

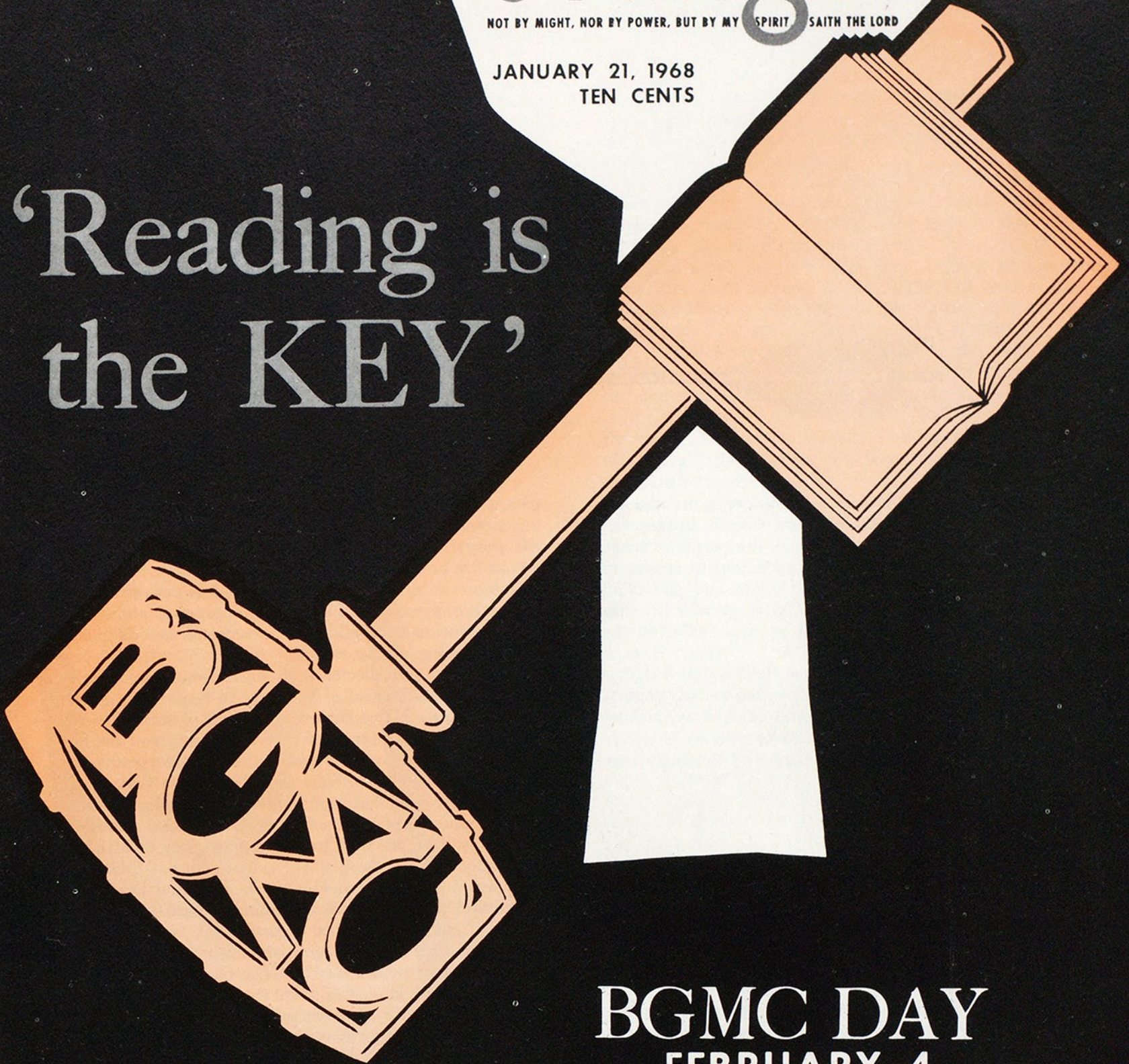
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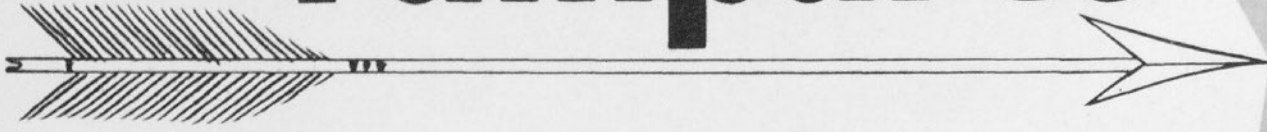
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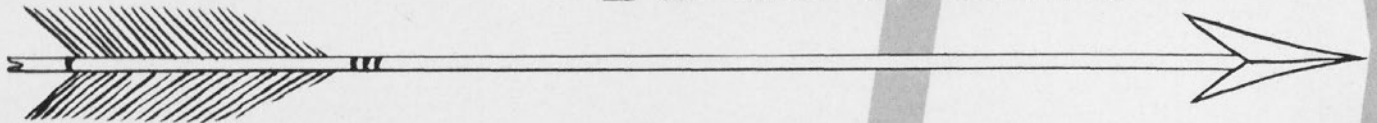
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**T**HE 48TH PSALM is one of thanksgiving for the deliverance of Jerusalem from hostile armies. In verses 12 and 13 the Psalmist invites the people to make a tour of the city to behold its strength and to rejoice in such great security: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

Although surrounded by enemies the Church, too, has great bulwarks; and as long as these are intact, there is no reason to fear. Many things could be cited as spiritual bulwarks that hold off the foe's attacks; but when everything has been said, they can be narrowed to simply two. One is:

#### **THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE CHURCH'S LORD**

This rampart will never fall, regardless of the fury of the onslaughts against it. God's children could be spared a great deal of anxiety if they would rely more on God's own faithfulness and less on what they can do themselves. God's character, His Word, His promises, His plan—all of these shall remain unshaken no matter how long the fight lasts.

If we need an example of God's dependability, the manner in which Israel was sustained by manna during the years of desert wandering is one of the most outstanding.

Like so many of God's blessings, the manna came noiselessly in the night. It was not announced by angel trum-

pets. No human ears heard it descend; no eyes saw its beneficent arrival. But when the people awoke and felt the pangs of hunger and went outside their tents, they quickly saw that *God had been there!*

We are so prone to think that God is not working if He is not producing thunder and lightning and earthquakes. But much of His work is accomplished as quietly as the coming of the manna.

We have often reflected sadly on Moses' lapse when he smote the rock instead of speaking to it after the people had so bitterly raised their voices about their thirst. But never forget that in spite of this murmuring and the failure of God's servant, the water still came forth to slake the multitude's thirst. How wonderful that God is not stymied by man's failures, but works in spite of them. Neither the people's murmuring nor Moses' rebellious action could hinder God from bringing glory to His own name.

It was a blow to Samuel when Israel's first king failed so miserably. Even while separating himself from Saul's company, the old prophet mourned for him. But God would not have this. He soon admonished Samuel, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul? I have provided me a king. . . ." And Samuel was sent to Jesse's house to anoint another leader for the nation.

God is going to move on whether we move with Him or not. If Saul fails, God will find a David. The fiasco of Saul's reign did not stop the onward march of God.

We must not spend our time lamenting men and institu-

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By **KENNETH D. BARNEY**

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tions and nations that have failed; we must keep in step with our Leader.

If any man ever had a mountainous task, it was the priest Ezra, who helped rebuild Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. The secret of his victory undoubtedly lies in an expression that recurs throughout the book which bears his name: "The hand of the Lord." Ezra spoke constantly of that hand being *upon* him and the people. An example is Ezra 7:28: "And I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me."

The gesture of placing one's hand upon another is familiar even today and it conveys various messages. Sometimes, when words seem inadequate, the hand on the shoulder is the only way to convey encouragement and comfort. It may also signify approval for a job well done. We often put our hand on someone's arm before he embarks on a serious undertaking, as our way of saying, "I'm with you all the way." The gesture also implies love or affection.

Ezra was keenly conscious that God was continually sending all of these messages to him in his hour of need. And the hand of the Lord is placed just as definitely on His people today—even to the end of the age.

Thus the church finds itself hidden behind the mighty bulwark of God's own faithfulness. This stronghold is far-reaching enough to be *almost* the only one we need—but not quite!

There is still a gap that must be filled by a second bulwark. This first bulwark will never fail; the second

sometimes does. And when it does, it lets the enemy in, just as a small opening in Jerusalem's fortifications would have allowed the besieging armies to gain access to the city.

This second rampart is:

## THE DEVOTION AND LOYALTY OF THE CHURCH'S MEMBERS

One of the sweetest psalms David ever wrote was the 42nd, probably penned when he was forced to flee from Absalom and thus was cut off from the services of the temple. Hear his cry: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

The difference between David and so many indifferent Christians today is glaringly evident. While he cried out that his longing for the house of God was like that of a thirsty deer, famishing for water and longing with sheer agony for the nearest spring, so many professed Christians today can cheerfully miss service after service without a twinge of conscience.

We have all heard of the hardships of the early days of our wonderful Pentecostal movement, when money was scarce and preachers with oft-patched suits lived on meager diets. This time has passed, but so has much of the loyalty of God's people to His work. I think we pastors would not mind missing a few meals and wearing our suits and shoes a few years longer if we could see the faithfulness that was exhibited among Christians of that day. I believe every true minister feels the *indifference* and *unconcern* of this hour as deeply as the pioneers felt the material deprivations of bygone days.

In Colossians 4:5 Paul admonished believers to "redeem the time." This means literally "buying up the opportunity." The picture is that of a businessman constantly on the alert for a profitable deal. When he discovers one, he seizes on it quickly, knowing that the chance may not come again. In like manner, the apostle said, Christians should pounce on every opportunity for service to Christ, knowing that it may never come again.

In the business world these are days of fierce competition. Many products are made by various companies, and these firms vie with unflagging zeal for the attention of the consumer.

Spiritually, there is greater competition for the affections and energies of the Christian than ever. A multitude of "things" clamor for our attention, with the frequent result that no time, strength, or money is left for God and His work. This trend God's people must resist with all their might. Matthew 6:33 must be followed zealously; even fiercely. We must simply make up our minds that we are going to put first things first. And the *first* thing is God's kingdom.

It was not necessary for the forces who marched on ancient Jerusalem to destroy all of the towers and bulwarks. If they could make a hole in just one part of the wall, they could pour through and conquer. So it is with the Church. Despite the great bulwark of God's faithfulness, if the loyalty and devotion of individual Christians crumble, the enemy floods in.

God's faithfulness is not going to fail—ever. But we have *our* end of the fight to maintain; and when the morning of the Lord's glorious advent breaks upon us, may we be found manning our battle stations with unwearied zeal!

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—WARREN F. MCPHERSON  
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## THE LORD NEEDS YOU

NO DOUBT YOU ARE keenly conscious of the fact that you need the Lord—we all need Him every hour, in every circumstance—but have you ever realized that the Lord needs you?

You are unique. In all the world there is no other person just like you. The God of infinite variety makes each human being, each star, each snowflake, each leaf different. As James H. McConkey put it, "Every life is a fresh thought from God to the world."

That is why God needs you. You have a specific part to play in God's great plan. He is depending on you to develop His program—that His kingdom may come and His will be done on earth.

"There is no man in all the world who can do your work as well as you," McConkey said. "If you do not find and enter into God's purpose for your life, there will be something missing from the glory that otherwise would have been there.

"Every jewel gleams with its own radiance. Every flower distills its own fragrance. Every Christian has his own particular bit of Christ's radiance and Christ's fragrance which God would pass through him to others.

"Just a hair's breadth of shift in the focus of the telescope, and some man sees a vision of beauty which before had been all confused and blurred. So, too, just that grain of individual and personal variation in your life from every other man's, and someone sees Jesus Christ with a clearness and beauty he would discern nowhere else.

"In you there is just a bit of change in the angle of the jewel—and lo, some man sees the light! In you there is just a trifle of variation in the mingling of the spices—and, behold, someone becomes conscious of the fragrance of Christ."

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**T**HE BOOK OF HEBREWS contains some of the Bible's richest exhortations, based on faith in Jesus our Saviour and Lord. It was written to Jewish believers who had embraced the promises of God and taken the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. It explains the typical ceremonial law, with its material sacrifices and priestly service, as fulfilled in the sacrifice of Christ who died that we might be saved.

#### ADDRESSED TO SUFFERING BELIEVERS

Those to whom the epistle was written were suffering greatly for their faith. They are reminded of "former days, in which, having been illuminated," given light on the gospel, they had endured "a great fight of afflictions." This had included "being made a gazing stock" and of "being companions of those that were so used." As part of their affliction their property had been confiscated or destroyed, but with it all their commendation reads, "Ye took joyfully the spoiling of your goods."

Is it not possible that with too many of us our Christian faith is too weak? We want Christ but we also want everything else. We want divine favor but we want to conform to the spirit of the world.

#### TEMPTED TO LEAVE THE FAITH

Under the Jewish ceremonial law, worship appealed to the senses. Nature could be satisfied as they saw the sacrificial offerings, smelled the odor of incense, and saw the officiating priests in their gorgeous robes. They had now turned from these visible means of worship to accepting the invisible. It is true that Christ had lived on the earth, had wrought miracles, then died a sacrifice for sin; but He was now invisible. The Holy Spirit had come but He was invisible. Should they return to that they could touch and see, or would they continue faithful "as seeing him that is invisible" through the avenue of faith? The testings of faith were severe.

#### WARNINGS IF FAITH SHOULD FAIL

Of all the warnings of Scripture, those most severe are found in the Book of Hebrews. "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." To return to Jewish worship was to return to empty form. Only Christ could save. All the future could hold for those who turned from Christ, denying Him as Saviour and Lord, was "a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." (See Hebrews 10:26-29.)

#### VICTORY DEPENDENT ON FAITH

Nature loves that which can be physically seen or felt. But in redemption faith must be uppermost. "The just shall live by faith." We live in evil days when unbelief stalks the land. May our youth who believe in Christ "hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Christ, who "ever liveth to make intercession for us,"

knows our needs and the temptations of our hearts. He knows them better than we know them ourselves and He understands. So "let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." Let us confess our faith in the redeeming grace of Christ as we put our trust in Him (Hebrews 10:23).

#### PRACTICAL EXHORTATIONS

Here are some practical exhortations. "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24). We can discourage or we can encourage. This is no time for strife or schism among the people of God. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." What a pity when those who profess the name of Christ provoke to disharmony rather than to harmony.

And "let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." We need the ministry of sermon and song; we need the fellowship of saints.

#### FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

Our spiritual battles are not yet over. We still live in the enemy's land. Foes are on every side. We resist temptation to doubt; we watch and pray and wait in hope knowing that "yet a little while and he that shall come will come." Let us remember, "The just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them that draw back unto perdition, but to them that believe unto the saving of the soul."

#### MAINTAIN YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Although warning came against apostasy, the epistle was written not to inject a spirit of fear, but to encourage confidence. Three times there is special exhortation to confidence. They were children of God although tried and persecuted. Let them believe this. They were of the household of faith.

