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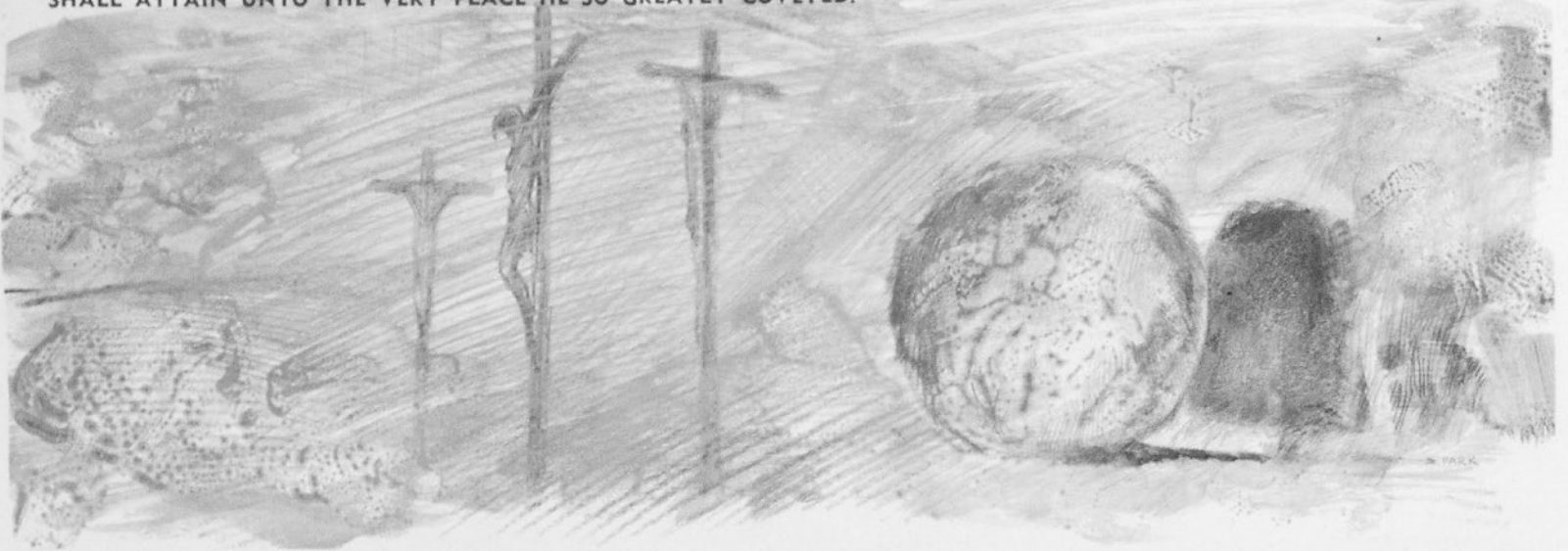
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SATAN KNOWS VERY WELL THAT THE DAY IS COMING WHEN WE, THE OVERCOMING GROUP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, SHALL ATTAIN UNTO THE VERY PLACE HE SO GREATLY COVETED.



# FULL REDEMPTION IS OURS!

By JOHN P. KOLENDA

**T**HE BIBLE TELLS THE STORY OF MAN and God's dealings with him, both in the past and in the present, and also gives us a glimpse into the eternal future.

We read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). I am convinced that when these were produced by the hand of God, they were perfect, beautiful, wonderful. "The morning stars sang together" when He laid the foundations of the world. Angels are often referred to as "stars."

Among the leaders of the angels were Michael, commonly called the archangel, and Gabriel, the messenger of peace. Then there was Lucifer, who seemingly was the most beautiful, the most perfect of all created beings, and whose name signifies "light-bearer." He also was called "the Son of the Morning," and "The Anointed Cherub." The word *anointed* implies that he was a ruler; he had dominion over at least a third of the stars or the angelic hosts of heaven.

## LUCIFER'S JEALOUSY

Mighty and majestic upon his throne, he was not satisfied with the estate in which God had placed him. He caught a glimpse of another throne, the throne of the One who was supreme, infinite, all-powerful; the throne of the Son of God, the Creator of heaven and earth. And as Lucifer beheld Him, he coveted and said in his heart, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will be like the most high" (Isaiah 14:12).

When Lucifer said, "I will," thereby setting his will against the will of God, rebellion began and sin entered the universe.

God responded to Lucifer's self-will by saying, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell" (Isaiah 14:15) and pro-

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nounced judgment upon the usurper. Lucifer was dethroned and as he fell he pulled with him one-third of the stars (angels) of heaven.

## CREATION

God proceeded to create the heaven and the earth. He dispelled the darkness and separated the waters beneath from the waters above. On the third day dry land appeared, and on the next day He created the sun, moon, and planets. He created fish of the sea, fowls of the air, animal life, and then He created man. Everything He created He called good.

Man was the crown of God's creation and was given dominion over the earth. But Satan, smarting under his previous defeat, was not willing to leave undisturbed that which God had pronounced good. Satan came into the Garden and beguiled Eve into partaking of the forbidden fruit. And through the woman, Adam fell; sin entered into the world. Of course, sin brought judgment. I can imagine Lucifer, the archangel, triumphantly saying, "I have ruined God's creation."

## THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES

But wait just a moment. No ruin there! That very day God appeared in the Garden and gave the promise that through the woman's seed redemption would be wrought. No doubt Satan heard it and realized that the battle had begun.

We read that when Eve brought forth her firstborn son, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Genesis 4:1). She thought he who was to bruise the serpent's head had come, but she was mistaken. Satan was to assail the seed of the woman, and his plan was to besmirch everyone with sin. He succeeded with Cain, but failed with Abel; therefore he determined to get rid of Abel and gained the desired end when Cain murdered his brother.

Ever since that day Satan has endeavored either to

defile man with sin or to kill him in infancy. He has done it all through the ages, none having been excluded, for "there is none righteous; no, not one."

Finally there came One who was born of a woman, announced by the angels, laid in a manger. When the Wise Men reported that He was the promised One, the Messiah, the King of the Jews, immediately Satan said, "He shall not succeed." He inspired Herod to make an attempt on the young Child's life. Through God's providence Jesus escaped this cruel fate by being taken to Egypt by Mary and Joseph, who had been warned in a dream to flee.

When Satan met Him again, it was at the River Jordan, when the heavens opened and the dove was seen descending upon this One who was called the second Adam. Satan knew the battle was on in earnest. He met Him single-handed in the desert, and you will remember the temptation, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3); but Jesus answered this cruel enemy of mankind, "It is written . . ." and thereby defeated him by the Word of God.

On the pinnacle of the temple He again vanquished this foe. In the third battle, when the kingdoms of this world were shown to Christ and Satan offered to surrender them to Him, the sword of the Spirit once more was victorious, and the enemy had to flee.

But the struggle of the ages was not at an end. It continued all through Christ's earthly ministry. Satan said, "I could not slay Him in infancy; I cannot get Him to sin; but I shall gain my point; I shall kill Him." At length we find Christ in the garden, alone in prayer. What a conflict! It continued in the judgment hall of Caiaphas, then in Pilate's hall, and culminated on Calvary where He bowed in complete surrender.

#### **SATAN'S GLEE PREMATURE**

There He hung, jeered at by the howling mob, forsaken by all, nailed to the cruel tree, and surrounded by ten thousand demons. All hell was let loose that day as the power of the enemy enveloped Him in the battle of all battles, when the Majesty of heaven wrestled with the majesty of hell. And finally, when it seemed that even God had forsaken His only Son and He hung His head and died, Satan thought he had scored a triumph.

What rejoicing there must have been! Jesus was dead. Satan had succeeded in killing Him. Death had taken its prey and the grave hid Him, the One who had been called the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Surely it seemed that Satan had triumphed at last.

But while His body lay in the tomb, suddenly this Lamb, the Substitute for mankind, became the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and went down into the den of lions. He preached to the spirits in prison, burst the fetters and chains of the captives, and led captivity captive. Praise God, He burst asunder the gates of death and arose a Conqueror over all His foes. The Lion of the tribe of Judah had conquered His enemy.

When John saw the book sealed with seven seals, he wept, (Revelation 5:5), for no one was worthy to open the book and to break its seals. But then one elder said, "Weep not, this Lamb who has become the Lion has prevailed and He is worthy to open the book and to break the seals thereof."

You ask, "Of what book is he speaking?"

It is the book of our redemption; the title deed of a redeemed earth, which God has given unto man, for an inheritance, but which through sin has been forfeited.

#### **THE REDEMPTION PRICE**

In Old Testament times when an Israelite became poor and forfeited his inheritance, someone who was able and willing could redeem that property by paying the required price. The price of redemption was written in a book; also on the outside of the volume. The book then was sealed and given to the holder of the property which had been forfeited.

As long as no one was able or willing to pay the redemption price of that estate, the book was kept sealed. But if there was one willing to pay the price and redeem the estate, the moment he laid down the ransom price he was permitted to take that book and break its seals.

You and I sinned and thereby came under the curse of Satan; we became his slaves. He held the title deed to our lost position in Christ, and we were helpless to redeem ourselves.

What was the redemption price? The requirement was a sacrifice. And He who was almighty took our sins and our guilt upon Himself and carried them to the cross of Calvary, where as the Lamb of God He was slain, thus paying the price of our redemption. Therefore, He was able and worthy to open the book, and today we may rejoice in this glorious salvation. We are redeemed by the blood of the crucified One, the Lamb of God. Not only are we saved from the guilt of sin, but we may also be saved and delivered from the power of sin, for the Lamb of God who was slain on Calvary is also the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

#### **POWER FROM ON HIGH**

There by the banks of the River Jordan, Jesus was endowed with the mighty power from on high. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove, equipping Him for the service and the battle before Him. And it was in the power of the Spirit that He was led into the wilderness, and in that power that He fought the crucial battles with Satan, the roaring lion. He fought, conquered, and obtained the victory not in His own strength but through the power of the Holy Spirit. It was in the power of that same Spirit that He offered Himself in death on the cross and by the same power that He was raised from the dead. The Spirit of God is the mighty power that defeats the roaring lion—Satan.

When Christ left this earth, He bade farewell to His disciples, and told them that He would not leave them comfortless but would send them another Comforter. He did not expect them to overcome that roaring lion in their own strength, but the same power that came upon Him was promised to the disciples.

The word *Comforter* is also translated *Paraclete*, meaning, "One called alongside of, who walks along with us." When Jesus left the disciples, He did not leave them as orphans, but said in effect, "My children, I bid you to go on; walk through this world in the power of the Spirit; and though I send you as sheep among wolves, there is One who will walk alongside of you—the Paraclete. He will give you power over sin."

The devil hated us and pressed us to the limit, and

many of us were defeated. But we found a champion in the Lion of the tribe of Judah. If you will only trust Him, He will champion your cause. Yes, power over sin is included in this full redemption.

John saw Him take the book and prepare to open its seven seals. That means that He is about to complete the work of full redemption for man, who has lost his estate and forfeited his inheritance. Thank God for victory over sin!

#### **WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM**

If we could but sense it, we would hear the groan in nature, both in the vegetable kingdom and in the animal kingdom, for the whole creation groans for the lifting of the curse which sin has brought upon the universe (Romans 8:19, 22).

