a haughty one, that pretty blond. From what I heard, she must have come to pray only because her boyfriend had asked her.

For so long she would only kneel, with no praying, no crying, no sign of feeling at all. But then she looked

right down at me and must have seen her sad, sad face looking back up at her, because she began to weep bitter tears. A little puddle began to form. It got bigger and bigger, but I didn't mind. These were tears of heartfelt contrition. Then this lovely girl raised her hands and praised the Lord, and my heart sang with her. Her haughtiness was replaced with humility.

Then there are other stained places I shall never forget. Over here are many left by a dedicated Sunday school teacher. Some of the teen-agers she teaches are still unsaved. I am sure if they could hear her pray for them as I do, they would run to be saved. Every time she comes, she prays for them one by one, with tears accompanying each name.

Some of these stains are not of sadness and pleading, but of joy. You see, some have given their hearts to Christ; and when they do, this teacher weeps for joy. It may take many more months to win all her class, but I am sure she will not give up.

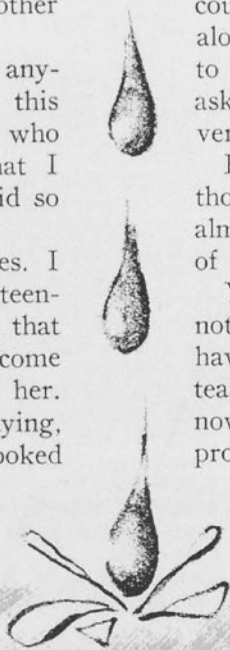
Down here are masculine tears! Some stains are quite new, such as those from that father whose boy is in Vietnam. He prays for his son faithfully just as he has ever since the child was brought to the church to be dedicated. I recall the time he knelt with the boy for salvation, and later for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I remember too when the boy no longer knelt at the altar. How that father prayed, weeping unashamedly. Months later the grief turned to joy as the young man knelt once more and rededicated his life to the Lord. I heard the father praying just last Sunday night, "Lord, if you take my boy, at least I know he is ready to go." Tears that bring this kind of assurance to a father's heart are worth more than a gleaming, barren altar.

I could point out more places where my shining finish has been dulled by tears, but I guess the one that sums it up best is right here in front of the pulpit. This is the pastor's favorite place to pray. I wish his congregation could hear how he agonizes for them when he prays alone. If they are sick or in trouble, he calls upon God to help them. If they are bereaved or discouraged, he asks for strength for them. If one has just been converted, he prays for spiritual guidance.

But the real intercession comes when he cries out for those being overcome with indifference. His heart seems almost to break when he sees some falling away instead of growing in grace. . . .

Yes, I am a tear-stained altar, and I am glad! I cannot boast of fancy carvings or plush cushioning, but I have something far more precious in God's sight—the tears of His saints. And I know that those who weep now will one day rejoice at their Master's feet, for He promises, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

—Contributed by LAURA F. DENHAM



AN ALTAR SPEAKS