"But Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Hebrews 3:6).

"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14).

"Then comes the comforting exhortation: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward" (Hebrews 10:35).

**MAINTAINING  
CHRISTIAN  
CONFIDENCE**



# HAVE FAITH

BY MAXINE WILLIAMS

**H**AVE FAITH!" we are urged. "Without faith it is impossible to please him [God]," we read in Hebrews.

So we pray, "O God, give me faith." We need faith to receive answers to our prayers. Through faith we are saved. By faith we are healed.

But what is faith? On what do we base it? How does it come?

The most familiar definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the *substance* of things *hoped* for, the *evidence* of things not seen." *Hope* in the Bible denotes anticipation of what is certain to come because God has promised it. An example is the Blessed Hope of Christ's return. This is more than a wish; it will most certainly come to pass because He promised it. The understanding of hope is vital to the understanding of faith.

The word *substance* in this passage is equivalent to *title-deed*. "Faith is the title-deed to those things anticipated with certainty."

## EXAMPLES OF FAITH

Hebrews 11 is filled with illustrations of the operation

of faith in the lives of God's people. The relationship between faith in God's Word and actions is clear in every case. The act of faith always started with a word from God, and the person with faith proceeded on the basis of the integrity of God in regard to His Word. Let us look at three examples.

1. "By faith Noah, being warned of God . . . prepared an ark" (v. 7). He had nothing to go on but the word God had spoken. There had been no rain; it seemed incredible that everything would be destroyed. He was the only one in the world who had been told what God was going to do. But he acted upon that word. Faith does not depend upon reason or numbers. When God speaks, it comes to pass.

2. "By faith Abraham . . . offered up Isaac" (v. 17). Four times in this chapter Abraham's acts of faith are mentioned, but the most staggering expression was in connection with the offering of Isaac. How far does one go in trusting God's integrity? Death is so permanent. Yet Abraham knew that somehow Isaac would be restored, for God had said, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called."

God had said that when Isaac was three years old, and we have no record that He kept repeating it. The fulfillment of God's Word does not depend on immediacy. He had said it once, and Abraham believed it.

3. "By faith Joseph . . . gave commandment concerning his bones" (v. 22). God had revealed to Abraham that his descendants would serve God in Egypt and that after 400 years they would be a nation and He would bring them out. Those 400 years had just begun, but Joseph was so certain God would keep His Word that he said, "When you go, take my bones." Time is no obstacle to faith.

The list of victories through faith is long, but then we read, "And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance. . . ."

The godly line, from Seth onward, lived in anticipation of the Messiah. He would come! He would undo the curse of sin. He would restore fellowship with God. God had promised it. But how they suffered at times for this faith. They were beaten and sawn asunder. They were thrown to lions and imprisoned and made destitute. They could have been released at any time, had they been willing to sever their identification with the coming Messiah. But they would not. By their tenacious adherence to God's Word in the face of severest persecution they were saying, "God is to be believed."

## DO WE HAVE FAITH

"Without faith it is impossible to please God," and, "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar." If we are afraid to act according to God's Word, then we are questioning His integrity or His ability to fulfill His Word.

Faith says that God's integrity is so complete that we can trust our whole lives to it whether we understand all His ways or not.

One of the most crucial areas of trust is in connection with salvation and life after death. We who have trusted Christ as Saviour believe without fear that the blood of Christ is our atonement and will plead for us in the day of judgment.

The unbeliever contradicts God's Word by refusing to

believe in everlasting punishment, by trusting his own merits, or by rationalizing in some other way.

In addition to atonement for sin, God's Word calls for faith in other areas as well. "The just shall live by faith." In every choice that confronts us in daily living, we have an opportunity to reflect our faith. When our choices are made in accordance with God's Word, then we are living lives of faith indeed.

#### HOW FAITH COMES

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). It is God's Word that makes us aware of His integrity, His majesty, His power, and His holiness. The more we know Him, the more sure we are that He will keep His Word. While we cannot equate faith with deliverance, there is an equation: To know God well is to have great faith.

The written Word reveals God's will and His promises. The true believer dares to act upon the Word because he knows that to doubt is to question God's integrity. No wonder that without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Faith sometimes comes as a gift. A strong certainty that God will perform a certain thing is given, and doubt and fear are dispelled. But there is no place for our deciding independently of God's Word and leading what we want Him to do. God works according to His Word, not on the whims of His creatures.

The very reason real faith is so powerful is that it is based on something God has already said He would do. God has forever bound Himself to His Word, but not to ours.

Faith does not come merely because we decide that we are going to have it. This puts the emphasis on us, while true faith centers in God. Faith does not cajole God into acting. It gives us the courage to act according to His will. He has promised; He will certainly keep His Word; it is up to us to trust Him to do it and to act accordingly.

## TAKING A FANTASTIC RISK

SOMEWHERE IN THESE United States is a man who remembers with a sense of frustration the day he tried to warn a headstrong young man of the danger of swimming in some treacherous waters.

Somewhere in eternity that young man lives on, his life on earth cut needlessly short by his refusal to heed the warning.

The older man was fishing in a boat at the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers some months ago when he saw the boy swimming in the swirling currents. He shouted a warning, but the lad swore at him and told him to mind his own business.

It was only a matter of moments before arrogance gave way to desperation, and the fisherman heard anguished cries for help. He steered his boat toward the boy, but the treacherous waters dragged the victim down before he could reach him.

Perhaps the young dare more in the physical realm; but when the danger is spiritual, people of all ages take fantastic risks. If you are among those who pit their puny spirits against God's Holy Spirit, resisting His love, His pleading, His warning, His striving, don't keep it up too long. Time is running out.

—RUBEN A. WILSON JR.

# YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*Does Romans 14:4 ("Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind") mean every man should be free to choose his own religion?*

The context shows that Paul was speaking about eating different foods (vv. 1-4). According to Leviticus 11, Jews were restricted as to what they might eat. The New Testament provides liberty to eat foods as dictated by individual conscience. One feels free to eat all kinds of foods; another rigidly denies himself. Let us not judge another's eating (1 Timothy 4:3,4).

*Please explain, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13). Do crosses which adorn churches stand for blessing or cursing?*

Galatians 3:13 is a quotation from Deuteronomy 21:22, 23. No death could be more humiliating in Israel than hanging. Jesus suffered death on the tree that He might bear our sin and our shame. By means of His death He bore the curse and punishment that we might enjoy His resurrection life. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." Crosses on churches identify them with Christ "who loved us and gave himself for us."

*Will the Gentile dispensation come to its close when Jesus comes for the Church?*

The Bible indicates that "the times of the Gentiles" began with the captivity of Israel, when the Jews were taken into Babylon. The period will end when Jesus comes in the Revelation as the smiting Stone (Daniel 2). At that time Christ will come to the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4), Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1-3), and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15). God will then have washed away the filth of the daughter of Zion and will have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof (Isaiah 4:4), and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the sea. Jerusalem shall then become the capital of the world (Isaiah 2:2-4).

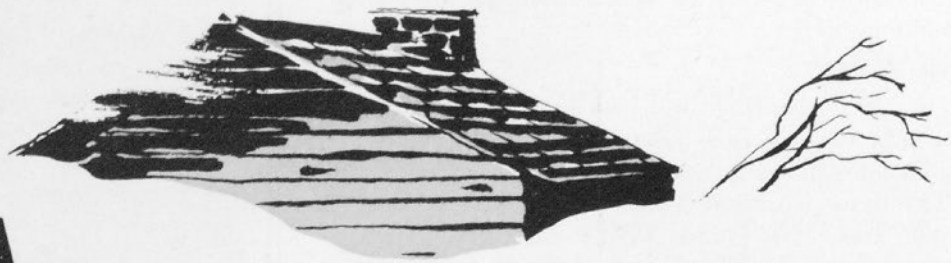
*Do you believe a Christian who falls into sin can ever regain his former place in Christ?*

It is not for me to say what God can do for a person. Jeremiah was sent to the potter's house to watch him at work on a vessel. The vessel was marred, so the potter "made it again another vessel" (Jeremiah 18:4). This was given to Jeremiah as an illustration.

I remember a godly minister in the days of my youth who, in an instant of temptation, had yielded to sin, bringing reproach not only upon himself but upon the church. Years later people were still telling of his fall, never allowing the memory of what he had done to die. It is better not to fall, but to look to Him who is "able to keep you from falling" (Jude 24). "Sin is a reproach to any people."

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# PRAYER IN A SNOWSTORM



By **BLANCHE THOMPSON RICHARDSON**

**N**EARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO Christian Zirchel lived to the northeast of Frederick, Maryland. Christian was a farmer. He worked hard clearing and then planting his small patch of land. A month after he bought the land, he built a plain, rough cabin and added only an additional bedroom when he married. However, to his wife and children it was a warm house, always lighted with love.

In the spring of 1874 Christian became ill and died, leaving his wife with four children—the oldest boy only 12 years old. The crop had been planted. As spring turned into summer, the widow and children were able to harvest most of it. The boys were old enough to cut timber from the nearby forest and split logs for the fireplace.

The mother worked hard to preserve and put away enough food for the winter. Finally the cabin shelves fairly bulged.

By March, however, their food was about gone. Then one morning the family awoke to find a blizzard raging. Snow had already covered and wiped out the few roads in the neighborhood, and had drifted heavily against the cabin and its only door. When the snow finally ended the next morning, the drifts were as high as five feet and the door was stuck fast. The little family were prisoners in their cabin.

The mother quickly realized the grimness of the situation. They had no one to help them, and food for only one more day. What would become of them?

There was no earthly reason to suppose that any of the neighbors—who lived at least a mile away—would come out in such weather, if they could get out. And certainly no traveler would find her cabin in such an out-of-the-way place—far off the main road. She knew it could be several weeks before the snow would melt, and long

before that they would either starve or freeze to death.

However, the mother called the children together for morning worship as usual. She asked her eldest child to read aloud the explanation of the first article of the creed in Luther's Catechism: "I believe that God hath created me and still preserves to me my body and soul; that He daily provides me with all the necessities of life, and guards me from evil."

The mother then opened her worn Bible and read from the 37th Psalm: "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

After the Bible reading she offered a fervent prayer that the Heavenly Father would, according to His promise, protect and feed her helpless household.

The day passed, but there was no sign of help. Although the mother tried to hide her fears, the children could feel her anxiety and see the bare shelves.

The second day came and the prayers of the good woman were more and more fervent. As she busied herself about the cabin, she tried to sing. She stopped now and then to read to the children, but she knew before long they would be crying for their dinner. Late in the afternoon, feeling weak and dizzy, she went to her room, got down on her knees, and began to pray loud and earnestly that the Heavenly Father would send some messenger with enough food at least for the children.

Her heart was beating so loudly that at first she didn't hear the pounding on the door. Finally a voice called: "Push on the door. I will clear away the snow as much as I can." The mother, together with the children, pushed with all her strength. At last the door was partially opened.

When they could peek out, they saw a man standing on a snowdrift, holding in his hand the bridle rein of his horse.

The mother began to cry. "You are a stranger, but I believe God directed your steps and that you are His messenger sent to preserve these children from starvation."

The man said, "I paused for some time before knocking on your door, for I am in a hurry to get home to my family. Then I overheard parts of your prayer and realized you were in difficulty. I am a drover from Washington County. I sold a herd of cattle in Baltimore. Although I usually take another road home, I lost my way in the storm. I saw the smoke from your chimney and decided to stop. What can I do for you?"

The mother quickly told him that for several days they

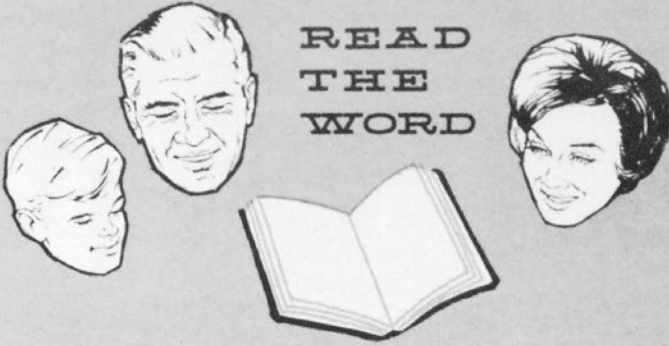
had used food sparingly but tonight the last morsel would be gone.

The stranger said he had passed a mill, probably a mile or two back. By following the track his horse had made he was sure he could reach it. He would go and bring her some flour.

When the man returned, he finally managed to open the door. As the horse treaded down the snow, they made a path to the forest. After that the man helped the boys cut some more wood for the fire. Then he gave the mother some coins and said: "Now I must get back to my own family. With your meal you can make bread; and when the roads are good again, you can buy other provisions with this money." The children shook the stranger's hand, and the mother thanked him most sincerely as he said farewell.

A week later the weather warmed up and the snow melted rapidly. The widow Zirchel lived on in the cabin for many more years; and although she never again knew famine and want, she never forgot the winter of 1875. No one could ever make her doubt that the hand of the Almighty had intervened in her behalf and saved her and her children from starvation.

The children never forgot either. They were firm be-




**READ  
THE  
WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-28**

Sunday .....	Psalms 71, 72	Thursday .....	Psalms 79, 80
Monday .....	Psalms 73, 74	Friday .....	Psalms 81, 82
Tuesday .....	Psalms 75, 76	Saturday .....	Psalms 83, 84
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**"But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works" (Psalm 73:28).**

lievers in the effectiveness of prayer and worked hard and faithfully to express their thanks to a great and kind God. 

## THOSE WHO CANNOT LAUGH

By HARRIET SCHOONMAKER

NOT LONG AGO I attended an entertainment put on by a high school group. The juniors were bidding farewell to the seniors by dramatizing in more-than-sarcastic terms what they thought of their superior intelligence. Each junior gave a vivid portrayal of the actions and speech of some senior.

One scene showed a spastic, making ludicrous attempts to be understood, being carefully laid out on a sofa to calm him. The crowd was roaring with laughter.

I was suddenly brought up short. Just in front of me sat a woman I knew—a mother who had a handicapped son. I knew with sudden, piercing certainty that she was not laughing. Hers was a wound so deep, so long-lived-with, so inescapable, that she could never smile over the imitation of one who was handicapped.

Have you ever heard a group of people discussing the antics and aberrations of a drunkard? Perhaps there was laughter of a cruelly thoughtless kind. Perhaps someone verbally relegated all such to some limbo where they would never again bother the public.

Who in such a group never laughs? Who flinches inwardly at the description of the proper end of such a character? It is the mother whose son, perhaps unknown to the others, is a drunkard.

No one knows better than that mother the ludicrousness of a grown man physically unable to control his actions, babbling maudlin foolishness; or worse, committing


crimes he would not have dreamed of in his right senses. Haven't these very things laid open her own heart with a knife? Hasn't she writhed in hours of sleepless agony wondering where and what is happening tonight? Not only is laughter unthinkable, but even the open and careless description of the degradation which has become her own.

Hell and sin are very real to Jesus Christ. He knows that *place* and He has drunk the poison and disgust and loathing of that *thing*. He can never be amused over sin's coarse aspects or lightly pass over its more subtle indications. He cannot speak of either sin or hell without flinching inwardly because He has once been overwhelmed by their terror.