But Paul says that the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage and the corruption of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Romans 8:21). The Lion of the tribe of Judah is coming again to lift the curse from all creation, and He will redeem our bodies. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1, 2). We who have been redeemed from the power of sin shall be like Him.

#### **SATAN JEALOUS OF US**

I confess that this is an overwhelming thought which is beyond my comprehension. The very thing for which Lucifer struggled—that which he coveted when he saw the Omnipotent One sitting upon the throne, and that to which he desired to attain when he said, "I will be like the Most High"—that very place we are to gain ourselves! He used the wrong method, the method of self-exaltation, and was cast down and defeated.

Let me tell you a secret. The devil is fighting you and me now, not so much because he hates us, nor because we amount to so very much, but because he is jealous of us, the redeemed sons of God. He knows very well that the day is coming when we, the overcoming group of God's people, shall attain unto the very place he so greatly

coveted. He knows that God has reserved it for a certain company, the sons of God. We shall be higher than the angels, higher than the seraphim, higher than the cherubim, beyond Gabriel and Michael, higher even than Lucifer who was the chief of all created archangels.


I have the privilege of attaining that place. When He shall appear and take the book to break the seals thereof, every foe will be subject to Him. He will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, and we shall be like Him.

What a crowning day that will be! My soul yearns for it. I thank God for the full redemption of my spirit and of my soul, but I am waiting for the full redemption of my body as well. When He shall appear, we shall be like Him, the eternal Son of God.

#### **THE SONG OF REDEMPTION**

No wonder they said to John, "Do not weep." It was time to sing—not to weep! "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book..." (Revelation 5:8, 9). Soon we may join in that new song, the song of redemption, which will silence the angels, the cherubim, and the seraphim. With folded wings they shall stand aside while we, the redeemed of every nation, shall sing this new song, saying, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9, 10).

What a chorus that will be, the voices of all the redeemed together with the voices of all the angelic hosts! "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them (the redeemed, the angels, and then the entire universe) heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Revelation 5:13).

Hallelujah! What a full redemption is ours! 

## **SALT FOR POLLUTED WATERS**

By **RAYMOND D. VEH**

**T**REMENDOUS SALT RESOURCES have been discovered off the shores of Louisiana. Salt, fortunately, is one of the most plentiful substances in the world. It is likewise one of the most essential to life.


Strange, isn't it, that two-thirds of the world's population regard salt a luxury? This is despite God's goodness in adequately providing for the needs of mankind. Men either have abused and mishandled His gift or permitted it to be highly taxed by greedy men.

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." As a Sunday school pupil with little appreciation of the value of salt, I wondered just what he meant. Possibly He was remembering Elisha's day when in old Jericho the city officials were having trouble with the water supply. The waters were tainted! In a moment of desperation they

sent for a miracle-worker. That great man of God said: "Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein." Casting it into the water, Elisha said, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters." They were purified for man's use again, and the stream of pure water is still flowing today at Jericho.

Our nation's literature, our music, our religion at one time were pure streams of truth and beauty. Somewhere along the line filth crept in. The streams of these great values have been polluted, corrupted. Much of today's literature, art, music, even religious expression seems tainted.

If Christians wish, the waters can be healed again. We must be the salt to do it.

Letting Christ use us as condiments for life's best appetites, we can lift the low state of affairs into which our nation and world have sunk. We Christians still are the salt of the earth. Through us, God can savor mankind with the Spirit of Christ and bring salvation and blessing wherever He scatters us. 

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THERE IS NOTHING QUITE SO GOOD as homemade products. Whether they be sox or pies, sweaters or jams and jellies, the products of Mother's savory kitchen or Grandma's nimble knitting needles usually are the best. They are superior to the store-bought variety because love will not allow anything but the most wholesome ingredients and the finest workmanship.

Of course, quality is not always the main consideration. Sometimes there are economic reasons why Mother sits up late at the sewing machine, but most families these days have money for readymade garments and buy their entire wardrobe at the stores. In fact, many children think that's the only way clothing can be obtained.

A boy named Garth showed up at summer camp with homemade pajamas. The other boys in his cabin stared at him because his were "different." Some even made unkind remarks about his queer-looking pajamas, and Garth was embarrassed.

But the counselor smoothed things out by informing everyone that homemade garments are higher in quality than store-bought clothes.

He was right. Homemade products are superior—and its true in religion too. Homemade religion is the best kind you can find.

There are other kinds. There is a "church-made" religion, and that's all some people have. They were not blessed with a Christian home, so all they know about spiritual things is what they have learned at church.

There is also a "crowd-made" religion. When people get saved at a big revival meeting, the only time some of them seem to have very much religion is when another big meeting is on.

How much better it is when boys and girls are brought up in a Christian home, trained to serve God every day.

By a Christian home we mean one in which Christ is honored—a home where the Bible is read, and where prayer is offered at the dinner table, and where every member of the family participates in daily devotions. Happy are the children who are blessed with godly parents who take a personal interest in all their activities and who live consistent Christian lives at home.

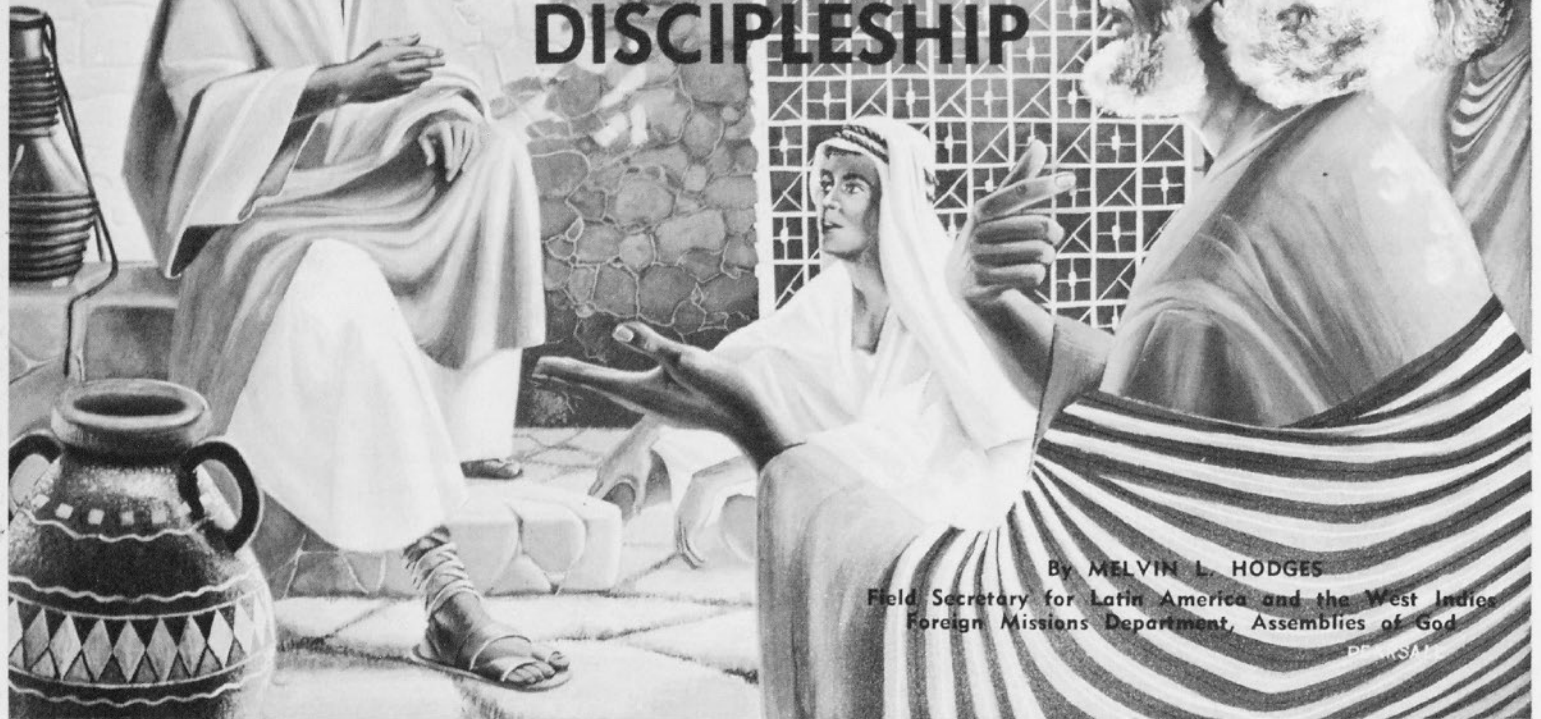
Some very sincere Christian parents are leaving it to others to train their children. They expect the church to do it all. But a Sunday school teacher can't give a child all the guidance he needs. Neither can the pastor, or the CA leader. These ministries are intended to supplement the work of the parents. God lays upon parents the responsibility for their children's spiritual welfare.

A Christian worker stood in a public meeting and asked the people to pray for his wayward children. He said, "My children are now grown, and they are not serving the Lord." With tears streaming down his face he added, "I was so busy trying to win other people's kids to Christ that I neglected my own. If I had it all to do over again I would spend more time with my own family and pay more attention to the spiritual needs of my own children."

Christian parent, your first responsibility is to your children. Don't let work or money-making or any activity whatever—not even church work—get you so busy that you can't have real companionship with your own son or daughter. You owe them your personal interest. Show them the love and understanding they need. Win their confidence. Give them a truly Christian home—and when they grow up they will establish one of their own.

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# THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP



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WHEN WE BECOME DISCIPLES of the Lord Jesus, we place ourselves in the category of *learners* and acknowledge Christ as our Teacher.

Great men have their disciples who attempt to learn the philosophy or art of their leader. Disciples of master musicians try to imitate the style of the maestro. They assiduously discipline their eyes, ears, and fingers in their attempt to perform with the same grace and accuracy. So Christ's disciple must submit himself to his Master's discipline of instruction.

However, in Christian discipleship a new dimension is added. Rather than merely trying to learn the techniques by carrying out exterior practices, Christian discipleship requires that the learner partake of Christ's very life.

Discipleship introduces us to the discipline and dynamics of Christ's ways.

## DISCIPLINED IN FAITH (SOURCES)

Jesus constantly emphasized the importance of faith. "Ye believe in God, believe also in me," He said. "All things are possible to him that believeth." After His resurrection He found it necessary to rebuke His disciples for their lack of faith.

To be disciplined in faith means to discipline our *sources*. There are many voices in the world; we must decide to whom we will listen. Reason demands a hearing. Human philosophy would set itself up as a source of truth. Doubts would invade our most sacred moment, and also clamor to be heard in the hour of dark spiritual struggle. Will we listen to these voices, or place our faith in God?

Writing in *Good Housekeeping* (March 1968), an Episcopal priest, Malcolm Boyd, stated it is a mistake

to expect divine intervention in answer to prayer. His article entitled, "Don't Ask God for Magic," said such expectation is a sign of spiritual immaturity and an effort to escape from the realities of life. Without question there are immature Christians who use prayer as an escape mechanism, hoping to be delivered by divine intervention from painful or unpleasant circumstances that are common to humanity, when in reality their prayer should not be for escape, but for grace to endure. However, if Jesus taught anything, He taught that man may expect divine intervention in answer to believing prayer and He demonstrated this continually by healing the blind, making the lame walk, and even raising the dead.

The discipline of our faith requires us to reject all other sources except the one true Source. We live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. We reject our doubts. When the opinions of renowned intellectuals and theologians contradict the plain teaching of Jesus, we reject them and cling to the living Word of Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." The disciple is committed to live by his faith.

Abraham is an example of the disciplined life of faith (Romans 4). God called upon him to believe His promise to the effect that he would be the father of many nations. So he closed his eyes to every contrary evidence and "against hope, believed in hope." He lived to see God's promise fulfilled. His faith required him to believe the promise of God for a supernatural intervention in his life.

We also are called upon to believe in a divine act that lies beyond the realm of natural possibility: that God raised Jesus from the dead for our salvation (Romans 4:24).

The discipline of faith is necessary in our daily living. "Take no thought as to what you shall eat, or what you shall wear," Jesus said. "God cares for the birds of the air. He will care for you if you seek first His kingdom." We are not helpless victims of the designs of evil man, nor are we entirely at the mercy of capricious circumstances. We have a Father who can deliver us from trouble. "Have faith in God." "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." Faith brings peace that passes all understanding.

The discipline of faith requires that we draw from only one Source—from Him who commands, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

#### DISCIPLINED IN LOVE (OBJECTS AND MOTIVES)

This means disciplining the *objects of our affection* and the *motivation* of our service. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." Christ demands absolute priority in the lives of His disciples. Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, houses and lands, riches and pleasures, must take second place to Him (Luke 14:25-33). To put them first is idolatry.

When Jesus would restore Peter to his place in the band of disciples, the searching all-important question was, "Simon, son of Jonas, *lovest thou me* more than these?" Only when that love was reaffirmed unswervingly was Peter recommissioned for service.

Our discipleship requires that we constantly evaluate our motives, lest we be moved by selfish ambition or personal advantage rather than Christian love.

#### DISCIPLINED IN OBEDIENCE (ACTIONS)

This means the disciplining of our *actions*. Christian faith and love have little meaning if they are not translated into action. "Faith without works is dead," James wrote. "If ye love me, *keep my comandments*," Jesus said. The acid test of our faith and love is our obedience to His will.

Christ's disciples recognize Him as their Lord, and therefore do His bidding. Too many of us use Peter's phrase, "No, Lord!" This is a contradiction in terms. Either we say, "Yes, Lord!" or we should not say "Lord" at all: "Why call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?"

The disciple presents his members to God as instruments of righteousness, rather than to sin as instruments of unrighteousness (Romans 6:13). When he suffers an offense he turns the other cheek (Matthew 5:39). He does good when he has received evil. He disciplines his conversations and even his thoughts in obedience to the Lordship of Christ. He renounces allegiance to self, sin, the world, and Satan. He has no other god but the Lord.

#### DISCIPLINED IN HUMILITY (THE SELF)

This is the disciplining of the *center* of our being—the self. Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Pride is egocentric. It wants to live for itself; to be served rather than to serve. It is the ground of man's rebellion against God and the cause of turmoil, frustration, and confusion.

Humility will dethrone self and allow God to reign in our lives. Then we will have inner peace.

On the night of His betrayal, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and gave to His disciples an object lesson in humility. He took a basin of water and began to wash His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). This was a task ordinarily done by a servant in the house when guests were received. It put the disciples to shame. None of them would lower himself to take a servant's place. They would rather let the feet of men remain dusty than belittle themselves in the eyes of their fellows.

They had been discussing and arguing among themselves about who would be the greatest (Luke 22:24). Their Master showed them that the greatest is the one who serves best. He girded Himself with a towel and performed the lowly service of drying as well as washing their feet.

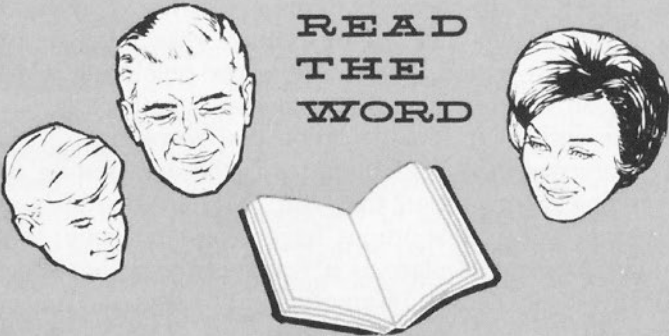
He who is disciplined in humility has overcome the greatest barrier to communion with God; he is in possession of the greatest peace and is able to render the greatest service.

#### DYNAMICS OF DISCIPLESHIP

The law engraved in stone or written on parchments was powerless to produce the results which it demanded. Jesus therefore came and demonstrated in life what God had required under the law; then He died for our sins and placed us in His debt forever.

Jesus, the Great Example, does not impart power to live as He lived except to the disciple who knows Him as the great Redeemer!

We love Him because He first loved us. The great acts of redemption are the Cross, the Resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, by whose power we are enabled to be true disciples. The Spirit reveals the crucified and risen Christ as the true object of the disciple's faith. He sheds the love of God abroad in the disciple's heart. Thus Christian discipleship is attained not by human striving, but by surrender to the claims of the King. It is the dynamic plus of the Spirit-filled life that makes true discipleship possible.

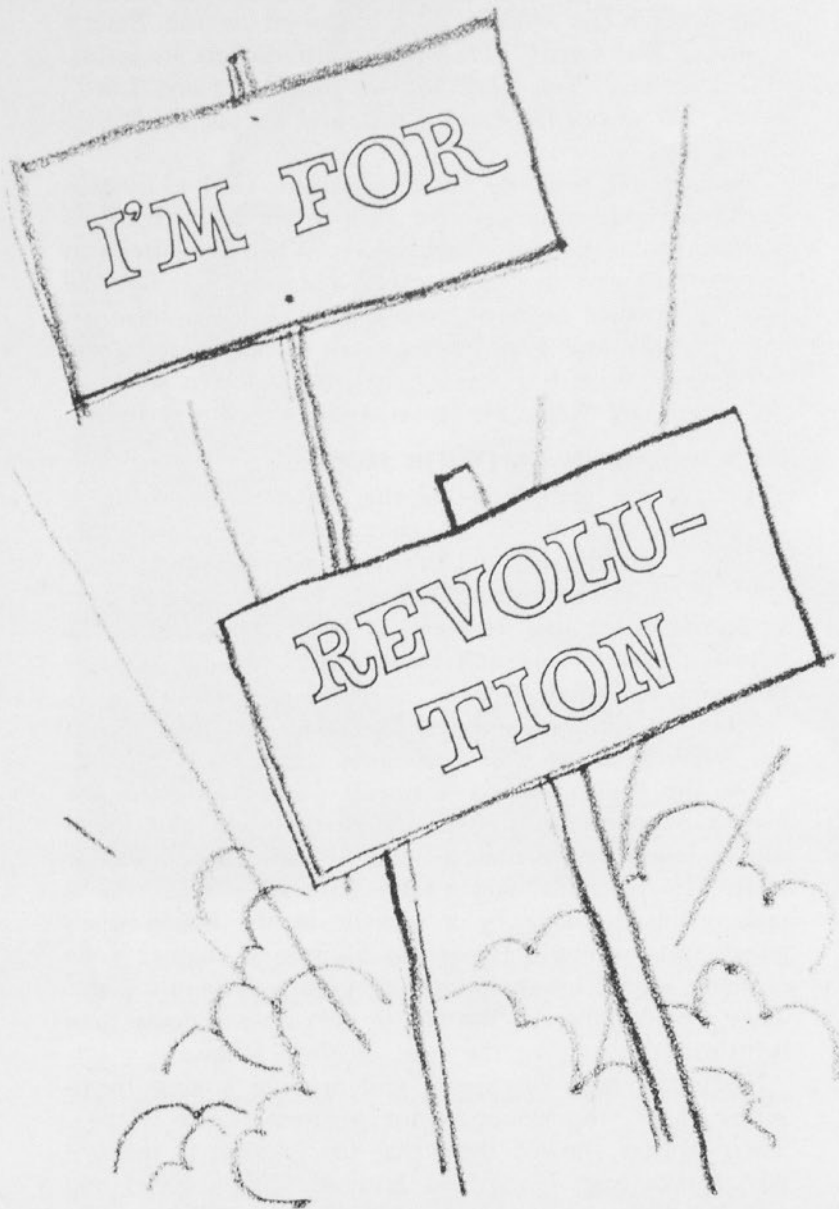


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**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 25—SEPT. 1**

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**"What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19).**



By HANS E. JOSEPHSEN

**T**HIS HAS BEEN CALLED an "age of revolution." Probably the four greatest revolutions in history are the English Revolution in 1642, the American Revolution in 1775, the French Revolution in 1789, and the Russian Revolution in 1917. But who can count the vast number of lesser revolutions which have taken place?

Take the history of Italy, for example. The story is told of Garibaldi, who set out to liberate that land. He saw some young men standing on the street corner and asked if they would enlist in his cause.

"What do you offer?" they asked.

"Offer?" cried Garibaldi, "I offer you hardship, hunger, rags, thirst, sleepless nights, footsores from marching, privations innumerable, and final victory in the noblest cause that ever confronted you."

Young Italy followed him!

There are young people standing up everywhere today and shouting, "I am a revolutionist. I don't like this world and I want to help change it. The older generation has

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made a mess of things, and my generation is going to do something about it."

In fact, it has gotten to the point where you just do not seem to fit into this generation unless you are a revolutionary. Webster defines *revolution* as "change or alteration of a system." A *revolutionary* or *revolutionist* is defined as "someone who organizes or takes part in a revolution."

Literally thousands of young people have become revolutionaries in the past year. They want a part in changing some aspect of society, whether it be racial inequality, social injustice, poverty, war, the draft, or student participation in school government and policy.

One college president recently stated: "The youth of our day have become the most powerful force in education and society."

Leaders everywhere are aware that the world is undergoing some radical, erosive, accelerating change. Wherever it is happening, you will find youth. They want to be where the action is.

But Webster qualified his definition of a revolution: "A revolution is not called a revolution unless it is successful and change is actually achieved."

I am afraid I will have to add another observation; namely, that not all revolutions have brought about *good* change. A system is not necessarily good or improved just because we change it. This is one of the hang-ups of the "Now Generation" revolutionaries. Doggedly pursuing change in systems they consider outdated, unjust, or immoral, many are leaving a vacuum behind them because they have nothing of value to offer instead.

This is where the Christian revolutionary differs. He is not only interested in worldwide revolution, doing away with the status quo, and effecting change; he has *something* and *Someone* to offer as a substitute. He leaves no vacuum. That *Someone* is Jesus Christ. That *something* is a vital, living faith that reaches out to touch the lives of others in this sick society and offers them a hope, a purpose for living.

You see, there are two major ways to change the status quo. There is the revolution of force and violence and fear which brings man against man, race against race, nation against nation. And there is the revolution of love and reason which brings God and man together, and man together with man. This is a spiritual revolution.

History confirms that the latter is the only lasting way to promote a revolution that will change individuals and society for good. Revolutions have come and gone; many changes have taken place as a result of them; but society basically is no better. If anything, it is worse. There is more selfishness, more hate than ever. What's the big hangup? Why does it happen like this?