If you can speak of sin lightly, or use hell as a byword, or even preach about hell with anger and condemnation in your voice, it is because you know nothing of its pangs. The Cross pictures for us in one static moment the eternal loathing, the unspeakable sorrow, the groveling despair, and the inescapable separation from all that is good—the end result of sin.

A minister, called to pray for a sick woman, wrote: "I have just returned from the attic room of a woman so sunk in vice and degradation that I came away with my spirit seared and my soul sickened. After visiting that place I felt that I must wash, I must rest, I must free my mind from the overpowering depression of that contact.

"I came away. *But Jesus Christ did not.* With His greater sensitivity of spirit, with His deeper loathing of evil, with His personal agony of a love for the person involved which I did not possess, *He stayed on.* He is committed not to leave her but to strive with her, to call her to something higher. As long as she is in that condition, He can never escape the strain of beholding the sunken condition of the one He loves."

Yes, hell and sin are real. But when you speak of them—weep! 

THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR with thy goodness . . ." (Psalm 65: 11). At the beginning of a new year it is time to take stock, to total the assets and liabilities, and to see what is the balance on hand. Is there a profit or a loss?

Facing a new year on the mission field gives reason to count the cost. Like the king the Lord mentioned in Luke 14:31, we indeed make war against "another king" and must consult whether we are able with ten thousand to meet him that comes against us with twenty thousand.

When one looks at that "twenty thousand," he becomes overwhelmed with the magnitude of the challenge. Population explosion, nationalism, the spread of false religions, lethargy in the church, racial strife, degeneracy all over the world, failures, and unsolved problems all seem a gigantic task.

We missionaries are utterly helpless to perform anything of value without the wholehearted backing of the many missions-minded people at home.

It reminds me of a day when we were pastoring a church high in the mountains of Arizona. Winter transportation was difficult for many of the members, so that morning I was out collecting some of the ladies for prayer meeting. I stopped the car at the home of an elderly widow. She made her way down the icy path, stamped the snow off her feet, and said with a sigh of gratitude, "My,

# You People and the LORD

By Mrs. WHEELER ANDERSON

Missionary to Liberia  
(Formerly to Malawi)

you people and the Lord are so good to me!"

Yes, and you people and the Lord are so good to us missionaries.

You *Speed-the-Light* people! You provide vehicles, printing presses, and radio equipment. Let's see; what has our *Speed-the-Light* car done today? It went to the newspaper office to submit an article about the conference next month, then to the Immigration Office for visas for Gideon Bomba to attend an international meeting, to the bookstore for Loyalty Campaign

supplies, to the hospital to distribute literature, to the press, to town for provisions and mail, to pick up our son Kimball from school, to the church for service. How could we manage without that *Speed-the-Light* car?

The *Women's Missionary Council!* When we are recounting in heaven the experiences of this life, I am sure we shall say, "What on *earth* would we have done without the WMC?" Linens . . . prayer . . . Christmas boxes . . . refrigerators . . . prayer . . . clothing . . . prayer . . . used literature . . . and much more.

I shall not soon forget how Goldie Anderson, our Northern California-Nevada District WMC president, responded to my desperate request for prayer. My need for surgery was urgent, but the doctors insisted that I was a poor surgical risk and they refused to operate. Then the WMC ladies prayed, and the next tests showed an entirely different picture. My recovery was rapid, and my health has been better ever since.

*Men's Fellowship* with your *Light-for-the-Lost* program! Groups in Texas raised \$500 for literature to be used in an evangelistic thrust in the Blantyre-Limbe area.

The *Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade!* How could we print those millions of tracts, quarterlies, and song-books without paper and translators? After every Sunday morning service in the Women's Training College, we gave each student a copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel* or a Sunday school

A Malawi bush church and its congregation.



paper from the BGMC drums of back-dated literature.

*Missionettes!* Opportunities open to us as we distribute the hospital booklets you prepare and as we use the many awards you make.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES, the wonderfully flexible program for evangelism! Thirteen were saved in one village crusade in Malawi. Hundreds were saved and many filled with the Holy Spirit during the Northern Malawi effort.

You *pastors* actually head the list, leading your assemblies in giving that ever-vital monthly support for 884 missionaries. A letter from the Foreign Missions Department to Pastor Russell Griffin, our home pastor at El Sobrante, California, stated the need for several hundred dollars extra to enable us to transfer temporarily to fill a special need on another field. Could Central Assembly help?

Pastor Griffin told me later, "It just happened we had that amount on hand, so we said, 'Yes.'"

And those in *administrative* offices! How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to work together in unity!

Yes, you people and the Lord are so good to us. When I remember the success of the revival services in Limbe; when I recall that people have repented every time we have held a village service; when I think of the Sunday school increase in area churches; when I recall the eagerness with which people receive the printed page; when I realize the spiritual



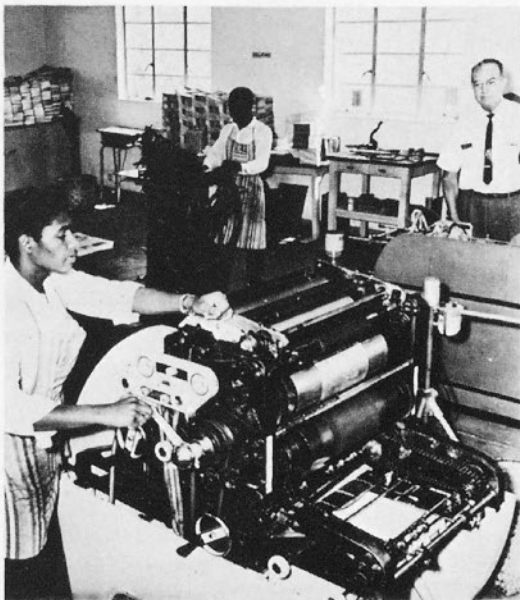
Missionary Eileen Anderson distributes booklets prepared by Missionettes in the States.

growth that our national pastors have made; when I remember the testimonies of the candidates for water baptism; when I think of Nindoobila's suffering such persecution for the sake of the Lord Jesus; when I remember these things and many more, I am convinced that only the Spirit of the Lord could have wrought such miracles.

Prospects for the year ahead are indeed bright. The most radiant of all is the prospect of Jesus' coming. Then we shall have sowed the last handful of seed and reaped the last harvest.

Until then, as we labor on, surrounded by God's faithfulness, your goodness, and your prayers, we take new courage and work with renewed vigor and triumphant faith. ✎

**Speed-the-Light equipment has meant much to our Assemblies of God missionaries. BELOW: Wheeler Anderson watches a national print literature on an STL press. RIGHT: Brother Anderson stands beside an STL station wagon.**



# Administering Foreign Missions



**Your Foreign Missions Dollar**

By **ROBERT T. McGLASSON** / *Foreign Missions Secretary*

**T**HE FOREIGN MISSIONS Department is appealing to our Fellowship for added assistance in meeting the administrative costs of the growing overseas program.

Our administrative costs are still the lowest of any missionary program operating from North America, as far as we know. We have made careful studies of this.

Currently six percent of the total foreign missions budget is spent for administration. This means that of all funds handled by the Foreign Missions Department 94 cents of each dollar actually go to the overseas program. Only six cents from each dollar are needed to operate the administrative work in the United States. This

has grown from about four percent in 1960. The increase has largely been due to the need for more detailed accounting procedures and to the demands of inflation.

The Foreign Missions Department has always been operated on the basis that every dollar designated for any work or purpose goes entirely as designated without any withholding for operational costs. A little over four years ago the General Council in session modified this policy to the extent that two percent of all money reaching us be set aside in an Emergency Fund.

This has not changed the general pattern of honoring designations as given. The Emergency Fund has met

with widespread approval both by our missionaries and by the Assemblies of God constituency.

The Foreign Missions Department is currently faced with a financial crisis. While administrative costs have risen, funds available for administrative costs have actually declined.

There are three main sources for administrative income. Two of these have remained fairly constant in recent years, but the third has become greatly reduced.

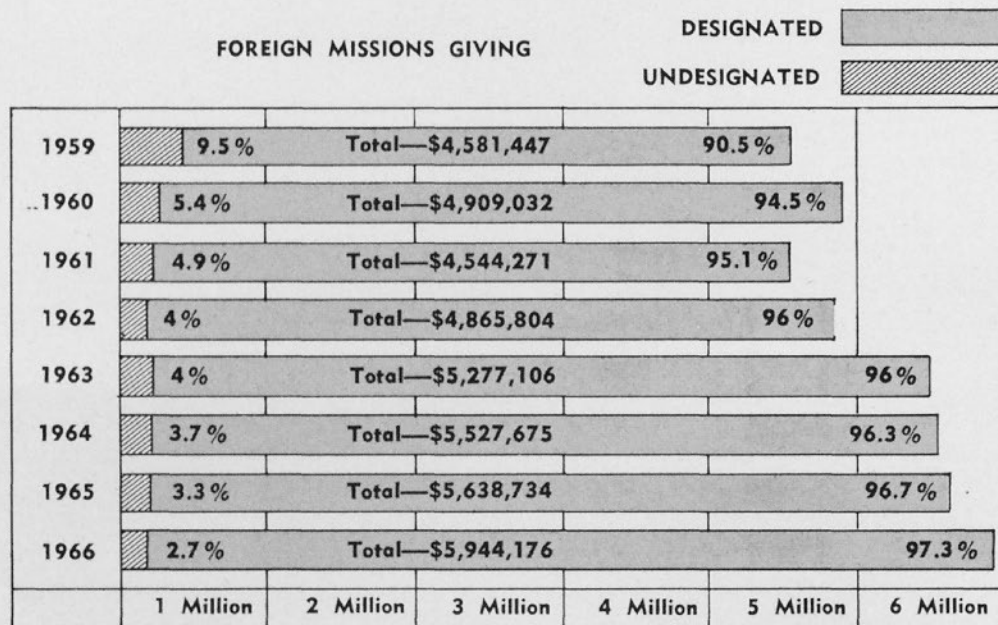
The first source is one-half of the personal tithes of the missionaries. This amount has remained fairly constant. The second is offerings which churches and individuals specially designate for the administrative costs of the Foreign Missions office. These offerings also have remained constant.

The reducing figure is the 10 percent of undesignated offerings which is set aside for administrative purposes by the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council.

In 1959, with a little over \$4½ million in total foreign missions giving, 9.5 percent of all money was undesignated. By 1962 this had reduced steadily until with just under \$5 million total income, only four percent came undesignated. In 1966, with \$6 million in foreign missions giving, only 2.7 percent came undesignated.

While figures for 1967 are not yet complete, it is known that the undesignated percentage will drop further. Some way must be found to make up for this declining income.

The basic reason why undesignated



**THE PERCENTAGE OF UNDESIGNATED FUNDS IS DECLINING**

funds shrink while total missionary giving steadily climbs is the fact that each missionary is required to raise his budget in pledged funds before he can leave for the field. Our missionary family grows, and the budget for each family also grows. It may surprise you to know that in almost every one of our 75 mission fields the spiral of inflation causes the cost of living to exceed that in the United States by as much as 50 percent.

It may be necessary eventually to request each missionary on furlough to raise some additional support designated for office administration. We have hesitated to put this burden on our missionaries when they are already so overloaded with responsibilities during their furloughs. The answer, at least for the near future, would be for each church or individual donor to designate a small part of each offering for administrative expense. Space is provided for this on the regular remittance forms.

The greatest single increase in costs has been that which our office is being assessed for data processing. Greater efficiency in all phases of foreign missions handling of funds and reports has been achieved. We are able

to serve our missionaries and our fellowship better, but the cost is greater. The Foreign Missions Department receives no outside subsidy from any source and pays its own way for all services rendered by it or to it. This includes the space charges for office use in the Assemblies of God headquarters building.

Those of us who have the privilege of serving on the Foreign Missions Department staff have always felt we are missionaries to the missionaries. It is a ministry to which we have been called of God. This spirit prevails throughout our office staff of 51 people.

Won't you help us to continue to hold the lines while our missionaries go out to the uttermost parts of the earth?

**Offerings for  
Foreign Missions Office  
Administration**

*should be sent to:*

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

**Foreign Missions Department**

**1445 Boonville Avenue**

**Springfield, Missouri 65802**

## Let's do the dishes too!

**A**LL OF US like a good, home-cooked meal with the family all around the table. Few family members offer any excuse for not coming to the table to eat the roast beef and potatoes; but when it is time to do the dishes, the excuses abound.

Doing the dishes is not glamorous. Yet to keep having those delicious meals, someone has to do the work in the kitchen.

Foreign missions is something like that. We are justly proud of the tremendous work of our foreign missionaries. We thrill to the reports of thousands of heathen people being saved, churches established, and Bible schools put into operation. The Assemblies of God family will

make almost any sacrifice for its foreign work.

But foreign missions also has its kitchen kind of work. Just as the dishes must be done at your house, the office work of the Foreign Missions Department must be done in Springfield, Missouri. The problem is that with so many inspiring projects in other lands, few of our church family have been willing to help with the office expenses.

Let's do the dishes too! Let's become responsible, sharing members of this great family by making *Foreign Missions Office Administration* a regular part of our missions giving.

—DAVID A. WOMACK  
*Foreign Missions Editor*



## CALL TO ACTION

**J. PHILIP HOGAN**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### A CRITICAL NEED: OFFICE ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

AMONG ITS MANY FUNCTIONS, the Foreign Missions Department is of necessity a major business. While its objectives are decidedly spiritual, to accomplish these it must carry out many business pursuits.

For instance, it maintains an employee roster of 51 persons with a projected payroll next year of \$176,000. In addition, there are employee benefits that bring our payroll budget to over \$200,000.

Because we disburse millions of dollars a year to 75 countries of the world, we must engage in large-scale banking practices. Our costs for data processing services and accounting will be well over \$100,000 next year. Added to these costs are the travel expenses for bringing the Foreign Missions Board together several times a year, promotions, missions convention supplies, and much more. The receipting of offerings, the maintaining of specific accounts so that designations can be honored, and other things require a very involved book-keeping system.

These expenses come under what we call our administrative budget. Against the whole, it is still a remarkably small figure: only about six percent is used in administration!

The Foreign Missions Department is not subsidized from any sources outside its own income. We do not share in any earnings of the Gospel Publishing House. If we are to maintain our present level of service to the Assemblies of God missionary interests, we must find further sources of income. I am appealing to our friends of the constituency at large to remember *Foreign Missions Office Administration* (600-724) in your monthly disbursements to us.

This ministry is as vital as that of direct support for the missionaries and their projects, yet this is the one area of foreign missions financing that becomes more difficult all the time. Will you pray about these needs?



Charles Nicely and Bob Brown of First Assembly, Wilmington, Ohio, work out air costs by staining the local radio station's building.

come his associate at First Assembly, I came to Wilmington having recently pastored a church which sponsored a six-day-a-week radio ministry. I was sold on radio evangelism and I was anxious to see what could be done about the Wilmington Assembly putting *Revivaltime* on WMWM.