The answer is that you can't change society and wind up with anything good and lasting without changing the individuals in it. Problems can only be solved, communities can only be changed, prejudices abandoned, poverty abated, morals improved as individuals are changed by the power of Jesus Christ.

Charles Malik, former president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, said: "It is perfectly clear that we can save nobody and nothing if we are not first



sure of ourselves. Only those who stay close to Jesus Christ can help those who are far away. Only those who prefer Him to everything else, even to the call of the needy world, can be used of Him for the need of the world."

No revolution can succeed without a leader. Our leader is Jesus Christ. He is the greatest revolutionary this world has ever known. He is hated, ridiculed, laughed at, and yet no leader has affected the world as Christ has. He came to bring God and man together, and man together with man. Anyone who has believed in Him, and received Him by faith, and committed his life to Him, is compelled to be a revolutionary! Christ came to change men to go out and change men to go out and change men to go out and...

Are you a revolutionary? In 2 Corinthians 5:17 the apostle Paul said: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, and behold, all things are become new."

In the Living New Testament it is stated this way:

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. These new things are from God who brought us back to Himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into His favor and be reconciled to Him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself, no longer counting men's sins against them, but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others."

Revolutionaries for Jesus Christ! Will you be one?

# THIS IS OUR MISSION

By JAMES E. HAMILL

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THE POSITION THAT SOME CHURCHES and ministers are taking today with regard to what the gospel is and what the mission of the church should be reminds me of a little cartoon someone handed to me. A woman at a cocktail party said to a clergyman, "What is your calling: civil rights, poverty, or peace?"

We must be careful not to identify the mission of the church with a social crusade or a program for social reform. This does not mean that we Christians should not take a part in movements that seek to bring about social reform. On the contrary, wherever men are seeking a just social order, we should lend them our earnest support. Christians should be in the vanguard of those who seek to correct the inequities and injustices in society.

The trouble is that today we are seeking to change the environment without changing the man. We must realize again that the new birth will have repercussions in every area of man's life and may well lead to social concern and social change.

Some theological seminaries now teach their students how to analyze bills introduced in legislative bodies and how to lobby for the passage of particular bills. Nearly every mainline denomination now maintains lobbyists in the national capital and in some state capitals.

Most denominations now issue numerous materials on a vast array of social problems. These materials known as "policy priorities" or "guides to legislation" instruct ministers and laymen in "the dynamics of planned social change."

These things would not be wrong within themselves, of course, because the church most certainly should be concerned and interested in social change, justice for all, help for the underprivileged and disadvantaged people. But the danger is that this enterprise is fast becoming the primary work of a large segment of the church, consuming

or threatening to consume the largest portion of its time, money, and other resources.


The real mission of the church is not to become a political agency or to force social change by the pressure of legislation or violence. The institutional church should and must resist efforts to make it a political agency, a charitable organization, or a social sounding board.

The church is not just a social uplift and a social reform organization; each church should be a Spirit-filled, Spirit-anointed, and Spirit-unctioned congregation dedicated to changing the hearts and lives of men, thus correcting the social evils of this age.

The Church of Jesus Christ is a divine institution. The Church was planned by God, founded by Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. It was born in the heart of God; implemented by His Son, Jesus Christ; and is operated by the Holy Spirit. This divine institution was conceived by the Father, established by the Son, and is administered by the Holy Spirit.

The Church is the fellowship of the redeemed. It consists of all those in every place and all ages who, by faith, have been placed into vital living union with the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ—those who have been redeemed, reconciled, and regenerated through faith and obedience to God.

The Church, therefore, has a divine purpose, a divine plan, a divine program. It has a God-given mission, a God-given message, and a God-given method of accomplishing that mission and delivering that message.

So, in the fear of God, we must not allow any cause, however worthy it may appear, or any program, however vital it may be, to deter us from the task that is ours as a part of the Church of Jesus Christ, to fulfill the priority mission of the Church—winning people to Jesus Christ and nurturing them in the faith. 

Written by David A. Womack; published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri; 96 pages, paperback (\$1.50).

A NEW BOOK, *The Wellsprings of the Pentecostal Movement*, will be introduced this week at the Council on Evangelism, in St. Louis.

The book was written by David A. Womack, foreign missions editor for the Assemblies of God, in collaboration with the Committee on Advance, the 15-member group currently evaluating the life and role of our church in this age.

Brother Womack's broad knowledge, research, and study in church history make the book extremely lucid in its insights and challenging in its conclusions.

The book is not a history of the Assemblies of God. Mainly it probes the beginnings of the Church in apostolic times. It traces apostolic patterns and the deviations from those patterns which caused the Church to lose its power.

The last third of the book traces the resurgence of the Pentecostal experience in this century. The author calls the book an attempt "to give Assemblies of God

3. Why did the Early Church lose the distinctive characteristics manifested in the first century?

4. Why, after so many centuries, did the Early Church patterns of doctrine, experience, and practice emerge again?

5. What were the underlying factors that brought the return of Pentecostal religion in this century?

6. Why did the Pentecostal outpouring coincide with a conservative, Bible-based theology?

7. If the Pentecostals represent a return to the Early Church patterns, what is the future of the Movement?

These are the questions the author attempts to answer in his book.

He stresses that the Day of Pentecost established a number of important precedents. "The experiences of that day showed the early Christians that the infilling of the Holy Spirit... was to be for the whole Church, not only for its leaders. It also showed that anointed preaching was to be a major method of evangelism, that the Church was to reach large numbers of people with its message, that spiritual experiences may not always be understood by those outside the Church, and

# The Wellsprings of the Pentecostal

people an understanding of their role in the mainstream of church history and a sense of their destiny as Pentecostal believers."

Throughout the book author Womack uses the illustration of a tree, its root system, and its propagation. "The Pentecostal Movement has many complicated roots," he says, "but it is the taproot plunging deeply into the New Testament Church that gives it its distinctive life."

He defines *wellspring* as something indicating a "continuous source, a limitless supply of whatever is basic for the existence of a thing." Then he adds: "The casual observer may look on the Pentecostal Movement as strange and overemotional, too much given to spiritual pursuits and not enough involved in the needs of the present generation; but the Pentecostals, knowing their own deep connection with the original power of the Church, reply that the one great need of the world is to find the Christ of the New Testament through a revival of Early Church religion, and they set about to spread the seed of the apostolic gospel over the whole earth at the expense of other worthwhile but less vital interests."

Declaring that the only way a church can assure itself of its own apostolicity is for it to test itself with first-century Christianity, the author poses these problems in the first chapter:

1. Does the 20th-century Pentecostal Movement represent a return to the basic teachings and religious experiences of the Early Church?

2. Did Jesus Christ and His apostles intend for the Early Church to be a pattern for all ages?

that three of the main religious experiences of the normal Christian life would be repentance, water baptism, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit."

Basic patterns of church growth, some of which have been repeated whenever the Church has expanded, he lists as:

1. Converts were gained basically through Spirit-anointed preaching.

2. Converts were required to make a public confession of their faith by being baptized in water.

3. Christians met in small groups scattered within walking distance of their homes. "Indeed, every Christian home was a potential meeting place because the worship of the Early Church required no special furniture, type of room, or distinctive trappings."

4. A simple but effective organization insured local continuation of Church functions such as worship services and care of the members.

5. The whole Church participated in evangelism. This seems to have been almost entirely by word of mouth.

6. The Early Church went first to the cities with the gospel, then let local believers evangelize the surrounding countryside.

7. The Early Church was more than a religious organization; it was a living organism, the perfect blending of the life of God with the lives of men.

8. Accompanying all the ministries of the Early Church were the miraculous gifts of the Spirit.

The author shows the simplicity of early Christian doctrine and uses Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost to prove that "the Church burst upon the world

with most of its fundamental elements in evidence from its very beginning"—rather than experiencing a gradual awakening to the great truths of Christianity.

The author incisively sees the Early Church as something more than the sum of its parts. He declares: "Its structure may be copied, its methods emulated, and its doctrines repeated; but the result will still be just an imitation—something like the original, but lacking the spark of life."

Early Church patterns thus are not something to be followed like a blueprint, he maintains. Rather they are "like the genetic patterns of living tissue that always produce the same inherited characteristics whenever the seeds are planted and the soil properly prepared."

After listing and defining characteristics of the life of the Church through its earliest centuries, the author then examines reasons why the Church lost its apostolic characteristics, viewing these primarily to see if there are ways in which we can keep this same deterioration from occurring in the modern Pentecostal Movement.

Here he lists first the passage of time, "for people forget important causes very quickly as new generations

in one man or a closely knit body of men to hold the system together. As a result of this, incentive at the local level is discouraged and the main body decays from beneath, causing the whole structure eventually to collapse."

Thus Brother Womack concludes that the only way to maintain a movement over a long period is to keep its leadership as near the local level as possible.

In the chapter, "The Resurgence of Apostolic Life," he takes issue with those who see a line of charismatic experiences throughout church history. He declares: "There appears to be no historical evidence that anyone experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the apostolic sense over the thousand years between the fifth and fifteenth centuries."

In tracing briefly the events of the Protestant Reformation and the great revivals of America, the author shows how the stage was set for the Pentecostal revival of this century with its reemphasis on apostolic patterns. Pointing out that today "one person out of every thousand on the face of the earth attends the Assemblies of God," he concludes: "It seems clear that along with the revival of apostolic patterns has come an unprecedented surge of church growth that may have even surpassed that of the first century; for at the present time the Assemblies of God is increasing at the rate of 1,500 converts a day."

Brother Womack feels the Movement today has advantages the Early Church did not have—"one of which is the distinct advantage of a historical precedent."

Better communications and transportation keep the whole Movement continually influenced by the whole Movement and help retain sound doctrine and practice, he points out. Our emphasis on and wide distribution of the Bible, devoted ministers and laymen intent on retaining the apostolic patterns—these are factors in our favor.

Brother Womack discusses the two kinds of Pentecostal churches that exist today—both equally apostolic in doctrine and experience but "differing in their practical reactions to cultural factors." One "stresses the ecstatic elements of the full-gospel message and thus tends to be quite informal in its worship and emotional in its whole approach to religion. The other . . . tends to be more conservative in its worship and usually more intellectual in its approach."

He sees there two types of churches as complementing each other—"there are two kinds of Pentecostal churches because there are two kinds of people, not because there is any division in the Pentecostal movement." In fact, he views this as a "healthy sign" of adaptability to "speak meaningfully to all levels of society."

He concludes that it is not necessary for the Pentecostal Movement to decline as other revival movements have done, for this Movement represents a "full return to the doctrine, experiences, and basic practices of the Apostolic Church." Other revival movements, he points out, have lacked the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.

Yet he sees dangers within the Movement—the up-

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# Movement



emerge with different world conditions, social environments, and patterns of thought."

Other equally devastating trends he lists:

1. Artificial attempts to fit the gospel into existing molds of pagan thought.
2. Defending the gospel rather than proclaiming it—so that direct evangelism was greatly reduced.
3. A highly trained clergy—which reduced lay participation in the work.
4. The dictatorial power of bishops.
5. Overadjusting to the times—so that Christianity became a philosophical rather than a redemptive religion.

His evaluation of Early Church tendencies (such as tendencies to ritualism and noninvolvement) sound like a commentary on our times.

Brother Womack sees two major causes for the decline of the baptism and gifts of the Spirit in those early centuries: (1) an attempt to "blend the faith with all the other religions of their communities under the guise of intellectualism," and, surprisingly, (2) "eccentric abuses of the spiritual gifts by ascetic isolation and self-centered emotionalism"—so that some who claimed to be the greatest defenders of the faith actually contributed to its ineffectiveness.

Dealing with church organizations, he points out that their danger is that it is their nature "to begin with a burst of enthusiasm, build up to a peak of efficiency, and then decline over a long period. With the passage of time and generations, the original causes are forgotten; and because of human behavior the systems begin to fail. When this happens, authority must be centralized



Teen-age teachers worked in each age group of VBS seeking opportunities to lead boys and girls to Christ.

# RESERVATIONS 'INVADED'

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**T**HE AMBASSADORS IN MISSION (AIM) summer project of Bethel Temple's young people was twice blessed. Their enthusiastic evangelism program beginning June 17 brought spiritual encouragement to Indian churches and people; it also brought spiritual enrichment to their own lives. Five team members received the Baptism, more than 30 were refilled with the Spirit, and more than 10 were called to Christian service.

The 40 young people divided into four groups and visited four Indian reservations in Nevada. This included

the areas of McDermitt, Owyhee, Schurz, and Yerington.

Each young person was trained for his specific duties before going to the reservation. So AIM members conducted evening evangelism rallies—leading the song services, testifying, presenting special music, and preaching each night. Also all teen-agers desiring to work in one of the VBS programs on the reservations were required to attend training sessions conducted simultaneously during Sunday school hours for seven weeks.

The cost of the food and VBS materials used by the young people was underwritten by Bethel Temple. Also the team members took recreation equipment, provided by Bethel Temple adults, to the Indians. Four chaperones accompanied the youth. The young people slept in camper trailers and churches.

The invasion of the reservations covered a seven-day period, and the teams traveled distances as far as 600 miles to minister. They conducted door-to-door evangelism during the day. Every home on each reservation was contacted by at least one team of teen-agers. In some



The missionary and AIM members painted the church at Yerington. Pictured is a team member doing his part of the work.

*Editor's note:* Bethel Temple, pastored by Clyde Henson, has been interested in helping the Indian people materially and spiritually for some time. Last Christmas adults and young people collected and beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for over 250 Indian children. At Easter a member of Bethel Temple's Men's Fellowship helped collect 44 bicycles, nine tricycles, four scooters, three wagons, four pedalcars, sports equipment, dolls, books, and other toys which were taken to the Nevada Indians. Several adults and teen-agers of the church repaired items that needed attention.

cases follow-up teams contacted homes more than once. The youth also conducted a five-day VBS on each reservation. The program included handcrafts, Bible stories, recreation time, and refreshments.

Results of this intensive witnessing campaign were outstanding. Some of the major ones were: Two churches doubled in size; 72 first-time decisions were made; the young people began construction of a new church building; scores of persons were reclaimed and filled with the Spirit; and a church was completely painted. Team members covered nearly 1,000 square miles witnessing for Christ.

The team working on the Ft. McDermitt Reservation with Terry Bradshaw, pastor at McDermitt, helped the church increase its attendance from 29 in Sunday school to 89 the following week. This total, which did not include team members, represented an increase of 60 in this Paiute church!

People from the town of McDermitt also attended, whereas in the past no people from the town had attended the church due to prejudices.

To add to the joy of these accomplishments, two members of this team received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others were refilled. The young people helped the pastor begin construction of a new church building for these Indian people who now worship in an Episcopal church.

The Yerington team worked with Bethel Indian Assembly (Luther A. Cayton, missionary) among Paiutes. They reported 21 first-time decisions for Christ. The workers contacted every home on the reservation. Attendance almost doubled from the opening night service to the last evening evangelistic rally.

During the week most of the Indian children congregated around the church from early morning until late at night. Several even refused to go home for dinner. They loved the young people. While at Yerington the team painted the Indian church.

The Owyhee team reported 10 first-time decisions as well as many rededications to Christ on the Western Shoshone Reservation. (Ray York is the missionary-pastor there.) The church doubled in attendance as the young people evangelized over 400 square miles of this large reservation.

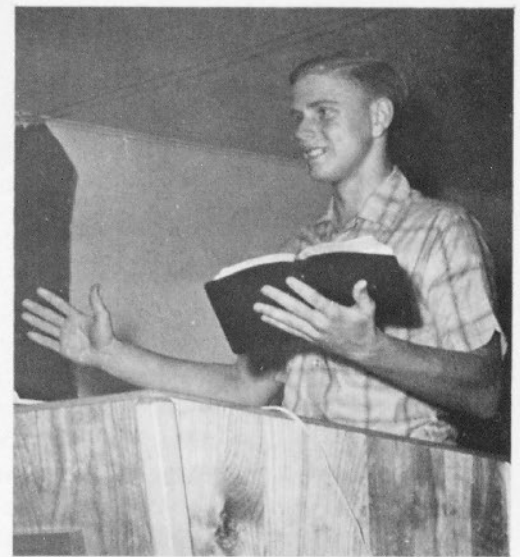
One of the highlights of this campaign occurred at the Thursday night altar service when the entire team prayed together simultaneously in the Spirit. Another victory the team will never forget was the conversion of three convicts whom the town sheriff allowed to attend the services. One night when a teen-ager finished preaching his first message, a 17-year-old Indian lad, a prisoner involved in a murder, accepted Christ.

Luther Cayton is also missionary-pastor of the Schurz Paiute Indian church on the Walker River Reservation. The Schurz youth team had a great VBS with excellent attendance and were encouraged by 14 decisions for Christ in their door-to-door witnessing and 16 in their evangelistic services. They visited the entire reservation and many houses in the surrounding areas.

One of the major impacts of the seven-day outreach was to break down preconceived prejudices on both sides. As he said good-bye to the Indian people, one teen-age



**ABOVE:** A teen-age Indian lad considers making a decision for Christ as an AIM team member talks with him. Moments later he accepted Christ. **RIGHT:** A teen-ager preaches his first sermon at the Owyhee Indian reservation, and a 17-year-old boy finds Christ.



fellow wept, saying, "I'd give anything to stay with you forever. We love you so much."

During the week my wife Dee and I traveled to each reservation, observing the VBS programs and presenting music and illustrated messages in the evening services.

We feel this is just the beginning of similar programs of evangelism for our young people. They have learned the great joy that comes with dedication and soul winning.

**The teen-agers were prepared for altar work and they had many opportunities to pray for persons with spiritual needs.**



**T**HE ONLY CURED ADDICT IS A DEAD ADDICT!" So stated a narcotics agent to Jerry Hilton, a "main-liner" for more than 10 years. But for the grace of God that is what Jerry would have been—a dead addict.

Jerry Hilton was born in Wilmington, Calif. His father died when Jerry was nine. To support the family, his mother spent long hours away from home operating a restaurant. Jerry began spending his time at the waterfront with longshoremen and other older men. By the time he was 14 he was experimenting with drugs.

It seems every person who uses drugs fools himself into believing he will not become hooked, and Jerry Hilton was no exception. At the age of 17, with a heroin habit, he wanted desperately to be free. His life had already become one continuous round of arrests and attempts to clean up, followed by failures one. Each time he resumed his old life of drugs and crime.

The first attempt to change his life came when he was sent to Washington to get away from his old environment, but he continued to smoke marijuana and take pills while living there with relatives.

Next, Jerry was sent to the Federal Hospital at Lexington, Ky., where he spent seven months. Upon dismissal he was told if anyone could make it, he could. When Jerry was about 21, he was sent to a psychiatrist for eight months, but he was using drugs all the time he was visiting this doctor.

The next attempt came when he was sent to the California Rehabilitation Center, where he stayed for 18 months. He tried other hospitals and institutions. Every time Jerry entered these programs, he wanted to be free from his life of drugs and cooperated to the fullest extent. But within a few days after completing each of these programs, he would again resort to drugs. From time to time he was jailed for various thefts.

Jerry's hopeless situation came to a climax one morning in September 1966. He awakened around four, desperately in need of drugs; but he had none on hand and no money to buy any. As he lay looking at the ceiling with every nerve in his body crying out, he thought, *Wouldn't it be a relief to be dead! It would be a way out.*

He became obsessed with the idea. He would get enough drugs to take an overdose so he could be free at last from this living hell. He called another addict, Gary, to go with him in search of drugs.

As they drove down the street early that morning, they went past the corner where they had made many contacts for drugs. A Mexican named Gilbert was standing there. They stopped to find out whether Gilbert had any heroin or if he knew where they could get some.

Jerry wasn't prepared for what he discovered. Gilbert told him he had been to the Los Angeles Teen Challenge Center and no longer needed drugs. He said he had found the answer to his problem through Jesus Christ and that God could do the same for Jerry.

Jerry decided Gilbert had lost his mind. Before Jerry

returned to the car, Gilbert gave him a little booklet, "Positive Cure for Drug Addiction." It contained the address of the Los Angeles Center. Jerry put it in his pocket and forgot about it.

As the two boys drove on down the street determined to find a way to obtain some heroin they came to a shopping center and noticed a meat truck ready to be unloaded. Gary backed the car up to the truck, and the two fellows helped themselves to a side of beef. They soon sold the meat and got the drugs they wanted. Then they drove to Jerry's house where Jerry planned to kill himself.

As the boys entered the house, the sheriff's officers pulled into the driveway; so the fellows ran through the house and climbed out the bathroom window, with the

**FOR DRUG ADDICTION AND A LIFE OF CRIME, JERRY HAS FOUND**

# **THE ONLY SURE CURE**

By **MRS. RAY SHAMP**

police in hot pursuit. Jerry ran several blocks across backyards, over fences, through bushes, and finally realized he had eluded his pursuers. He sat down on the curb, exhausted as well as sick from lack of drugs.

God's intervention in the suicide plan was evident. Jerry usually carried the drugs himself; but this time his partner Gary had the heroin, and he had gone the other direction. Jerry could not return home because the police would be there.

At that moment of utter despair Jerry thought of Gilbert, remembering the joy and peace he seemed to radiate. What a difference there was in him! He remembered the smile on his face and the enthusiasm with which he said, "Jesus can change you, Jerry. He has the power. Come and let Him help you."

Jerry decided to go to Teen Challenge, but *not* to find God. He needed a place to hide from the police! He called his sister and asked her to take him there.

Jerry remembers being very ill as they got out of the car. He had the "dry heaves" because withdrawal was reaching its peak. As Jerry tells it: "I felt an arm go around me and heard someone say, 'Hello, Jerry.' I turned around and saw the face of John Braddock, one with whom I had used drugs for years. We went inside, and I was admitted to the program. John put me to bed.

"After about three or four hours several men came into the room. They noted my condition and asked if they might pray for me. I said, 'Yes,' and recognized that they were men who formerly had been drug addicts or alcoholics. I was glad they were not ministers because I found out God could hear the prayer of a drug addict.