We met with Francis Stratman, the station manager, and told him about the Assemblies of God and its ABC-affiliated *Revivaltime* broadcast. To our delight he was very interested, as he had been looking for a top quality broadcast to put in the 8 a.m. Sunday time slot.

With the opportunity in sight, we tackled the problem of finances. This seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle because of the church's tight budget.

But God looked at what our men had to work with and He found a way!

Mr. Stratman came up with a challenging proposition: If the men of First Assembly would put a coat of stain on the radio building, he would compensate the church with an equivalent amount of air time.

Pastor Umstead swung into action. The men rallied; the work was organized; and when the job was done, First Assembly had earned six months of weekly *Revivaltime* releases on WMWM.

The local *Revivaltime* broadcast not only reaches the 10,000 people of Wilmington, but it also ministers to a large segment of Southwest Ohio, including some of the Cincinnati area. C. M. Ward's powerful sermons reach out to an Air Force base and a Nike-Hercules missile base.

One of *Revivaltime's* most ardent listeners is Fran Stratman himself who, reflecting on what happened, says,

#### OHIO RADIO STATION ANSWERS CHURCH'S QUESTION

## "HOW CAN WE FINANCE A 'REVIVALTIME' RELEASE?"

By DONALD KEETER / Associate Pastor, First Assembly, Wilmington, Ohio

**I**N ALL OF LIFE'S RESPONSIBILITIES, God begins with us as individuals, recognizing the tools we have to work with, then leads us on from there.

Moses balked when God called him to perform a seemingly impossible task. "What is that in your hand?" God asked.

Moses replied, "A rod." The rest is history, as Moses led Israel to Canaan with God using the rod in a variety of ways.

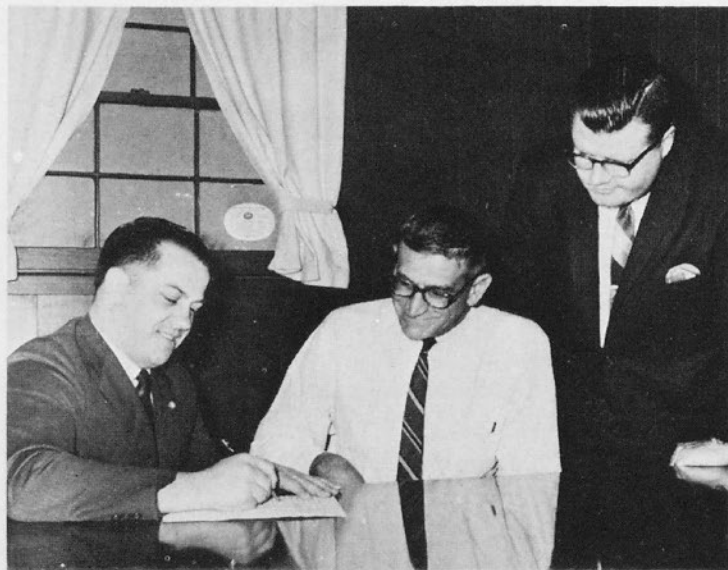
"What is there to eat?" asked Jesus, as He surveyed the thousands who thronged to hear His teachings.

"Five loaves of bread and two fishes—a boy's lunch," came the discouraging reply.

Christ then demonstrated that raw material—pliable in His hands—does not go to waste but is utilized to its ultimate.

A recent parallel to this Biblical truth occurred in Wilmington, Ohio, as God made it possible for *Revivaltime* to be released over Radio Station WMWM through the efforts of the men at Wilmington's First Assembly.

Accepting Pastor Raymond Umstead's invitation to be-



Pastor Raymond Umstead signs a six-month contract for "Revivaltime" to be released over station WMWM in Wilmington, Ohio. Watching are Station Manager Fran Stratman (center), and Brother Umstead's associate, Donald Keeter.

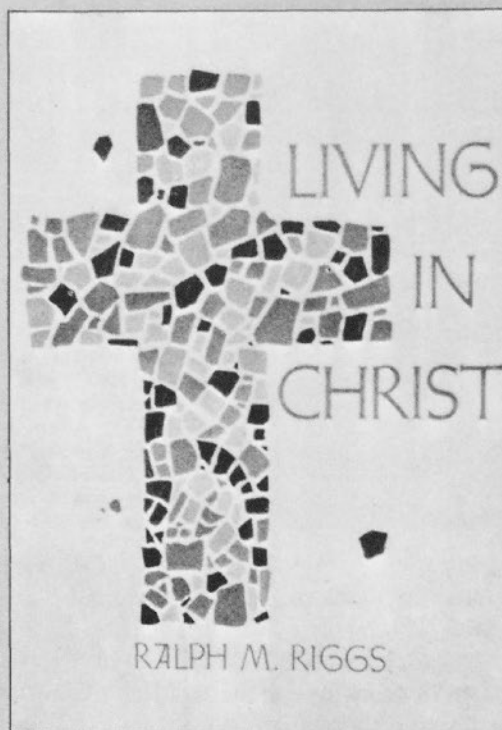
"When you look back, the placing of *Revivaltime* on WMWM is quite a story, and I'm happy to be a part of it. It is certainly an original concept in financing a religious broadcast."

This adventure of faith with *Revivaltime* has been a tremendous uplift to our church, instilling a new thrust of evangelism. Behind the scenes the Holy Spirit has led each step of the way to show what a group of men, with paint brushes in hand, can do for the glory of God.



ABOVE: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the site of "Revivaltime's" 1967 World Prayermeeting. Here, Evangelist C. M. Ward presents the "Revivaltime" Honor of Origination plaque to E. E. Kirschman, sectional presbyter of the Greater Milwaukee Assemblies of God. The special "anchor" broadcast was sponsored cooperatively by the Assemblies of God churches throughout the metropolitan area.

BELOW: Praying over many of the prayer requests sent to the "Revivaltime" World Prayermeeting, pastors and officials take the first step of faith in a worldwide prayer service that saw nearly 51,000 persons uniting in intercession for more than 30,000 individual needs. The men are, left to right: Waldo E. Risner, pastor, Evangel Assembly; Howard C. Lecher, pastor, Grace Church; William L. Williams, pastor, South Milwaukee Assembly; Charles Anderson, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District secretary and "Revivaltime" representative; Lyle Curtis, district superintendent; Ralph M. Davis, pastor, Arlington Assembly; John Wannemacher, pastor, Calvary Assembly; John Ohlin, district Christ's Ambassadors president; and Ernest Moen, pastor, Gospel Tabernacle.



# LIVING IN CHRIST

by Ralph M. Riggs

Without doubt this is one of Brother Riggs' finest books; and it should be of interest to all sincere Christians everywhere. Especially will the serious follower of Christ and His teachings be drawn to these pages. The words represent resurrection life, joy, and peace, as well as the supreme triumph of having Christ live in and through us. This fine work will live on, for it points up with deep insight and skill the zenith of Christian experience after long days and years of spiritual mountain climbing. It speaks of the norm—the life and experience which are available to all Christians, and which all Christians ought to have. 96 pages. Paper bound.

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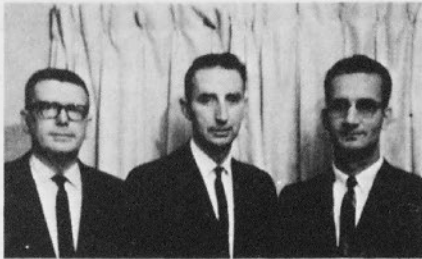
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AFTER LYING DORMANT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE SEED FOR A FULL-GOSPEL WITNESS IN MENASHA SUDDENLY CAME TO FRUITION.

# THE MENASHA STORY

*Based on material from*  
Pastor ARTHUR T. GREGG



ABOVE: Evangel Community Church has ample room for attendance growth. The educational wing is seen in the rear while the parsonage is visible at the right. LEFT: Allen McKellips and Allie Greene (left and right of Pastor Gregg) who, with their wives, formed the nucleus for the pioneer church.

THE INITIAL SERVICE for Evangel Community Church, Menasha, Wisconsin, was held Sunday afternoon, August 6, 1967. Lyle E. Curtis, district superintendent for Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, brought the message to approximately 75 persons.

A unique feature of the service was the transferral of the keys for the church by the Congregational pastor to Arthur T. Gregg, pioneer pastor. The regular schedule of services began on August 13. Sunday school and church attendance averaged 30 in October.

But the "Menasha Story" had its beginning several years earlier. The Congregationalists had decided to move from Menasha to relocate in its twin city of Neenah and build a new edifice. Brother Gregg, who was pastoring in a nearby town, heard the beautiful church and parsonage of colonial design were for sale, but the opportunity to enter Menasha with the Pentecostal testimony did not then ripen.

Meanwhile the Greggs traveled westward for ministry in the Oregon District. More recently, the Lord definitely directed them to return to Wisconsin and to begin making inquiries concerning the Congregational church property.

A local businessman and friend to Pastor Gregg became greatly impressed as he toured the building. With the expressed conviction, "We cannot let this building get away from us," this man urged immediate negotiations and pledged his assistance. The final offer of \$47,500 for the properties, complete with much of the furnishings, gained the approval of the district officials.

Now, after lying dormant for several years, the seed for a full-gospel witness in Menasha suddenly came to fruition.

Pastor Earl Henning of the Appleton Open Bible Assembly was most cooperative toward the venture. At least one family decided to transfer to Menasha to support the new assembly.

To meet state requirements for incorporation, a five-man board was organized. Superintendent Curtis and Charles Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the district, serve in this capacity along with Allen McKellips, Allie Greene, and Pastor Gregg.

In addition to the sanctuary (seating 250), the facilities

include a complete educational plant, large dining room and kitchen, and a spacious lounge with a fireplace.

*Storyland Day Nursery* utilizes the entire first floor area. This community preschool day nursery, directed by Mrs. Gregg, provides a dual ministry. It affords valuable contacts with families in the area and creates a spiritual atmosphere for instructing children when they are at a highly impressionable age. Also, the remuneration from this community service helps underwrite mortgage payments.

An interesting sidelight occurred prior to the opening of the assembly in Menasha. A young Catholic mother, who occasionally attended the church formerly pastored by Brother Gregg, received permission of her priest to begin a Sunday school in the Catholic church. Using the songs and stories she had learned from the children's church conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Gregg, she now has been teaching three- to six-year-olds for approximately three years. The attendance averages 60.

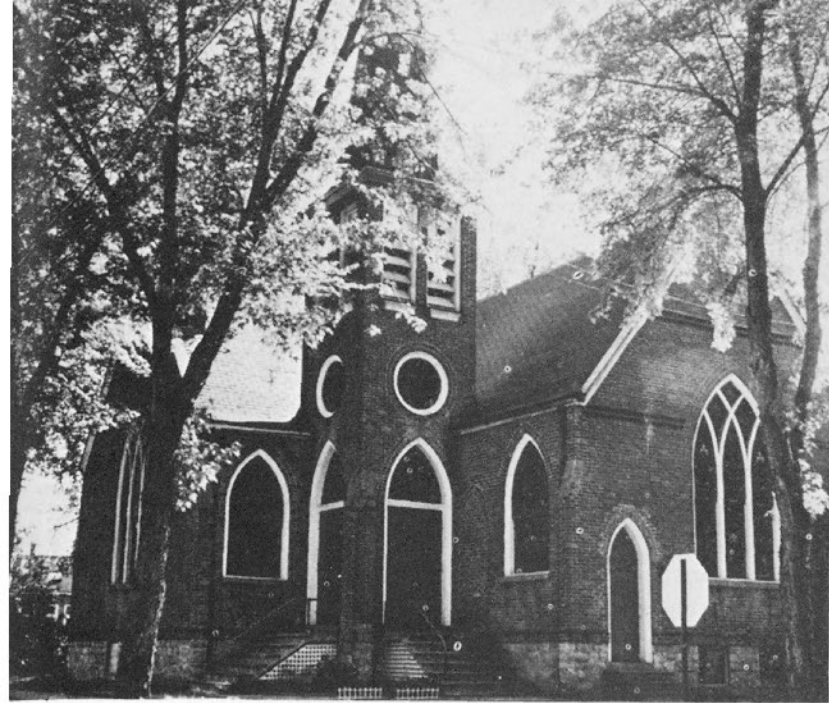
God has promised not to allow His Word to return void, so there is every reason to anticipate a harvest from the seed sown in this field.

Menasha has a population of 17,000. It is located in the heart of an industrial concentration of 130,000 people, the Fox River Valley area. Employment opportunities are excellent in this paper-manufacturing center, but opportunities for reaching souls with the gospel are even greater in this city which is without any other strong evangelical witness.

Pastor Gregg reports the "Menasha Story" is nothing short of a miracle. And each individual who accepts Christ becomes an extension of that miracle.

Children sit on the rug during story time at the Evangel Community Church's "Storyland Day Nursery."






The Oconto congregation recently rewired their building as they continue the renovation program.

of faith to purchase and install a new hot-water furnace in the church. Shortly afterward, a Sunday night visitor, following the prompting of the Holy Spirit, expressed his desire to assist the church financially. Later that week he returned with a check to pay off the furnace loan. Praise God for His faithfulness!

The growing congregation, averaging 40, is sowing the gospel in Oconto and the outlying farm community, comprising a total population of 11,000. We are enjoying significant spiritual gains. Two young men from the church are studying for the ministry at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas. Recently seven of our young people received water baptism at Aaguson Lake in Oconto. At least 25 visitors witnessed the well-advertised service, a new experience for many of them.

God has given us a Pentecostal breakthrough, and we are believing Him for even greater victories. 

**L**ATE IN MARCH 1965 Dwight Sheltroun, pastor of the Assembly of God in Pound, some 20 miles distant, drove through the tree-lined streets of Oconto, Wisconsin. He drove on a mission. Although he knew nothing about the town except that it was without the full-gospel message, he felt compelled of the Lord to search for a vacant church building.

When he spied an empty church on the corner of Congress Street and Park Avenue, he stopped at a nearby service station for information. The attendant happened to be a member of the board of the First Methodist Church, owner of the property.

Brother Sheltroun challenged the board members of the Pound Assembly to purchase the building. They had a missionary vision to match that of their pastor, and so the building was purchased for \$1,500. *Five years before this the sale price was \$15,000.*

For two years a woman who had moved into town just one block from this empty church prayed for an Assemblies of God church to be established in the predominantly Catholic community. Now God was answering her prayer!

Assisted by volunteers from the assemblies in Marinette and Gillett, members of the Pound Assembly prepared the building for the opening service.

On Sunday, May 16, 1965, more than 120 persons (one-fifth of them from Oconto and the surrounding area) heard Brother Sheltroun preach the first message in the new Assembly of God in Oconto.

The Pound Assembly continued to conduct services each Sunday afternoon until October 1 of that year when I became the first full-time pastor.

Soon a new parsonage was under construction on property also purchased by the Pound Assembly. The *Branch Out* church continued to give financial assistance, and a member, contractor Ed Beaber, donated his time and labor. Built at a cost of \$10,000, the parsonage is valued at \$18,000. And the new congregation's total indebtedness is only \$4,000.