"As they gathered around the bed and joined hands, their prayers reached God, and Jesus touched me. I felt the power of God for the first time, and He proved

Himself to me. I went to sleep right at the height of withdrawal! I had gone through several 'habits,' and it takes from three to seven days before you can sleep; but I slept that night and have been sleeping every night since. More important, God showed me He cared for me and that He is real."

Jerry entered the Los Angeles Center on Thursday night, September 22, 1966, but left on Saturday morning because he feared the police would find him. When he was about a block from the Center, God suddenly made him realize he was facing an important decision—to go on with God or to turn his back on Him. So, when Jerry learned there was a Center in San Francisco, he made plane reservations to go the next day.

Jerry says:

"I went to my mother's home to spend the night and was there alone. As I was sitting on the couch, I couldn't help thinking of all those changed men I had just left. I thought I might try to meet this God for myself as they did. I got down beside the couch and started to pray as they prayed.

"Just as I began, my mother came home, but I didn't hear her. When she looked

in the room and saw me stretched across the couch, she thought I was half-unconscious from drugs. She knew I had been at Teen Challenge Center, and here I was back at the house.

"As she walked into the room, I heard her, turned around, and met her eyes. Right away she knew I was all right—it wasn't as she had feared. A miracle had taken place.

"Mother put her arms around me and began crying and thanking God for the answer to her prayers. I believe it was her prayers all these years that saved me. I thank God for allowing me to witness the expression on her face when she found me that night. This is a cherished memory I will carry with me as long as I live. To see a mother's prayers answered for her wayward son is something not to be forgotten."

The next day Jerry flew to San Francisco and entered the program at the Center there. He found it wasn't as easy as he expected. Several times he started to leave, but stayed on sheer willpower. Jerry became determined to find the experience that Gilbert, John, and the others had.

As he looks back now he knows what his problem was. He read the Scriptures he was told to read, and he said the prayers he was told to pray, but they were not getting through because they were not coming from his heart.

Jerry relates the following experience as he gives his testimony:

"One morning at the close of chapel, the brother in charge asked for prayer requests. I told him I wanted prayer for a certain person, but down in my heart I was saying, 'Oh, God, reveal to him to pray for me that I might really find You.'

"As we started to pray that morning, things seemed

different. Usually during the past two weeks I had been praying as though everything was all right, but God showed me differently. I realized I was a sinner who needed the blood of Jesus applied to my heart. I started to grasp what they meant by 'full surrender' and 'to let go and let God.' I began telling God how dirty my life was and how black my heart was. I told Him of my loneliness, my great need, and my desire for Him. Then things really began to happen. Jesus broke the chains one at a time. I felt the load being lifted. Love for Jesus, joy, and true contentment entered my heart. I got up from my knees a new creature in Him.

"I went to the staff member in charge and told him of the crime in Southern California I was running from. He called the sheriff's office and told them where I was. They said for me to come down and turn myself in.

"Later that day I flew to Los Angeles. First, I stopped at my mother's to inform her of my intention and to assure her things were different. I said that no matter what happened, it would be all right, for I now had the Lord.

"The next day I went down to the station to talk to the officer in charge, but was unable to see him. He sent word for me to return the next day. As it turned out, it took three days to get arrested for a grand theft felony!

"Finally when the officer talked to me about the case, he said, 'I don't know why, Jerry, but I'm going to drop this to a petty theft.' This was the work of God, for my record was against me. The officer called the district attorney, and they arranged a court hearing for the following Monday.

"When I arrived at court, I informed the assistant district attorney I was there. It was early, so he invited me to discuss the case with him. He said they were going to drop the charge! I was free to walk out the door, with no hold or probation, to go back to the place I had come from. They had readily noted the change in my life and knew it was a miracle."

Jerry returned to the San Francisco Center the following day and entered into the program with his whole heart, seeking God and studying His Word. He later became a member of the San Francisco Teen Challenge staff, and for several months was one of the Center's most consecrated and effective workers. He was in charge of the dormitory and supervisor of all the new converts.

Besides witnessing on the street to drug addicts, Jerry found a door of ministry open to him in the hospital. He dealt with addicts who were trying to find help there. He also conducted a weekly service at the Salvation Army Mission for 200 to 300 men.

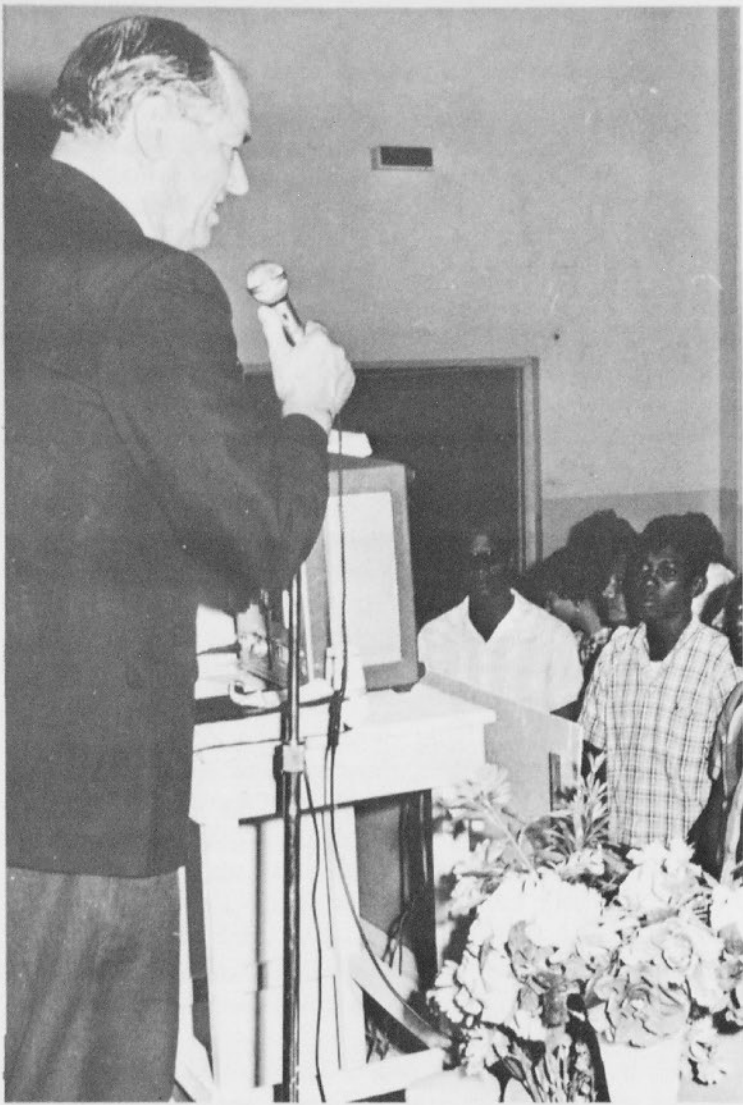
Wishing to be qualified for even more effective Christian service, Jerry entered Trinity Bible Institute in Jamestown, N. Dak., last year.

Jerry Hilton has found Christ—the *only* answer, the *only sure cure* for drug addicts.



Jerry Hilton

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ABOVE: Watson Argue gives an altar call during the Panama Good News Crusade. BELOW: The location for the crusade was the church that Missionary David Godwin is renovating. BELOW CENTER: Watson Argue prays for the sick. BELOW RIGHT: This elderly lady was instantly healed of a stomach condition that plagued her 51 years.

# IMP

## DO GOOD NEWS CRUSADES HELP BUILD INDIGENOUS CHURCHES?

By DAVID GODWIN / *Missionary to Panama*

**M**ANY OF YOU were thrilled at the opening of the Assemblies of God work in Panama last year. You might like to know how the work has developed and what has happened since the initial GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

After five months in a tent, the congregation was able, through the assistance of friends in the United





# ACT ON PANAMA

States, to purchase a theater a few doors from the tent site. The theater, with additional balcony installed by the congregation, can seat 700 or more. We call it *Vista Hermosa Temple* and it is in a very good location.

What is really thrilling is the way the congregation has assumed its responsibility. The church is, and has been for several months, fully self-supporting. The people pay the building payments of \$500 per month, the cost of 63 radio programs each week, and all operating expenses.

The people have been taught to tithe from the first services of the initial GOOD NEWS CRUSADE. The only area where they need help is in funds for an extensive remodeling program they are undertaking. Otherwise they carry the full load.

The church has a board of five members, all saved in the original GOOD NEWS CRUSADE and filled with the Spirit in the months past. Approximately 200 have been filled with the Spirit in recent days.

The Sunday school is supervised and taught by national workers who were reached through the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES in Panama. *Vista Hermosa Temple* already has three of its own outstations, each with a regular weekly attendance of 50 to 80. Since the first day of the initial GOOD NEWS CRUSADE there have been first-timers in every service!

In a recent GOOD NEWS CRUSADE conducted in *Vista Hermosa Temple*, Evangelist Watson Argue's dynamic ministry brought souls to Jesus Christ.

We found Brother and Sister Argue to be tireless workers willing to go any length to win the lost. In 30 days we had 430 signed decision cards! These contacts are being followed up by our workers, themselves converts of recent months.

One of the highlights of the crusade was Sister Argue's testimony of being healed of cancer. This was a means of encouraging many sick and afflicted to look to Jesus, the Healer.

One lady, 81 years of age, was instantly healed of a stomach condition that had plagued her for 51 years!



The crusade was advertised through posters and sound equipment.

A young man was healed of a condition that twisted his mouth to one side.

Another lady was delivered from the tobacco habit after many years of smoking. One man found work in answer to prayer. These, and many others, are rejoicing and thankful for this GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

The response of the people was expressed by their faithful attendance in spite of transportation difficulties. One family—the parents carrying the smaller children in their arms—had to walk an hour and a half to the bus route. The bus trip took another hour and a half. There were fewer buses after the service, so they were forced to take a longer route and didn't arrive home until 3 a.m. Still they came to hear the gospel.

Missionary-Evangelist Walter Kornelsen, a member of the crusade team, assisted in various ways. He taught a special soul-winning course in the nightly preservice, used a sound car to announce the meetings, and gave technical help in operating equipment. The people appreciated Brother Kornelsen and his contribution to the services.

Along with the Bible preaching, one of the great attractions to the unsaved was the presentation of films from around the world. The films showed a bird's-eye view of Assemblies of God missions in many countries. Our new Christians were very happy to see fellow believers from these areas.

How glad we are that the Argues came to Panama! Their ministry made a great impact on and helped further develop the work God is doing there.

Yes, GOOD NEWS CRUSADES help build indigenous churches.

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# CHRIST IS COMMUNION

By JAN STRYKER



EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE I saw was double...

My head was completely bandaged and shaved. There were bars on both sides of my hospital bed, and nurses hovered about me constantly.

The year was 1962—April 18.

I had just had a brain tumor removed.

There was the possibility that I'd lose my eye because the tumor was entwined around the optic nerve.

There was the possibility that I'd have partial paralysis.

After I was in surgery for five hours, my husband asked the neurosurgeon, "Did you save her eye?" His answer was,

"Right now we're trying to save her life!"

My existence in this world was then and always will be in God's hands.

I felt His everlasting arms sustaining me.

I was being saturated in prayer. Fear could not come near.