In the fall of 1966 the Oconto congregation took a step

*Editor's note:* Dwight Sheltroun is now engaged in evangelistic ministry.



Dwight Sheltroun (left), former pastor of the Assembly in Pound, Wis., initiated the purchase of the church in Oconto.

# OCONTO ASSEMBLY— ANSWER TO A WOMAN'S PRAYERS

By Pastor CHARLES FARINA

Like every busy pastor, the telephone is an important factor in Pastor Charles Farina's ministry in Oconto.



# PERSONAL WITNESSING

Sunday School Lesson for January 28, 1968  
Acts 8:26-40

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

## A STRANGE DIRECTIVE

"Arise, and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert." Imagine an evangelist being asked to leave a great revival to go to another town where he was not scheduled—and not being told why he was to do so! Yet that was exactly what the Lord asked Philip to do.

Philip was doing an extensive work for God. Why should he cease doing a "big" work to go off on a wild-goose chase down a lonely desert road? What about his Sunday night "love offering"? Surely the Lord wouldn't send a successful evangelist into obscurity when so many were clamoring for his ministry in the city. Philip might have reasoned that way. God's commands are sometimes contrary to human reasoning and unappealing to the natural mind, yet to obey them can have blessed and far-reaching consequences.

## SECRET OF SOUL WINNING



## UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE

"And he arose and went." Happy are those who, like Philip, have sensitivity, grace, faith, and wisdom enough to obey the voice of the Lord. How little Philip realized what great spiritual influence and blessing would attend his implicit obedience.

## A TIMELY CONTACT

When God directs, He goes before. He always works on both ends of the line. As Philip walked the desert road, along came the "minister of finance" to the Queen of Ethiopia in northern Africa! And as this dignitary rode along, he was reading from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah (vv. 27, 28).

## A SECOND COMMAND

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot" (v. 29). The chariot did not come to Philip; Philip had to go to the chariot. We would like sinners to come to church—and some of them do. But if they will not come to us for the gospel, we must go to them with the gospel (Luke 14:16-23).

"And Philip ran thither to him" (v. 30). Unless obedience is prompt, it may be useless! The chariot was passing, and in it was Philip's great opportunity—a hungry soul! Therefore Philip *ran* to obey.

## A POINTED QUESTION

Philip asked, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" Observe:

1. *Philip's question applies to our own Bible reading.* How much we *understand* is more important than how much we *read*. The Bible should be read daily—prayerfully, meditatively, depending upon the Spirit for illumination—with the resolve to translate into action what we read.

2. *Philip was accustomed to working among poor, ordinary folk, yet he didn't hesitate to approach this statesman.* Is there not a danger of our neglecting to testify to those who are above us in rank, education, wealth, and position? And does not such reluctance spring from a form of pride of which we ought to rid ourselves?

## A SIGNIFICANT ANSWER

"How can I, except some man should guide me?" The Ethiopian's answer reveals a beautiful spirit of teachableness. Meekness is a prerequisite to receiving spiritual guidance and enlightenment.

Second, it shows human responsibility in the salvation of souls. God has ordained that men should be saved through *men* and not angels. God *could* save souls without human cooperation, but He doesn't. Are we fulfilling our solemn obligation and enjoying the wonderful privilege which must fill the angels with longing?

## AN OUTSTANDING CONVERSION

It is reasonable to believe that the conversion of this influential man was God's way of getting the gospel into Africa, as tradition says. If this is so, this personal contact was probably Philip's "biggest" revival campaign!

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

# BOLIVIA

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



**L**AND-LOCKED BOLIVIA, named for the famed liberator, Simón Bolívar, has an area of 416,000 square miles and ranks third in size among South American countries.

Bolivia's chief topographical feature is the altiplano—a cold, treeless, windswept plateau of 50,000 square miles with an average altitude of 12,500 feet. La Paz, highest capital city in the world, is the center of a region that can be compared only with Tibet in Asia. With Peru, Bolivia shares

Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. A number of Bolivia's majestic snow-covered peaks rise to 21,000 feet.

The altiplano contrasts sharply with the fertile, semi-tropical eastern slopes of the Andes, known as the yungas. The great lowland plains form a part of the Paraguay-Parana River basins.

Once part of the ancient Inca empire, Bolivia was for centuries under Spanish rule until it gained independence in 1825. Since then its political

existence has been one of internal strife and boundary disputes with neighboring countries. Bolivia lost to Chile in 1879 its last bit of seacoast, which included valuable nitrate beds.

The population has been estimated at 3,500,000. More than half are full-blooded Indians of Quechua and Aymara stock. Quechuas speak the language of the ancient Incas.

The Aymaras live on the altiplano and speak their own pre-Inca language. Men wear colorful ponchos, pointed woolen caps with ear flaps, and sandals made of old rubber tires. Women wear brightly colored shawls and skirts and derby-shaped felt hats.

Roman Catholicism has been the dominant religion since it was introduced by the Spanish. The colorful Indian festivals are a strange mixture of pagan and Christian rites.

Protestant missionary work in Bolivia is less than 100 years old. Several British and American societies have founded strong centers that are increasing in influence and number of adherents.

Assemblies of God missionaries entered Bolivia about 20 years ago. The work was pioneered by missionary couples who entered three of Bolivia's major cities: the Earl Wilkies in La Paz, the Waldo Nicodemuses in Cochabamba, and the Everett Hales in Santa Cruz. The basic strategy was to begin work in these cities and then to branch out into the surrounding country areas.

In the early 1950's Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones began working in southern Bolivia with the city of Tarija as their



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10

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65

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center. Several years later the Assemblies of God work spread into the tin-mining areas where the T. O. Johnstons ministered, with the city of Uru-ro as their base. From both of these centers churches were established in the surrounding villages and country areas.

The work on the altiplano, with La Paz as its center, has been especially rewarding. In 1955 the Monroe Grams founded the Aymara Bible Institute in General Pando, a typical Indian village 60 miles south of La Paz. This training center has been the means of establishing some 35 Aymara churches with their own pastors and district leaders.

The three-month course of study each winter is conducted under primitive conditions, similar to those in which the Aymara will minister to his own people. Missionaries Pearl Estep and Flora Shafer have served as teachers at this school. In recent years three Aymara men have served on the faculty. Enrollment in 1967 was 54.

La Paz an evangelistic center seating 800 people was dedicated in 1959. In 1960 the need was felt for training workers for expansion of the work in the capital, and a night Bible school was begun by the Grams in connection with the evangelistic center. A number of churches and outstations have been established in recent years as a result of this training program. Bruno Frigoli, associate missionary, enjoyed a fruitful ministry as director of the evangelistic center from 1964 until 1967.

A Bible school program was also

begun in the Santa Cruz area by the Everett Hales in 1958. This school has largely served to prepare workers for the lowland area of Bolivia, where in recent years the work has advanced both in the cities and rural areas. The school currently has an enrollment of 18, with Harold Carpenter serving as director.

Literature evangelism has played a major part in developing the work in Bolivia. Literature campaigns are carried out in connection with each Bible school effort, as students distribute gospel literature both in Spanish and Aymara.

For the past nine years Paul Finkenbinder's radio broadcasts have been released in Bolivia. *Hermano Pablo*, as he is known, recently spent six weeks in Bolivia conducting citywide crusades in La Paz, Cochabamba, and Santa Cruz. One night's attendance reached 10,000, and during the three campaigns some 5,000 decision cards were signed. The Monroe Grams have two Sunday broadcasts in La Paz. The widespread use of transistorized radios presents an ever-increasing challenge for radio ministry.

Interest in Women's Missionary Councils is rising among Bolivia's women. The work is organized on a national level, with Betty Grams as president. Only in recent years have Bolivian women had a ministry of their own.

Early in 1966 all Assemblies of God missionaries and 75 pastors and workers met in Santa Cruz to plan, work, and train for their special year of Total Evangelism—a yearlong emphasis.

Peruvian evangelist Lucas Muñoz speaks during an open-air Total Evangelism service.



An Aymara national worker leads two of his countrymen to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each church launched its own evangelistic campaign. Pastors exchanged pulpits with pastors from other parts of the country for simultaneous Good News Crusades. Approximately 200,000 pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature in Spanish and Aymara were distributed. Good News Crusades sponsored a number of citywide campaigns in metropolitan areas, bringing in Spirit-filled Assemblies of God evangelists from surrounding South American countries. One such evangelist was Lucas Muñoz from Peru.

In the year of Total Evangelism the gospel was proclaimed in 50 campaigns in major cities as well as in villages and remote country areas. One thousand Bolivians made decisions for Christ.

The Bolivia Assemblies of God includes 65 national workers, 75 organized churches and preaching points, 1,700 baptized believers, a constituency of 5,000, and 4,300 enrolled in Sunday schools. Ten missionaries are under appointment.

In Bolivia, a Roman Catholic country by tradition, the Assemblies of God has an open door for preaching the gospel. Young people are committing themselves to full-time Christian service, and the Bible schools are dedicated to their training. The goal of our missionaries and national workers is to establish vibrant, indigenous churches that will win Bolivians to Christ.

# BGMC

## Helps Boys and Girls Support Missions

**T**HE BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE, begun in 1949, is a missionary emphasis in Assemblies of God churches large and small throughout the United States. There is a central coordinating office, and some missionary officials help allocate the funds, but the greatest work is done by pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and teachers in approximately 5,000 churches throughout the nation, and by the children themselves. The following interview expresses some of the local church involvement.

**PAUL FENTON** (*national representative, Sunday School Department*): The records show the Assembly of God in Scranton, North Dakota, has been a long-time participant in the BGMC program. Your church has also won district trophies for BGMC giving. Pastor Bakke, would you tell me what BGMC actually means to your church?

**MARCUS BAKKE** (*pastor, Assembly of God, Scranton, North Dakota*): BGMC is a very important part of our church because it challenges boys and girls to give to missions. The children have accepted the challenge and learned a valuable lesson early in life.

**FENTON**: How long has your church actually been enrolled in BGMC?

**BAKKE**: We have been a BGMC member church ever since we first found out such a program existed. If I remember correctly, that was in 1949. (*The records show the Scranton Assembly is a charter member.*)

**FENTON**: Do you think it has been good to keep active in the program all these years?

**BAKKE**: Yes, it is a means of teaching the children to be consistent in giving as well as emphasizing the importance of literature to missionary outreach. We have been thrilled with the children's response in giving year after year.

**FENTON**: BGMC is more than a one-Sunday emphasis in February each year. Brother Steyer, how do you make BGMC a continuous program in your Sunday school in Scranton?


**ORVILLE STEYER** (*Sunday school superintendent*): We use the quarterly program materials from Springfield to help build and keep interest in missionary giving. Each child is given a little wooden barrel, and we use the banking system. A miniature bank has been constructed. This creates a lot of excitement for the boys and girls as they deposit their money with the Sunday school workers.

**BAKKE**: BGMC Day is always a big day in our Sunday school. We begin planning weeks ahead and try to have a skit or other special activity. Frequently the entire Sunday school hour is given to the BGMC emphasis and offering on that day.

**FENTON**: Do you find giving is less in the summer than in the winter months?

**STEYER**: No, I would say our offerings remain fairly constant throughout the year.

**FENTON**: Pastor, what is your reaction to the overall program?

**BAKKE**: BGMC has been very beneficial to our church. Our boys and girls have grown up to be faithful missionary supporters. We want a missionary church and we want our boys and girls to be missionaries someday. We are thankful for the youth who have grown up in our church and have responded to God's call to missionary service. 

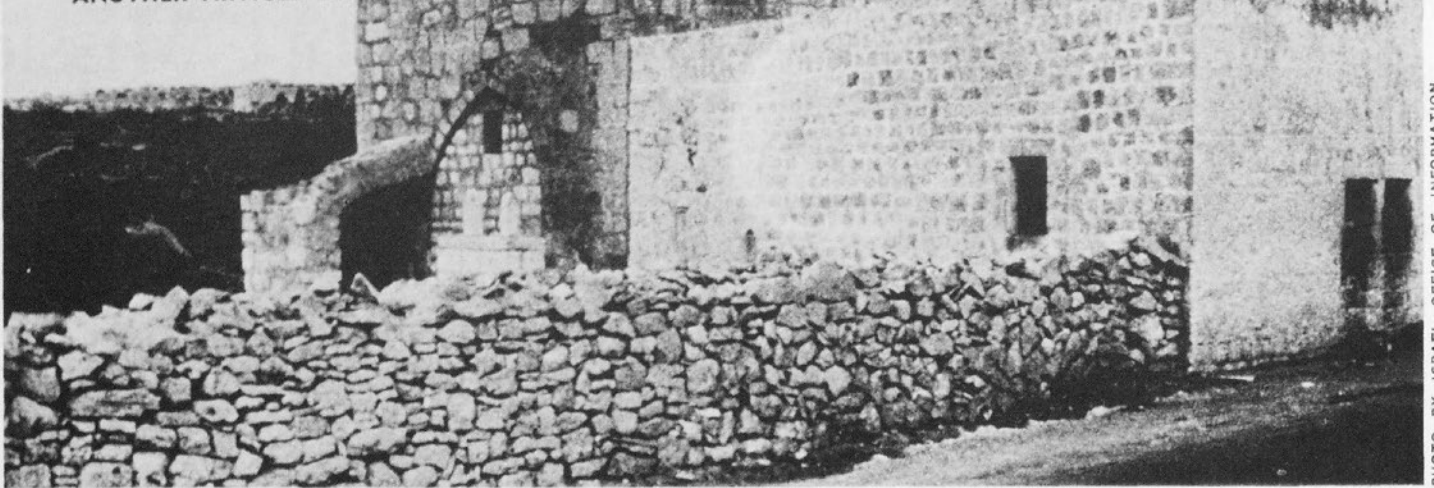


Sunday school leaders of the Assembly of God, Scranton, N. Dak., meet with Paul Fenton (right), national Sunday school representative. They are: Orville Steyer, superintendent; Joanne Seifert, secretary; and Marcus Bakke, pastor.

Pastor Bakke's children are enthusiastic supporters of BGMC.



ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE SERIES



Rachel's tomb near Bethlehem on the road to Hebron.

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## THE LAND OF THE BOOK

**I**T IS PREDICTED that 1968 will be a record year for the number of tourists and pilgrims visiting Israel. The Kofsmanns, Assemblies of God missionaries in Jerusalem, wrote a letter on December 7, 1967, saying:

"For the past two months we have been having a large number of visitors from the U.S. and Europe, as well as other places. Jerusalem is becoming once again, in reality, the 'center of the world.'"

It is understandable that tourists, especially Christians, should wish to visit the Holy Land now that such a large part of it is controlled by a single government. A year ago it was divided; but since the Six-Day War of last June, it is one. Tourists are able to see such Biblical sites as Gaza (formerly Egyptian), Caesarea Philippi (formerly Syrian), and Jericho (formerly Jordanian).

In addition, Jerusalem and vicinity may now be seen as a whole. There is free access between the old city and the new. It is now a unified city of 265,000 population, three-fourths of whom are Jews.

The Editor had the privilege of spending four days in East Jerusalem with his touring party in the autumn of 1966. What a thrill it was to step out of our hostel each morning and afternoon into the narrow streets of the ancient city and browse in the bazaars or walk to the sacred sites. We visited Golgotha, the Garden Tomb, the Pool of Siloam, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and so many other historic places. After looking at the centuries-old Church of Saint Anne we descended the many steps at the excavation nearby and down at the bottom we dipped our feet in the waters of the Pool of Bethesda.

The stories of the Gospels and the Book of Acts come alive when one sees with his own eyes the places mentioned in the Scriptures. We visited the ancient Temple area on which the Dome of the Rock now stands and walked the slopes of the Mount of Olives. In the Garden of Gethsemane we knelt by the rock where, according to tradition, Jesus knelt the night of His betrayal, and there

we prayed for a deeper consecration of our own lives to the will of God.

Passing over to the new section of Jerusalem, we visited the Messianic Assembly at 2 Gershon Agron Street. The W. Z. Kofsmanns are pastors of the church which is now attended by Christians from East Jerusalem as well as those who live in the new city. (Visiting Assemblies of God missions is one of the benefits of being in a tour party led by an Assemblies of God minister, rather than one that is led by non-Pentecostal persons. If you intend to visit the Holy Land and do not know of a suitable tour, write to the Editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. The address of a travel agency owned by Assemblies of God members will be sent to you.)

The Kofsmanns write: "The Lord is marvelously blessing the work in the Bible Shop. Lately the New Testament has been very much in demand; also the Bible in many languages. Hallelujah! The entrance of His Word giveth light."

The Bible is still the main textbook in modern Israel. Our Hebrew guide in Israel told us the schoolchildren are taught the New Testament, as well as the Old. All

The sign over the entrance says, "The Holy Scriptures in All Languages," and the man standing by the door is Jacob Lipman, a member of the Messianic Assembly congregation in Jerusalem. The bookstore is joined to the church.



children between five and 14 years of age are required to attend the schools, which are divided in three groups: state schools, state religious schools, and "recognized" religious schools. About two-thirds of the children in Israel attend the state schools; one-third attend the tax-supported state religious schools and the "recognized" religious schools. Only about a third of the people of Israel are observant Orthodox Jews, but a thorough knowledge of the Bible is inculcated in the children at all of the schools, for the Israelis realize their national existence is rooted in the Scriptures.

Our guide told us that in Israel the schoolchildren do not merely study their history or geography from maps and books. The boys and girls are loaded into buses and trucks and taken to the historic spots to see for themselves. They visit the slopes of Mount Carmel and see the area where Elijah destroyed the priests of Baal. They trace his flight as he ran before the chariot of Ahab. They go to the hills of Gilboa and learn the sad story of the death of Saul and Jonathan at the hands of the Philistines. From the heights of Megiddo they gaze across the valley of Jezreel where they reconstruct in their imagination the unending cavalcade of stories and legends concerning the wars fought there in generations past. Here will be fought the Battle of Armageddon in the end of the age. At Megiddo they look down upon the excavated rows of hitching-posts in King Solomon's stables, and the ancient history of their nation becomes very real and near.

The letter from the Kofsmanns mentions Rachel's tomb, located on the road to Hebron, near Bethlehem. This is one of the most sacred spots for the Jews, ranking along with the Wailing Wall in Old Jerusalem, the Tomb of David on Mount Zion, and the Cave of Machpelah at Hebron where the remains of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob are believed to be buried. The latter site is occupied by a mosque (for Muslims also venerate these patriarchs). Rachel's tomb, however, was a Jewish shrine, but the Jordanians would not permit Jews to visit it for many years. Now that it is in Israeli hands, Jews throng to it in large numbers.

The Kofsmanns write: "For the first time in 20 years, the Jews have been able to commemorate Rachel's death at the tomb. (According to Jewish tradition, Rachel died in the month of 'Heshvan'—November.) On this occasion a huge crowd of men, women, and children crowded around the tomb where our ancestor, the beloved wife of Jacob, one of the four mothers of the people of Israel, rests—a crowd from the four corners of the earth, thus accomplishing Jeremiah's prophecy.

"The prophecy, announced by Jeremiah, was divided in two parts and in two times; the first part having taken place a little over 1900 years ago: 'Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not' (Jeremiah 31:15). Also in Matthew 2:17, 18 are we reminded of this prophecy as fulfilled by the wicked King Herod.

"Today, after a little over 19 centuries, the second part of the prophecy has come about; 'thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord;

and they shall come again from the land of the enemy' (Jeremiah 31:16).

"Yes, today they return unceasingly, reminding the world that we live in the 'last times,' and this promise is accomplished—this promise which was (and which is still, for some) unthinkable, unrealistic; and yet it is being accomplished despite all the hindrances of men, despite the confusion, suffering, and pain caused by rebellion and opposition to the divine will.

"Another divine promise, unrealistic for most of humanity, incredible to their minds, is the return of the Lord, the Anointed of God, the Messiah, the Redeemer of the world. Once He came to this world in Bethlehem, not far from Rachel's tomb, to save her children and to save all men. That promise of His return, unthinkable to many, shall also be fulfilled.

"More than ever, His voice that once was heard in Judea and Galilee, resounds again in the land, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 4:17)."

—R.C.C.



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# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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## 10-YEAR-OLD BOY HEALED

WE GIVE GOD THE GLORY and praise for healing our 10-year-old cousin, Robbin Mier, of a serious illness.



In April 1966 Robbin was admitted to Balboa Hospital as he had been many times already that year. He was unable to retain even water in his stomach and would go into long sleeps from which he could not be awakened.

Doctors tested for abdominal epilepsy and brain tumor, but results were negative. A previous test for encephalitis had also proved negative.

The child was critically ill by this time, and the doctors said they had done all they could. I requested prayer for him at our church, knowing that when doctors could do no more, God knew what to do.

Robbin began to improve immediately. He drank some orange juice, and it stayed down. By the next day he was up and around in a wheelchair. The doctor dismissed him shortly afterward.

Today Robbin is just as healthy as any little boy. To God be the glory; great things He has done!—Mrs. Bill Thompson, San Diego, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Emil A. Balliet, First Assembly, San Diego, Calif.)*

## BABY GIRL'S NOSE AND FACE HEALED

I WAS BACKSLIDDEN at the time our baby girl was born in 1962, but God used her need to bring me back to himself.

At birth, Kathy had no openings in her nose bone; and the condition required immediate surgery. They made an opening in the soft palate, then drilled two holes in the bone to help her breathe.

In my anxiety I turned to the Lord, my only source of help and strength.

The surgery was successful, but the doctors said she would require dilation treatments for the rest of her life to keep the membrane from growing back. These once-a-week treatments were very painful and sometimes caused hemorrhaging. I asked prayer for her during a revival at the Village Assembly of God in Bedford, Pa., and immediately the treatments became easier.

At 15 months Kathy no longer needed the dilation

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.

at all. However, one side of her head was noticeably smaller than the other.

By this time my Air Force husband was stationed in Japan; and Kathy and I went to join him. One day while taking Kathy to the base hospital for more tests, I saw a "Servicemen's Pentecostal Church." I started attending, and one night I felt I should ask prayer for Kathy's face.

The Lord touched her; and before the service was over, her face was almost normal. By the next morning, even unsaved neighbors noticed the change in her appearance.

Kathy is completely well now, except that she still has to wear glasses; but we trust that this too shall someday be a thing of the past.

I love my Lord so much and try to serve Him daily. God speaks to us in many ways, and it pays to listen and obey.—Mrs. Ronald G. Conner, Route 1, New Paris, Pa.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Elwood S. Bell Sr., Pleasantville Assembly, Alum Bank, Pa.)*

## MADE WHOLE THROUGH PRAYER

WHEN I CAME TO THE LORD two years ago, I needed healing of body, soul, and spirit. Sin had made life almost too miserable for me to live, but Jesus set me free.

I used to go to beer taverns with my husband. After the drinking parties we would come home and have such terrible fights. Jealousy and drinking and cursing combined to rob our home of peace.

Finally, God began to deal with me, and I realized I would have to stop going to the taverns or one of us might kill the other. I stayed home, but jealousy still caused me to curse my husband as much as he cursed me.

Soon I had to go to the hospital for what proved to be minor surgery. I prayed as I went under the anesthetic, for I was afraid I might die. All the problems and pressures seemed to intensify at this time to bring on a mental condition. I would not let anyone do anything for me. The doctor dismissed me from the hospital; and although he said I was all right physically, I was afraid of death. I could not sleep, so I walked the floor and prayed.

One night I asked my son to call Pastor Alton Parker of the North McAlester Assembly. He came and prayed for me, and I thank God from the depth of my soul for healing me of that awful sickness and saving my soul. I no longer have nightmares in which I seem to be dying. He has also healed me of a growth in my right breast. Please pray for the rest of my family that all of them may be saved.—Mrs. Alice Beams, McAlester, Okla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Alton E. Parker, North McAlester Assembly, McAlester, Okla.)*

## MAN HEALED IN OLD AGE

I AM 78 YEARS OLD and am grateful to God for healing me more than two years ago of two very distressing ailments.

For some time I had suffered from a stomach condition which gave me great difficulty in digesting food. During this same period, I was scarcely able to walk because of severe lumbago from which I suffered constantly.



At the close of his Sunday morning message on April 4, 1965, my pastor, Lyman Jollay, prayed for me. I was instantly healed by the power of God. There has been no symptom of either affliction since that day. To God be the glory.—Joseph D. Militello,

Forestville, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lyman A. Jollay, Assembly of God, Fredonia, N. Y.)

## HEALED OF SPINAL CURVATURE

AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERING from back trouble I am now completely healed. I fully agree with what my doctor said the day after God healed me: "There is nothing that God cannot do!"

I had first gone to the doctor nearly two years before because of pain and pinching in my back. She discovered a serious curvature of the spine, and almost two years of treatment followed. At the end of that time, my spine was still so sore I could not bend over without pain.

Early in 1966 my pastor prayed for me during a healing service in our church. There was some improvement then, but I still had to take treatments.

On August 7, 1966, I felt prompted again by the Holy Spirit to ask my pastor to pray for me. As we prayed, the Lord assured me that all was well. The next day I kept a previous appointment with my doctor, but she could find no sore spots in my spine. I told her that my pastor had prayed for my healing, and it was then that she acknowledged God's power.

I have not had any more treatments for my spine, and the area where the curvature was does not bother me anymore. I am so thankful that I can work without pain. Jesus never fails!—Mrs. Paul Hamon, Harrison, Ohio.

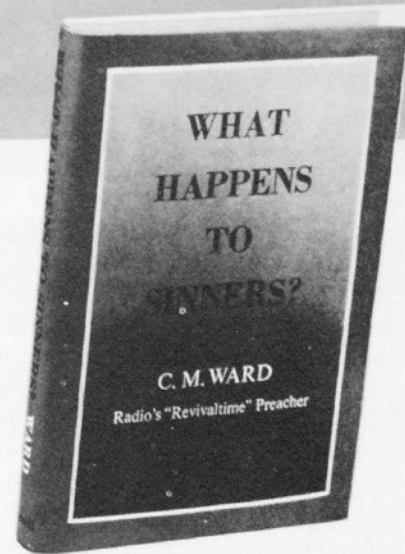
(Endorsed by Pastor Johnny Garrison, Harrison Avenue Assembly, Harrison, Ohio.)

## NO HARM FROM COPPERHEAD BITE

I WAS ALONE when a copperhead snake bit me on September 16, 1967. My first reaction was one of great fear. The snake had embedded its fangs in my foot, and I had to kick it loose.

Then the Lord reminded me of how Paul shook a viper into the fire and felt no harm (Acts 28:3-5). I killed the snake and called my pastor, H. E. Wharton. He and my son with their wives came immediately and prayed. After prayer, all the pain left. There was no swelling or other aftereffects. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. Vicie Hardaway, Pickens, Okla.

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## WHY THE HORN WAS SILENT

YEARS AGO A FRONTIER FARMER made up his mind to get rich in a hurry. His land needed clearing, so he hired several men to work with him. He informed his wife that there would be no more family prayers for lack of time.

He and the men went out to work early, as planned. The sun climbed, but no breakfast horn called them to the morning meal. The men looked anxiously toward the house, but all was silent. Finally, an hour after the usual breakfast time, they went to the house.

The table was not set, and there was no sign of food being prepared. The wife sat knitting with a big Bible open on her lap.

"What does this mean?" cried the farmer.

"I thought you were in such a hurry about your work that you didn't have time to eat," his wife answered quietly.

"Do you think we can live without eating?"

"You can live without eating as well as you can without praying. The spirit needs the Bread of heaven as much as the body needs the bread of earth."

The impatient farmer got the point, and family devotions were resumed.

—BLANCHE T. RICHARDSON

## SUNSHINE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

SOME MORNINGS a solid bank of fog obscures everything beyond our living room window. It would be depressing, except that, as fog has a way of doing, it soon clears up. The warm sun streams over our lovely valley, and the beauty that had been so completely hidden is spread out before us again. The sunshine makes all the difference.

And there are times when burdens or problems or temptations settle like fog over our spiritual paths. In times like these we echo the prayer of Jehoshaphat, found in 2 Chronicles 20:12: "Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."

As surely as the sun clears the morning mist from our pretty glen, so surely does the Sun of righteousness shine upon our path—lifting the burden, solving the problem, clearing away the temptation, or giving grace to bear it. However He chooses to come, the sunshine of His presence makes all the difference.

—OLIVE W. ALFORD

## DO NOT DISTURB

"DO NOT DISTURB" signs often appear outside hotel and motel doors. People are resting. They want privacy. They do not want to be bothered.

This same sign could be worn by many Americans. Their attitude is, "Leave me alone; let me be." They seem to say, "Don't disturb us—don't make us uneasy." So most periodicals, radio, and television comply.

This do-not-disturb attitude is slipping into church circles. Like a parent who gives a child anything he desires, whether it is good for him or not, some pulpiteers are offering the public only what it wants.

Jesus said He came to bring a sword. This clashes with complacency. Paul said, "It is high time to awake out of sleep" (Romans 13:11). The world is moving rapidly to the end time, while this generation lulls itself with pleasures and self-indulgences. It is time for the Christian to call out and sound the trumpet of alarm.

"Awake!" must be our call. The message must awaken the mind, challenge the life, stir the soul. It is time to disturb the complacent and point them with no uncertainty to Christ.

Your testimony can sound the alarm to awaken those spiritually asleep. An appropriate theme for your life might read: "DISTURB!"

—JACK RISNER

## UNNECESSARY BLACKMAIL

TWO CHILDREN SPENT THE SUMMER on the farm with their grandparents. They had not been there long when the boy accidentally killed his grandmother's pet duck with a slingshot. Frightened, he looked about, and, seeing no one, dug a hole and buried the duck.

He and his sister always divided the chores, and that evening it was her turn to wash the dishes. After the evening meal she turned to her brother and said firmly, "You do the dishes."