Years of intense Bible study were not in vain.

Verses welled up within me that I was unaware I had learned—

Proof of the value of hiding the Word in the subconscious.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13) became my verse.

Into my life came more power than had been evident for some time.

This power was so omnipresent, so dynamic, so penetrating, and uplifting that I knew without a doubt I could do all things through Him!

Following surgery my scheduled three-day intensive care was cut down to one!

My reflexes were checked for possible paralysis. All was well.

I kicked my legs, flexed my arms—and laughed!

I squeezed the doctor's hand firmly and smiled that I could shake hands.

I was told I'd have trouble with my equilibrium and have headaches.

I knew God could disprove these predictions—and He has!

The next few days I lay and absorbed God.

I thought of Him, communed with Him, in a way I'd never known.

He permeated the room and my very being.

THE RUN-DOWN APARTMENT ON A DEAD-END STREET LEFT A LOT TO BE DESIRED.

## THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS!

By WILMA GAETZ

SHIRLEY STEPPED OUTSIDE, shading her eyes from the bright California sunshine. The little run-down apartment left a lot to be desired. Her eyes wandered to the host of children playing nearby. The dead-end street surrounded by apartments afforded them a safe playing area.

"No, this would never do," she thought. "Ken doesn't like noise and disorder; and the apartment is shabby. The only thing really agreeable about it is the price."

Quickly she herded Kenny Junior and Victor into the station wagon. If they didn't find something soon, they'd all be living in the street.

House hunting was nothing new to Shirley. Ken was a pilot, and every promotion usually meant a transfer.

Her mind wandered back over the years. It was a good life. God had been gracious to her. Ken was a wonderful husband, and the boys were normal and healthy. Someday they would have a house of their own, with real friends for neighbors. The boys would have a regular school to go to, and best of all a church they could call their own.

Someday, perhaps—but right now a nice little apartment would do. If only she could find a reasonable one. "No, that last one I looked at is definitely out! Ken wouldn't like it. Besides, all those children!"

That night Shirley talked it over with God. As she prayed, the little apartment on the dead-end street kept coming before her. At first she tried to push it aside with various excuses, but it would not be avoided. Finally she faced it as God's choice, and said, "OK, Lord; but if that's it, You'll have to make Ken accept it too." This, she felt sure, was next to impossible.

The next day they both went back to the apartment. In a matter of minutes Ken decided to take it!

So with a deep settled peace that comes from living in the center of God's will, Shirley proceeded to move

Even the chills and the fever that raged for 24 hours were thwarted by the incomparable Presence that never left me.

As I look back, I know that those first few days following surgery were a seemingly phenomenal twilight zone in communion with Christ. I was in a partly conscious, partly "suspended" existence I'd never before experienced.

It was beautiful, languid, undemanding.

Good Friday came and went. I thought of God.

I thought of Christ in His splendor, His redeeming power, His unsurpassing love that made Him die for me on a cross.

A fresh awareness grew in me of His dying for the sinner—for me to be saved by grace.

The pastor brought Communion that day. I handled the elements.

Christ was the communion.

As I took the bread and the cup, the room filled with a climactic experience of the reality of redemption! Never before had the Lord's Supper been such truth! Humbled, I acknowledged my dependence on my Saviour;

I thanked God He had spared my eye and my life.

I was taken that day into an awareness of eternal life so sublime, so inexpressible in human language that I cannot convey it to you.

And the healing had begun. Not only physical healing but the spiritual healing that began years before when I acknowledged my need of the Saviour.

This moment of intense clarity of communion and remembrance of His death is lived over and over, in various ways, as I walk with Him.

That Easter morning the sun shone in my hospital room as never before.

Though my vision was temporarily impaired, I saw through spiritual eyes that changed all things.

The risen Lord was with me, sustaining, encouraging, letting me cast my burden on Him;

Trusting Him for healing in my body and my spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



in. The next Sunday found them in Calvary Assembly at Inglewood. The church was as friendly as it was big, and from the very first they felt right at home. Ronald Cottle was a true pastor and a good teacher of the Word. Kenny and Victor loved their classes and their new church.

There were no less than 200 children in their neighborhood. Most of them never went to Sunday school. Many were dirty and untidy, and Shirley's mother heart wept for them. She began to pray. How could she help some of them to find the Lord? She decided on a very simple course of action.

Shirley walked by the courts where the children were playing and sold them on the idea of attending Sunday school. Then she asked them to take her to their parents. Eventually she went to every apartment in the neighborhood!

The response was overwhelming. It seemed the harvest was ripe—just waiting to be gathered. The next problem was how to get all these children to Calvary Assembly. The church had the answer. On Sunday morning a big bus pulled up to the apartments, and 57 children climbed aboard.

Clint Rogerson, the bus driver, directed them to their seats, took each one's name and address, and kept his

own absentee list. Some children who weren't interested in Sunday school were interested in Royal Rangers or Missionettes. Every Wednesday Mr. Rogerson was there to pick them up. The children soon realized that here was someone who really cared for them.

The Sunday school superintendent was quick to seize her opportunity and began a program of visiting every child's home. And on and on it went. Many workers, each doing his part to bring boys and girls and men and women to Christ.

Somehow I felt this story had to be written. How beautifully it illustrates the cooperative effort by which the lost are found. If any one person were taken out of the picture, it never could have happened. Shirley, the young mother, truly loved her neighbor. The pastor faithfully encouraged the flock. The bus driver, whose pockets bulged with candy and gum and his heart with love, did his part. The Sunday school superintendent found a place for every child and saw that the work was followed up.

The Great Commission is not an impossible task if each does what he can.

Shirley has had to move again. Her new home is in New Jersey. Once again she is surrounded by apartments. Her last words to me were, "I wonder if there's a bus around!"

# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## HEALED OF SPINAL INJURY

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I fell and dislocated the bone at the base of my spine. This resulted in a great deal of pain, particularly when sitting. There were times when I felt I couldn't bear the pain any longer.

Doctors disagreed on whether surgery would help. Two of them said all I could do would be to take pain pills for the rest of my life. The pills did not help, and I was prayed for several times.

One Sunday morning last summer God healed me during a church service. I can't praise Him enough for this. May my experience encourage those who have been prayed for more than once. Don't give up! Our Lord is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. What He did for me, He can do for you.—Mrs. Riley Kronk, Chamois, Mo.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. R. Ballard, Assembly of God, Chamois, Mo.)*

## SAVED AND HEALED

ALTHOUGH RAISED IN A CHURCH, I had no real knowledge of God's power to save or heal, but He met my need when I turned to Him.

I had a stroke in March 1967 which affected my left side. The Lord was dealing with me, and after I got out of the hospital I attended the Assembly of God in Tom's River, N.J. There I gave my heart to Christ.

My left arm continued to give me trouble as a result of the stroke. I could not use it normally and had to have therapy. But God has performed another miracle.

In January of this year I visited Calvary Assembly of God in Pennsauken, and went to the altar for healing. I asked the Lord to deliver me of the pain for just one day; but praise God, He delivered me completely. I have no pain and have full use of my arm, which I had not had for nine months!

Now I know the Lord has kept His promise to help me. I pray each day that I may also keep my promise to my Lord and Saviour—to serve Him and help others.—Mrs. Helen V. Bell, Camden, N.J.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Domenick Ezzo, Calvary Assembly of God, Pennsauken, N.J.)*

## RESTORED IN SOUL AND BODY

I RECEIVED CRITICAL HEAD INJURIES, cuts, bruises, and broken bones in a motorcycle accident in September 1966, but God spared my life and He also restored my soul.

I had known the Lord but had drifted far from Him when the accident occurred. The motorcycle I was driving suddenly went out of control and I fell face down on the

pavement. For a week consciousness came and went. My head was swollen to twice its normal size. There was a possibility of blindness. One eye was completely turned around, and doctors gave no hope for sight in it. My memory was also affected.

But thank God for those who prayed the prayer of faith for me (James 5:15). God healed me in spirit, soul, and body. I knew I was saved from death and also from sin (James 5:19, 20). There came a great determination to serve God with my whole heart which I had not experienced before.

Physically, the healing was more gradual than my spiritual restoration but it came. I have normal vision in the eye that was injured and have been driving my car since the third week after the accident. Now I pray that God will give me a spirit of supplication and intercession that I might in turn pray for others to receive a new life such as I have received.—Mrs. Donald Walker, Enid, Okla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Howard C. Snell, Spaulding Assembly, Enid, Okla.)*

## BOY HEALED OF POLIO COMPLICATIONS

AT THE AGE OF TWO AND A HALF our son Calvin began to complain his feet hurt when he sat in the highchair. He had had what we believed was poliomyelitis a year earlier when he concluded teething. At the time there were no ill effects.

Now at the end of the day Calvin would crawl on the floor instead of walking, because of the pain.

A chiropractor told us the little boy's hip was dislocated.

Our pastors, Chester and Darrell Massey, anointed him with oil and prayed. Praise the Lord, God healed him! From that day he began to improve and now he walks normally. In fact, he is nimble and agile.

Later an orthopedist took X rays and confirmed there was every evidence that Calvin had had polio.—Mrs. Charles Caylor, Independence, Mo.

*(Endorsed by Chester L. Massey, pastor, Eastside Assembly, Kansas City, Mo.)*

## HEALED OF MENTAL BREAKDOWN

GOD DREW ME TO HIMSELF by causing me to remember the Twenty-third Psalm, phrase by phrase. This gradually brought about my healing. Now He has completely satisfied every longing of my heart.

After my last child was born, I had a complete mental breakdown. It lasted about nine years. At times I could not remember my family or anything about them. I forgot how to write, spell, or talk to people. I feared everything. Twice I was confined to mental hospitals and was given shock treatment—nothing helped.

When I again faced committal to a mental institution,

I decided to take my life. Then God began to move in my behalf.

First, the Lord sent my sister to talk to me about Himself. And He sent a Pentecostal minister to my home to repair the drier. (I never would have attended a Pentecostal church!) Then, Faith Chapel had revival meetings, and personal workers visited me, inviting me to attend the services. Through this combination of circumstances I saw the love of God in action.

I began to realize I had been running from God for 35 years. I had gone from church to church searching for satisfaction. Through this sickness I learned to know God in His fulness. I had been an empty soul, but He restored me and filled me with His Holy Spirit. He made me "to lie down in green pastures," and I could sleep without drugs.

My healing has been gradual, but, praise God, He did what no one else could do. My desire is to love Him more, serve Him better, and be a blessing to others.—Marcella Webber, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastors Ida McCormack and Blanche Fiscus, Faith Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.)

## THE WELLSPRINGS OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

(Continued from page 11)

permost of which is the "separation of the Church from its apostolic sources."

"The very simplicity of the Christian faith has been at the same time its greatest advantage and its greatest stumblingblock. Men just cannot believe that to be truly Christian is as simple as it appears in the New Testament...."

Symptoms of this separation from apostolic sources, he believes, are such trends as an increasing formality, a growing emphasis on pulpit-centered rather than congregation-centered worship, limiting religious activities to within the walls of the church building, a shift in purpose from evangelism to serving the movement, blending of nonapostolic elements, erratic emotional excesses, crystallization of doctrinal positions (with the necessity of clergy explanations), and the loss of active lay participation.