The boy refused since it was not his turn. The little girl moved closer to him and said quietly, "I saw what happened today. If you don't do exactly what I tell you to do, I'll tell Grandmother."

The boy washed the dishes that night, and for the next two weeks he did whatever his sister demanded. Then one evening, exhausted and disgusted, he confessed to his grandmother.

She listened until he had finished, then said, "I wondered how long you were going to remain in bondage to your sister. I saw it all from an upstairs window."

So it is with us and our sin. We allow ourselves to become slaves to sin, intimidated and blackmailed by Satan himself. But God knows all about it, and He waits for us to tire of sin's bondage and come to Him for forgiveness and deliverance. Then "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

—JAMES M. BRYAN

## I MEANT TO . . .


I SAW MY NEW NEIGHBOR at church one Sunday. I meant to tell her I was glad to see her there. But I didn't get around to it. Maybe it wouldn't have made any difference. Still, she didn't come back. . . .

I meant to stop and talk sometime with old Mr. Haynes. He lived by himself, and people called him grouchy. Probably he was lonely. It's hard, being old and alone. But now I never will stop and chat with him. He died the other day. . . .

I meant to pick some bright fall flowers from my garden for shut-ins. They would have enjoyed them so much. But I was busy. And last night the frost shriveled the flowers. . . .

*God, help me to be more thoughtful. And especially help me to seize the opportunities that so soon will be gone forever.*

—BEVERLY ANN HOFFEDITZ



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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

MIDDLE RIVER, MD.—The Holy Spirit moved mightily in every service during recent meetings at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. John Mastro of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Some testified to being healed.

—Clyde Oliver, pastor

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CORRY, PA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed five nights of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Ray Leonard of Panama City, Fla.

Seven were saved, and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many others received great blessing from the Lord.

—James C. Grove, pastor

PATERSON, N. J.—Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward was guest speaker for an evangelistic campaign at Broadway Tabernacle here recently. During the campaign there were conversions, many rededicated their lives to Christ, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The campaign climaxed with a Sunday evening release of the Revivaltime radio broadcast from Paterson.

—Philip D'Angelo, pastor

**Bartlett Peterson (left) presents the Honor of Origination plaque to Pastor Philip D'Angelo of Paterson, N. J., as C. M. Ward looks on.**



## EXECUTIVES REASSIGNED PORTFOLIOS OF SUPERVISION

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The eight executive officers of the Assemblies of God have been reassigned the same portfolios of supervision they held the past biennium for 1968-69.

The announcement came November 30 during the quarterly meeting of the Assemblies of God Executive Presbytery here.

Since all seven executive officers

voted upon were reelected in August at the General Council in Long Beach, Calif., General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman stated, "It is our conviction there should be no significant change in assignments at this time."

One reason for making no changes now, he said, is that "in keeping with executive action, we

are in the midst of an in-depth study of our Fellowship's overall program and ministry."

This study will result in a Five-Year Plan of Advance to be presented at the Council on Evangelism scheduled for August 26-29, 1968, at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Mo.

N. D. Davidson, Salem, Oreg., nonresident executive presbyter for,

the Northwest Area, officiated at the installation service for the executive officers.

Portfolio reassignments include: J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent: executive director of foreign missions.

Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent: executive director of the Publications and Radio Departments.

Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent: executive director of the Home Missions Department and the Department of Benevolences.

Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent: executive director of the Men's Fellowship Department, general services, board chairman of the Ministers' Benefit Association, and chairman of the Commission on Chaplains.

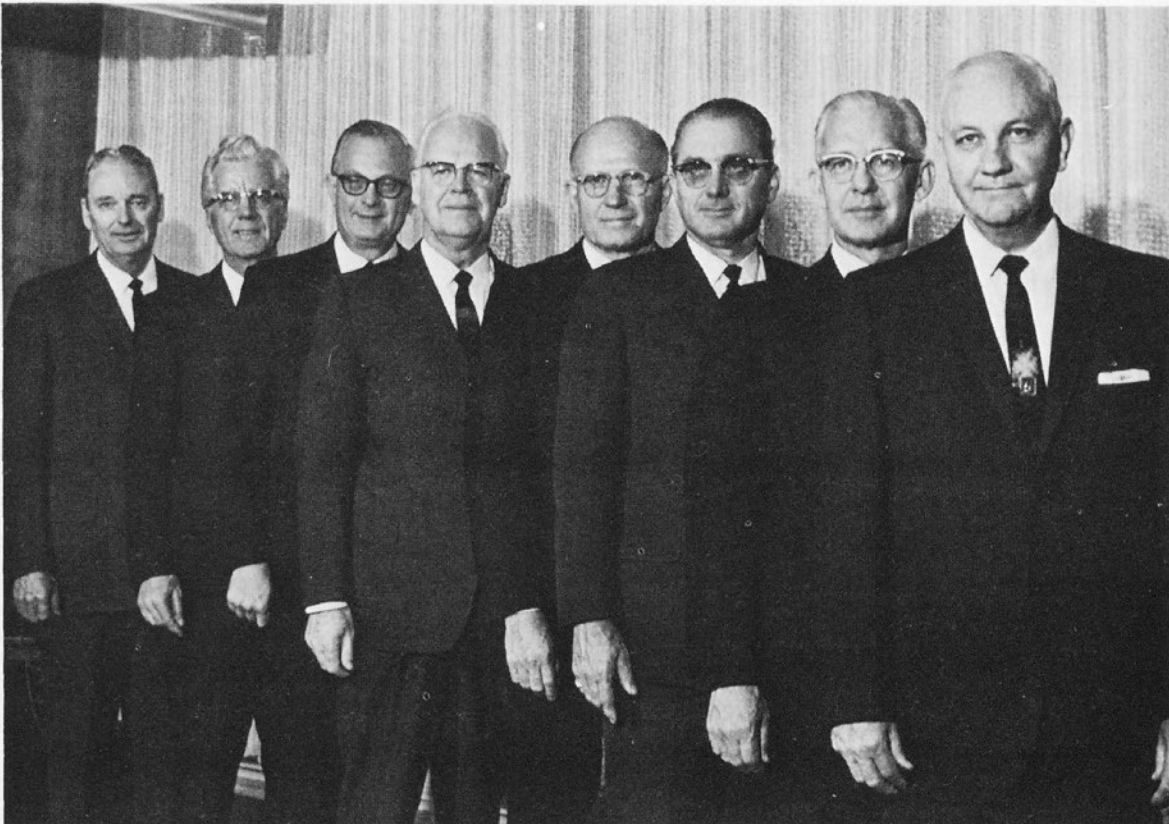
T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent: executive director of the Department of Education, and the Sunday School and Christ's Ambassadors Departments.

Bartlett Peterson, general secretary: executive director of the Women's Missionary Council Department.

Martin B. Netzel, general treasurer: executive director of the Finance Department, Data Process Center, communications, purchasing, and chairman of the Committee on General Council Properties.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, serves as executive director of the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission and of the personnel and public relations offices.

In addition, all national secretaries were returned to their posts.



**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (left to right): Howard S. Bush, Bartlett Peterson, Thomas F. Zimmerman, Charles W. H. Scott, Martin B. Netzel, J. Philip Hogan, T. E. Gannon, and Bert Webb.**



### MICHIGAN PROVIDES RETREAT FACILITIES

GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Realizing the need of better facilities for the youth, the Michigan District recently built a Swiss-type chalet at the district campgrounds here.

The chalet is in use nearly every weekend. A number of statewide retreats have been held here, including a state college youth meet, WMC retreat, C. A. representatives convention, and a ministers clinic.

Various local Christ's Ambassadors groups also use the facilities

on weekends during the year.

Much of the needed finances for the building came from businessmen Nick Timko, Rollin Severance, and Joseph Ninowski. Additional funds came from local C. A. groups and other interested friends.

Assemblies of God businessmen in the heating and furniture businesses provided heating facilities and bunk beds at reduced costs.

Upon completion, the chalet's value was estimated at \$50,000.

Actual cost, however, was only \$29,000 because of careful, conscientious planning of District C. A. President Thomas Trask who not only spearheaded the project but also served as contractor.

The building has a scalloped overhang roof and redwood-stained siding. The center windows, extending from the roof to the ground, are of red lucite.

Facilities include a complete kitchen, all-purpose auditorium, and a recreational area. Two separate dormitories sleep 24 each.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBR.—The power of God was poured out upon First Assembly here during recent services with Evangelist Kenneth Krivohlavek of Nebraska City, Nebr. Six persons were saved, six were reclaimed, 10 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and six were refilled with the Spirit.

In addition, 27 testified to receiving healing in their bodies. This was the best attended meeting in years. —Clyde King, pastor

SAINT THOMAS, PA.—Services at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del., were extended a

week beyond original plans because of the unusual blessing of the Lord and the readiness of the people to seek Him. Many came forward for salvation. Others in the church were revived or healed, and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—G. D. Tryon, pastor

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Grace Assembly here had overflow crowds nightly during a recent 15-day meeting with Evangelist Cecil Welch.

Eighteen were saved, several were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 15 united with the church and were baptized in water. The Sunday school attendance was broken with a record 291 present the last Sunday.

Revival fires continue to burn.

—J. C. Washburn, pastor



**SOUNDING BOARD**—Members of the National Sunday School Committee, appointed by the General Presbytery to represent district and local Sunday schools, met in Springfield, Missouri, December 5 to review and give guidance to the program of the National Sunday School Department. The committee heard reports on various phases of the program and made recommendations to the department. A second meeting will be held May 6. Serving on the committee are (left to right) G. W. Hardcastle II, pastor, Evangel Temple, Kansas City, Missouri; D. F. Flanagan, Sunday school director, South Carolina; W. E. Kirschke, national secretary, Sunday School Department; F. N. McAllister, Sunday school director, Northwest District; T. E. Gannon, executive director; H. E. Crosby, Sunday school director, Eastern District.

### GARY LEGGETT NAMED TO POST IN CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Gary Leggett, former promotions editor of the Department of Benevolences, has been named assistant editor of quarterly materials of Church School Literature. His new duties include expediting the production of these materials.

Brother Leggett also assists Tom



Sanders, quarterly material editor, in developing and planning new curriculums; publicity and promotion of quarterly materials; and departmental representation at conventions, workshops, and other meetings.

While working for the Department of Benevolences since May 1966, Brother Leggett was associate editor of *Caring*, contributing editor for other Assemblies' periodicals, supervisor of Aged Ministers' Assistance, and research director.

Previously he was editor of Vacation Bible School materials for the Assemblies of God.

A native of Rochester, N. Y., he graduated from high school in 1954 and then served in the U. S. Army. He enrolled at Central Bible College in Springfield and graduated in 1962.

As a licensed minister with the New York District, he served from 1962 to 1964 as assistant pastor of the Assemblies of God church in Canandaigua, N. Y.

Married in 1957, the Leggetts have two children.



Congregation of Grace Assembly, St. Louis, Mo., showing record attendance during the meeting with Evangelist Cecil Welch.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.—Several were saved during recent services at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Bill Hayes of Kilgore, Tex. In addition, one person was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled with the Spirit. Several rededicated themselves to the Lord.

—Bob Skipper, pastor

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EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Dean Heady of Barnett, Mo. Every department of the church was blessed. Several persons were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many rededicated their lives to God.

—J. M. Graham, pastor

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CLINTON, ILL.—The entire congregation of the Assembly here was lifted to a new place in God during recent services with the Singing Lunsfords of Metropolis, Ill.

Three persons were saved, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and three were baptized in water.

There were 118 visitors attending the services.

—C. R. DePrenger, pastor

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LONGMONT, COLO.—Bethel Temple here enjoyed recent meetings with Evangelist Paul Morris of Hutchinson, Kans. Several persons accepted Christ as Saviour during the eight-day meeting. On the closing day, the Sunday school record was broken with 236 present. Brother Morris was a help and blessing to the Sunday school with promotion and visitation programs.

—James Miller, pastor

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Geneva	First	Jan. 22-Feb. 4	Jerry & Ann Johnson	E. Hollis Kelley
Ark.	Ashdown	First	Jan. 21-26	Jim Mackey	S. E. Teehee
Calif.	Bell Gardens	First	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	Wesley F. Morton	Oran Duncan
	Eureka	<sup>1</sup> Henderson	Jan. 28-Feb. 2	Charles Senechal	Wilford Frazier
	Lodi	First	Jan. 28-Feb. 4	Howard Rusthoi	Gene C. Forrest
	S. San Francisco	First	Jan. 24-28	George Holmes	Carl E. Curtright
	Stockton	<sup>2</sup> Templo El Siloe	Jan. 16-21	Thomas Hernandez	Ralph Viramontes
Colo.	Sterling	Templo Getsemani	Jan. 28-Feb. 11	D. Bazan Sr.	Ezequiel Martinez
Fla.	Pensacola	First	Jan. 24-Feb. 4	The Singing Lunsfords	A. E. Spence
	Tampa	Oak Park	Jan. 21-Feb. 4	S. P. & Mrs. Bostic Jr.	Jimmy Elliott
	Tarpon Springs	First	Jan. 23-28	H. B. Kelchner	Glenn M. Babcock
Iowa	Davenport	El Bethel	Jan. 28-Feb. 11	Matschulat Party	Merle White
Ky.	Lexington	Bethel Temple	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	J. E. Friend	LaVern Snyder
La.	Mer Rouge	Bonne Idee	Jan. 16-28	Mike & Linda Murdock	Bob Brantley
	Sterlington	First	Jan. 28-Feb. 4	Mike & Linda Murdock	J. E. Barton
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pentecostal	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	R. L. Beavers	Daniel Hare
	Midlothian	Trinity	Jan. 28-Feb. 4	Kelley Wigfield	R. W. Richendrfer
Minn.	Hutchinson	A/G	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Ray Crouse
	Shakopee	A/G	Jan. 24-28	The Tanner Team	David Ward
N. Dak.	Hettinger	A/G	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	Paul Sandgren	Emil Wolf
Okla.	Cyril	First	Jan. 22-Feb. 4	Ted & Anna Stephens	Vernon D. Lusby
	Oklahoma City	Southside Faith	Jan. 22—	Larry Hatfield	John W. Newby
	Okmulgee	First	Jan. 21-Feb. 4	Stewart B. Douglass	Jimmy Phillips
	Pauls Valley	<sup>2</sup> First	Jan. 25-28	Dave & Brenda Kelly	Winston Shaffer
Oreg.	Portland	Parkrose	Jan. 23-28	Paul Clark Team	Garmond Mindt
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 24-Feb. 4	Paul E. Morris	Andrew Teuber
Tenn.	Memphis	Raleigh	Jan. 28-Feb. 4	Ed Eaton	J. D. Middlebrook
Tex.	Bowie	First	Jan. 23—	Don Martin	L. C. Smith

<sup>1</sup> Children's Revival    <sup>2</sup> Citywide Revival    <sup>3</sup> Unionwide Revival

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

## WITH CHRIST

MANUEL ARCHULETA, 77, of Mountainair, N. Mex., went to be with the Lord December 1, 1967. Brother Archuleta was licensed to preach in 1950 by the Latin American District. He served as pastor of the Asamblea de Dios in Mountainair since 1952. He is survived by his wife Altagracia, four sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

T. DEWEY CRABB, 69, of Chehalis, Wash., went to be with the Lord November 17, 1967. Ordained

in 1930, Brother Crabb was a member of the Northwest District. In addition to two years spent as a missionary in Africa he served as an evangelist in the U.S. and as a pastor in Washington at Shelton, Aberdeen, Metaline Falls, and

Pomeroy. Brother Crabb also ministered in Oklahoma and New England. He is survived by his wife Jennie, a brother A. B. Crabb, Spokane, who is an ordained minister, one other brother, and three sisters.

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MORGANTON, N. C.—About 90 Christ's Ambassadors attended the annual Morganton Section C. A. banquet here. Charles Brown, district C. A. president, was the special speaker. Tommy and Jean Cooke of Shulls Mills were chosen C.A.'s of the year in the section, for their work with youth as a husband and wife team. Sammy Powell of Valdese was runner-up. Left to right in the picture are: Sammy Powell; Bobby Wilson, sectional C. A. representative; Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and Charles Brown.

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

## Fourth Annual Conference for Deaf Is Held

SOUTH KOREA—The 10 deaf churches of the Korea Assemblies of God have held an annual workers conference in Seoul for the past three years. According to Missionary Arthur C. Sholtis, last year's conference was divided and held in three different sections of South Korea so more people could attend.

The purpose of the conference was to better prepare workers to tell the good news of salvation to Korea's deaf.

The morning sessions of the meetings were devoted to Bible study and Scripture memorization. The afternoons were spent in learning handicrafts and in holding special children's meetings at which 370 children from all over the country made decisions to become Christians.

At the close of the three conferences 73 workers received certificates.



The Assemblies of God mission work was begun in Panama through a Good News Crusade.

## GOOD NEWS CRUSADES Planned for 1968

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Word has been received at the Foreign Missions Department of some of the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES to be held in 1968.

According to Field Secretary for Africa Everett L. Phillips, every country in Africa where Assemblies of God missionaries are working will have GOOD NEWS CRUSADES during 1968. These will be held by missionaries and national evangelists.

The Far East field reports that evangelists Gene Burgess, Lorne Fox, D. L. Nultemeier, Louis Richards, Watson Argue, and Wesley W. Weekley will hold GOOD NEWS CRUSADES throughout the Orient and islands of the sea.

These will include Guam, Fiji, Japan, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Korea, Marshall Islands, Philippines, Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia.

Missionary-Evangelist Hal Herman will conduct crusades in Ceylon and Germany; Willard Cantelton will be in Holland; both Quentin Edwards and Eddie Wilson will be conducting meetings throughout India; and Anthony Piraino will continue his GOOD NEWS CRUSADES program in Italy.

Missionary David Godwin reports that Evangelist Watson Argue will be in Panama for a month-long GOOD NEWS CRUSADE from January 21 through February 18. This meeting will be the first to

be held in the theater which the believers have purchased and are remodeling into a church that will seat about 850. Definite plans for other crusades in Latin America will be completed soon.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is a program of the Foreign Missions Department to reach the world's masses with the gospel.

## Newly Appointed Missionaries Find Various Avenues of Service

WALE WALE, Ghana—Missionaries Arthur and Doris Hokett, who arrived in Ghana last July, report that God has opened many doors for them.

Each week the Hoketts conduct religious instruction classes in four public schools of Wale Wale, where they teach about 250 boys and girls.

Last November was a time of special evangelistic emphasis in almost every Assemblies of God church in Ghana. The Hoketts report that in their area alone over 100 people accepted Christ as Saviour, many were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were healed of various sicknesses.

The Hoketts held a gospel service one Sunday afternoon in front of a chief's house in a small village of the Kassena people. The old chief repented of his sins at the close of the service, and the new missionaries gave him a Bible as a special gift. The chief held it to his heart and said, "This will be the most prized possession in my house!" The Hoketts are praying he will lead many of the people of his village to the Lord and that a church will be established there.

## Nigerians More Open to the Gospel

By REX JACKSON / Africa Literature Coordinator

A GLIMMER OF HOPE for settlement of the Nigerian civil war is shining. Four African heads of states have gone to Nigeria on authority of the Organization of African Unity to mediate in the dispute between the federal government and the Eastern Region, which declared itself independent.

The military leader of the secessionist state has said he would be willing to talk about a settlement, according to news media.

Urgent prayer is requested by those concerned that there will be peace. Nigeria has the largest Assemblies of God work in Africa and one of the largest in the world. The strife of recent months has resulted in our missionaries being evacuated from Eastern Nigeria.

The whole nation has suffered.

According to a recent article in the weekly news magazine, *West Africa*, tens of thousands of people have been killed. Some of our own brethren are in that number.

*West Africa* says that the eastern Nigeria people, the Ibo tribe in particular, are afraid they will be wiped out, even if there is a cessation of hostilities. They feel there may be no place for them in Nigeria in the future.

Different federal leaders have assured the Ibos that there is a place for them. One of the military governors said, "The Ibos could and would return (to other parts of Nigeria) after the war. It will be safe because the cause of the hostility toward them now has been largely removed. Local people now have the jobs once

held by Ibos, and there is no longer jealousy and envy."

Missionaries returning home report that, in spite of the trouble, the people are more open to the gospel than ever before. Or perhaps this is because of the trouble. But continued war would only hinder the work of God. Pray for a peaceful settlement.

## Night Bible School Opened

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia—Missionaries Harold and Myrna Carpenter have recently opened a night Bible Institute in Santa Cruz.

The night school was begun to accommodate the many young people who could not attend the day Bible Institute due to working conditions or family considerations. The initial enrollment was 24.



Japanese in Brazil take a bold step as they lay the cornerstone for a church.

## Japanese Christians of Brazil Lay Cornerstone

RONDONÓPOLIS, Brazil—Japanese pastor Hatao Egami and his congregation recently laid the cornerstone for a new church building for Japanese immigrants in this city.

Mr. Egami and his family came to Brazil several years ago to work among the Japanese who have migrated in considerable

## Evangelistic Crusade Successful in Penang

PENANG, Malaysia—National pastors Luke Koo and Anthony Chong, and Missionary Donald McMurray, invited Missionary-Evangelist Wesley W. Weekley to hold a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Penang First Assembly.

In preparation for the meetings, the church conducted special prayer services. Two weeks prior to the meetings, banners were hung and approximately 10,000 pieces of literature were distributed.

The services were held outdoors except on nights when it rained. The first night six people accepted Christ as their Saviour and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Every night at least one came forward for salvation.

One lady testified, "I don't know why this church makes me so happy." The next night she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

This revival also brought in a few people who had left the church because of misunderstandings. There is a new spirit of unity and fellowship.

Missionary Donald McMurray says, "This revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Weekley was one of the best ever held in Penang. God was indeed in our midst!"

numbers to South America and formed colonies in various agricultural areas. In northern Brazil the Japanese have large plantations of black pepper and raise enough to supply the world market.

A number of Japanese believers have been baptized in water. Instead of serving Buddha or performing the Shinto rites, they now worship Christ.

Mr. Egami and Masao Ishizuka, a dentist who has accepted Christ, attended the World Pentecostal Conference in Rio de Janeiro. Both took part in a telecast featuring foreign delegates to the conference.

The Japanese Christians are sacrificing to make possible the establishing of a Japanese Pentecostal church in Brazil. Funds are also being sent from interested people in Japan. The congregation at Rondonópolis needs \$1,000 to complete their new church.

## Fifteen Congo Bush Churches Report Good Campaigns

BIODI, Congo—Fifteen bush churches in the Biodi area completed two months of personal evangelism. Altogether they reached 9,980 people and 765 decisions were registered. Thirty-three were baptized in water.

For the final meeting Missionary Philip Cochrane spoke to them, and 13 people decided to follow Christ. (Three other districts have held similar campaigns in Congo, but no reports of these meetings have yet been received.)



## Parade Climaxes in Evangelistic Rally

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—During the National Christ's Ambassadors Convention held in 1967, more than 1,500 young people of the El Salvador Assemblies of God paraded through the main streets of this capital city. This was the first public demonstration of its kind in the history of the Protestant church in this country.

Three floats were built especially for the parade: one represented the youth of the Assemblies of God; another, the national bookstore; and the third, the National Bible Society of El Salvador. Many of the young people carried placards on which Scriptures were printed.

The National Army Band escorted the parade playing Christian marches they had learned especially for the occasion.

The parade terminated with an evangelistic rally in the central plaza. An estimated 3,000 were in attendance. John Bueno, pastor of the Evangelistic Center, spoke; and at the close of the meeting more than 100 persons responded to the invitation to accept Christ.

The National Christ's Ambassadors Department of El Salvador was organized in 1951 by Missionary Paul Finkenbinder, who also served as its first president. Since that time the organization has grown to approximately 4,000 members. This group supports its own national president and C. A. office, besides giving several scholarships each year to Bible school students.

After the parade the Christians gathered around the Liberty Monument.



## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



David Brauchler family



Marlin Petersen family



The Sam Johnsons



The Lonnie Calloways



William Ilnisky family



The Calvin Olsons

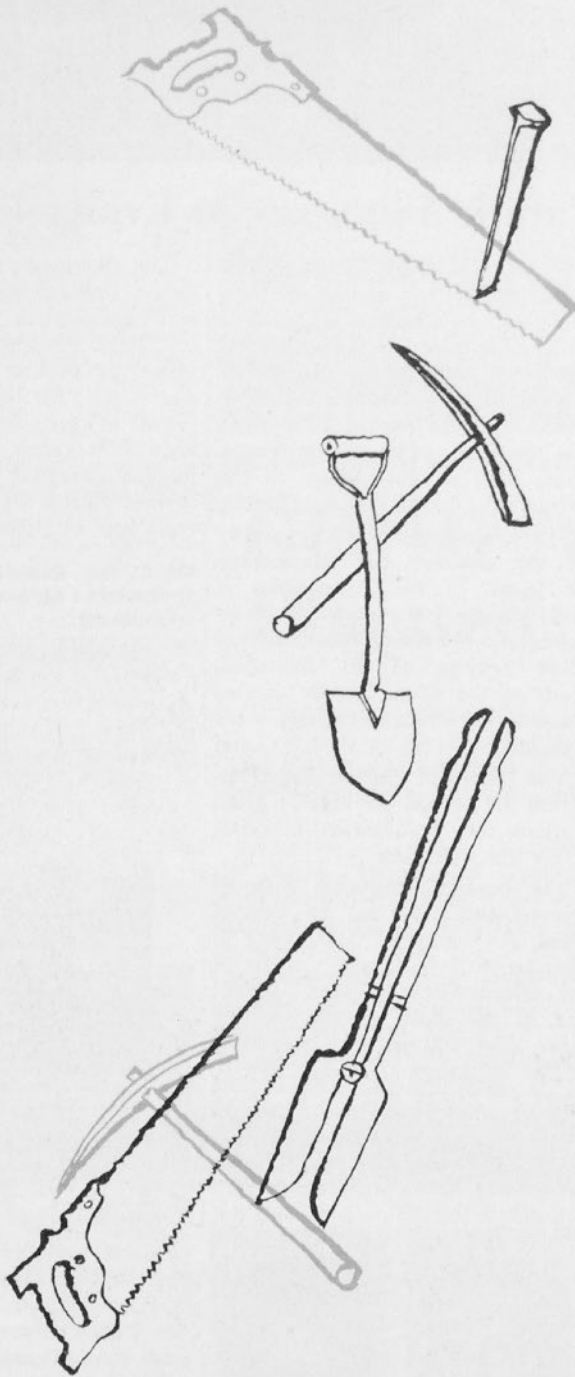
Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **William Ilniskys** (Jamaica), the **David Brauchlers** (Colombia), the **Calvin Olsons** (E. Pakistan), and the **Marlin Petersens** (Nigeria).

Newly appointed missionaries going to their fields of service are: the **Sam Johnsons** (Spain) and the **Lonnie Calloways** (Lesotho).

Missionaries returning to the U. S. for furlough are: the **Raymond Busbys** (Far East), the **P. Henry Halls** (Peru), the **Kenneth Godbeys** (Nigeria), **Ruby Peterson** (Nigeria), and **Irene Crane** (Nigeria).

**Gladys Kensinger**, wife of the late Russell Kensinger (Nicaragua), has taken up residence in Stanwood, Washington. The **Richard Palmers** (Peru) have moved to Miami, Florida, where he will serve as personnel manager for *Editorial Vida*.

# WHEN THE TOOLS NEED SHARPENING



By W. C. COLLINS

**F**OR MANY YEARS the slender brown whetstone had occupied a place in the old carpenter's tool chest. Its surfaces were worn; yet considering its age, it was remarkable that it had not long ago been worn out and discarded.

But the stone was of comparatively soft material, useless on all but the softest metals. In all its years of service it had not once given complete satisfaction, so it was little used.

One day the carpenter added a new and especially hard

chisel to his chest of tools. When this chisel needed sharpening, the brown whetstone was put to the test. It failed completely.

The workman laid the stone aside and made good at last the threat of many previous exasperations. He got a better stone.

In the chest were several tools that had long been an aggravation. They were good tools, but they had never been as sharp as he knew they could be. Always their cutting edges and the surfaces they left had been a disappointment, a humiliation. With the new stone, things were going to be different.

The printed slip enclosed with the new stone said, "Guaranteed to cut all steels." Smiling, the workman took the new stone out of its box. He would soon test its warranty. Taking up the new chisel, he drew it along the surface of the guaranteed stone. By the sound and by the feel of the metal in his hands, the carpenter could tell the new stone was cutting as the old had never done. He tested the chisel on a piece of wood, and it cut as cleanly as a razor.

One after another, he sharpened his tools to a perfection they had never known. When he finished, the new stone looked as if it had never been touched. It was that hard, that efficient. Wondering why he had delayed so long, the workman carefully placed the new stone in the chest where the old one had been.

All of us are a little like the carpenter. God has started us out in the business of life with an assortment of tools. We look at the tools and dream of building a great life for ourselves and a better world for our children.

But so often we choose to carry in our toolbox a stone that is too soft—our own goodness and wisdom. When the tools God gives us become dull with use, or misuse, when they are coated with the slow rust of years, we pick up our soft stone. It is frustrating to see the stone chipped away by the very tools it should be sharpening. Yet many keep on trying.

Some become so discouraged and confused that they look for an escape from the whole business of life. Others struggle along, settling for dull or rusty tools, refusing to look for a better stone on which to sharpen them.

Still others face the fact that since they have not the stone to properly whet the tools of life, they need help. In their helplessness they turn to the Master who gave them the tools. Laying aside the soft stone of human goodness they reach out in confidence for "the righteousness which is of God by faith." Acknowledging that their own wisdom is insufficient, they ask for the wisdom God has promised to give liberally to those who ask for it.

If you are among the frustrated, the discouraged, the confused builders of lives, bring your need to the Saviour who gave you the tools. He alone has the power to sharpen them to their fullest potential.