He concludes the book by giving a "prescription for a Pentecostal church"—seven principles that will help retain the apostolic power and purpose in our churches. "We cannot predict," he says, "for how many centuries this church will remain, but we do know that it stands very solidly now and that it demonstrates every sign that it will continue to grow...."

*The Wellsprings of the Pentecostal Movement*, in highly readable style, presents an encouragement and a challenge to Pentecostal believers and enables them to understand better why God has chosen them for a unique mission in these last days.

The book makes a substantial contribution to Pentecostal history; its conclusions are thought-provoking. It will be a valued addition to personal and church libraries.

—Richard G. Champion

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*What did John mean when he wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day"? (Revelation 1:10).*

Probably he meant he was so absorbed, or carried away, in the Spirit that he was able to receive the vision of the Book of Revelation. I do not know what day it could have been other than the day of Christian worship that we now call Sunday, the first day of the week. Some say it means "the day of the Lord," referring to the time of the coming Great Tribulation. I sincerely question this, for surely the seven churches mentioned in chapters two and three were not involved in the Tribulation.

*In 2 Corinthians 12:1-5, was Paul relating his own experience, or was he speaking of Jesus' return to heaven after He had been crucified?*

I believe Paul was speaking of his own experience. He begins by saying, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago." Fourteen years earlier Paul had been stoned at Lystra and had been dragged out of the city as dead (Acts 14:19). Many believe Paul had been literally stoned to death but revived.

Wishing to be modest when recounting his experience he says, "I knew a man...above fourteen years ago." He would not say with certainty that he had been dead. He did not really know, but he did know he was taken up to paradise, whether bodily or in spirit God knew.

*Does the Bible say marriage must be accompanied by a marriage ceremony? Where does the Bible record the first marriage? When did the marriage ceremony as we know it come into being?*

When God instituted marriage, He said a man shall "leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Therefore, perhaps we can say God performed the first marriage ceremony.

All through the Bible marriage ceremonies have been recognized, even among the heathen. Rebekah accepted the marriage proposal made to her with the approval of her family (Genesis 24). Jacob obeyed the custom of his day; his wives were given him in marriage (Genesis 29).

Virginity before marriage was so strictly required that should a daughter in Israel, espoused in marriage, desecrate her virginity she might even be stoned to death.

We honor the law of our land which requires a marriage license, and in many states a court record of a marriage. We are to be law-abiding (Romans 13:1-7).

The legal ceremony places an honor on marriage, separating men and women from the beasts that perish. The Bible recognizes marriage as a most sacred institution and uses it to illustrate the union of Christ and His Church (Revelation 19:7-9).

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

# RULES FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

By **WARD R. WILLIAMS** / *Professor of Religion and Education, Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri*

**T**HE BIBLE EXPECTS every man to work. The Fourth Commandment requires six days of labor as clearly as it teaches one day of rest.

The Bible also recognizes that some men will work for others and lays down regulations governing the relations of employer and employee.

It must be remembered that until the past 200 years agricultural workers outnumbered industrial workers in every country in the world, as they still do in many. The Bible was written before the industrializing of Western civilization, and its rules are worded for agricultural economics. Its regulations therefore must be studied to discover *principles* which can then be applied to the circumstances of today.

## **IDLENESS FORBIDDEN**

Here we will call attention to just three of these principles.

First, man is expected to work. God said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Genesis 3:19). "Work with your own hands" (1 Thessalonians 4:11). "This we command you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Exodus 20:9; Ephesians 4:28).

The above Scriptures oppose living from inherited money without working, living from unemployment compensation if employment is available, living idly from salary or wages which are not earned, "feather-bedding," or any other manner of receiving value without giving value in return.

The work does not have to be for pay: there are hundreds of needy places and causes where one may make a real contribution to the world for which there will be no financial remuneration—it is *idleness* which is forbidden.

## **FAIR WAGES TO BE PAID**

Second, the laborer is entitled to a just and prompt return for his labor. "Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him; the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night" (Leviticus 19:13). "At his day thou shalt give him his hire" (Deuteronomy 24:15). "Woe unto him . . . that useth his neighbor's service without wages" (Jeremiah 22:13). "The laborer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth" (James 5:4).

## **FULL SERVICE REQUIRED**

Third, the laborer is to be trustworthy, reliable, respectful, and to give full service for his wages, whether the

employer is an unbeliever or a fellow Christian. "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:5, 6). Also see Colossians 3:22-25.

"Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved" (1 Timothy 6:1, 2). "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" (Titus 2:9, 10).

It is difficult to apply "Christian principles" to present-day problems for a very simple reason—*only a Christian man can truly apply Christian principles*, and many employers and many employees are not Christian. The Christian method is to use persuasion, not force, whereas almost all "reformers" advocate the use of force in some form. In fact, it is characteristic of the natural man to resort to force if he cannot gain his desires by other means.

## **FORCE AS A METHOD**

If the force of the government can be enlisted by law to back the demands of the employers, then police or troops can be used to put down strikes, as the history of the United States and other countries shows clearly. On the other hand, the force of government often may be directed to favor the laborer to the disadvantage of the employer, as we have seen in recent years.

Employers have closed factories, used armed private detectives, "yellow dog" contracts, and other forms of coercion when they could not control or direct the force of government. Unions have used strikes, vandalism, personal violence, threats, and other forms of force when they could not reach their objectives through political or police power.

## **THE CHRISTIAN METHOD**

As an individual, the Christian may have his natural sympathies with one side or another, but he will recognize that the use of force, whether directly through personally applied violence, or indirectly through the control of governmental force, is not the Christian method.

The Christian approach is through the new birth, the

new man, the new nature. No combination of ungodly men, no restructuring of society which leaves the nature of men unchanged, no externally applied coercion can do the full will of God.

Violence and force are methods of the impatient. But Jesus said it was the meek who would inherit the earth.

For the present time when the Kingdom of God is not yet here in its outward and visible form, and when violence and force are widely used to coerce men into doing what they cannot be persuaded to do voluntarily,

the Christian must turn his attention to changing individuals through the gospel—so that instead of being hostile to the principles of Christ, they will become doers of His Word.

For the present, then, the Christian must see that he neither defrauds nor oppresses any, that he gives full value whether in wages or service, and that all his personal and official activities shall bear testimony along with his lips that he is a new creature—that he indeed adorns the doctrine of God.

—Christianity

## WEST COAST TOUR HAS THRILLING MOMENTS

PERSONALLY LEADING INMATES of a state prison to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ was one of many thrilling experiences shared by the *Revivaltime* choir this summer as they traveled 6,000 miles through the West.

Conducting musical services in 28 local Assemblies of God churches, the radio singers visited nine states and British Columbia, Canada, on their 27-day summer tour. God used their ministry to influence 160 souls to make decisions for Christ!

The prison service, a highlight of the tour, was conducted at the Soledad Correctional Training Facility in California. Commenting on the effectiveness of the choir's ministry there, Director Cyril McLellan said:

"This service was another example of the power of God. After the choir had sung, we gave an opportunity to those present to indicate their need of the Lord.

"More than 30 men came to the front of the auditorium, and the men of the *Revivaltime* choir moved to deal with each one personally. There was rejoicing in heaven that afternoon as those that were held captive by the power of Satan experienced the liberty that comes by confession of sins to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Another unforgettable part of the summer tour was a visit to a South Korea destroyer docked at Long Beach, California. Eighteen of the crew members had attended a Sunday morning service conducted in Long Beach's First Assembly. After the service the choir and crew members had dinner together. A tour of the destroyer was climaxed by a personal choir concert for the ship's entire crew. The crew responded with a typical Korean song, and then Korean and American voices blended together in singing, "Stand Up for Jesus." It was a thrilling moment for all.

Wherever the choir appeared, people gathered from surrounding communities, many to hear the traveling choristers for the first time in person. And in every service, God moved! Altars were filled with persons seeking salvation; sick bodies were healed; and hearts were filled to overflowing with His Holy Spirit.

Especially outstanding were the services in Wilmington, California, and Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia. There the churches were packed to capacity, and the atmosphere was charged with the presence of God.

There was a sweet spirit of Pentecostal fellowship even on the bus as the choir traveled from city to city. Daily devotions were marked by fervent prayer, exhortations, and precious times of sharing one another's burdens.

And the more the young people prayed, the more effective was their ministry in song. In San Bernardino, California, a mother in the congregation of First Assembly was so moved by the choir's sincere dedication that she wrote to *Revivaltime*:

"From start to finish we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and we knew that these young people must have prayed much that God would use them.

"Two young ladies from the choir stayed long after the service praying with our 10-year-old daughter until the Lord filled her with His precious Spirit. This was not just a service to entertain or raise funds, and we appreciated it."

This fall the *Revivaltime* choir will again be journeying somewhere across the United States. As always their message will be simple: "We have Christ in our hearts and we're the happiest people on earth. You can have Him too!"

The *Revivaltime* choir is comprised of students from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. It is heard each week on *Revivaltime*, international broadcast service of the Assemblies of God.

Cyril McLellan and "Revivaltime" choir members pose with some of the crew of a South Korea destroyer in Long Beach.



# THE WISDOM OF DISCIPLINE

Sunday School Lesson for September 1, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

PROVERBS 3:11, 12; 13:24; 15:10; 19:18; 22:15; 29:15, 17; EPHESIANS 6:4; HEBREWS 12:9-11

OUR MODERN SOCIETY glaringly reveals the tragic failure of parental discipline. However, parental discipline can only be properly rendered by those who have responded and submitted to divine discipline.

## DIVINE DISCIPLINE

1. *Its purpose* (Proverbs 3:11, 12). God demonstrates His love for His children not only by the good things He showers upon them, but by correcting them when they do wrong. Sin and disobedience to God's will can only bring grief, shame, and loss to God's children; therefore, in His love He corrects them and teaches them to think, feel, and act in accordance with His own holiness and love.

Sometimes chastening comes through God's allowing circumstances which are unpleasant and even tragic. Such experiences we are not to "despise"—loathe, or feel disgust toward.

2. *Contrasted with human discipline* (Hebrews 12:7-10).

The writer of Hebrews substantiated the proverbs already quoted, then went on to show: (1) Chastening is

a proof of sonship; if we are without chastening, we are not truly God's children. (2) When we were growing up, we were under parental discipline and submitted to it; how much more ought we to submit to the discipline of our Heavenly Father. (3) Our earthly parents chastened us "after their own pleasure"; that is, according to their human judgment which, at best, was faulty at times. How much more then ought we to submit to One whose disciplinary dealings are always in our best and eternal interests, to One incapable of making mistakes.

3. *Our reaction to it* (Hebrews 12:11). Chastening, when one is experiencing it, is not "joyous" but "grievous." For this reason, the Christian is in grave danger of reacting in such a way that he defeats God's purposes. The things which happen to us do not determine our destiny; but the way we react to these experiences does! Thus we must trust, submit, and keep before us the fact that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

4. *Its fruit* (Hebrews 12:11). The reward of chastening is in-wrought righteousness. This in turn makes us at peace with God, with our consciences, and with others. Notice that this fruit is produced only in those who are "exercised" by chastening—by those who have reacted properly to it.

## PARENTAL DISCIPLINE

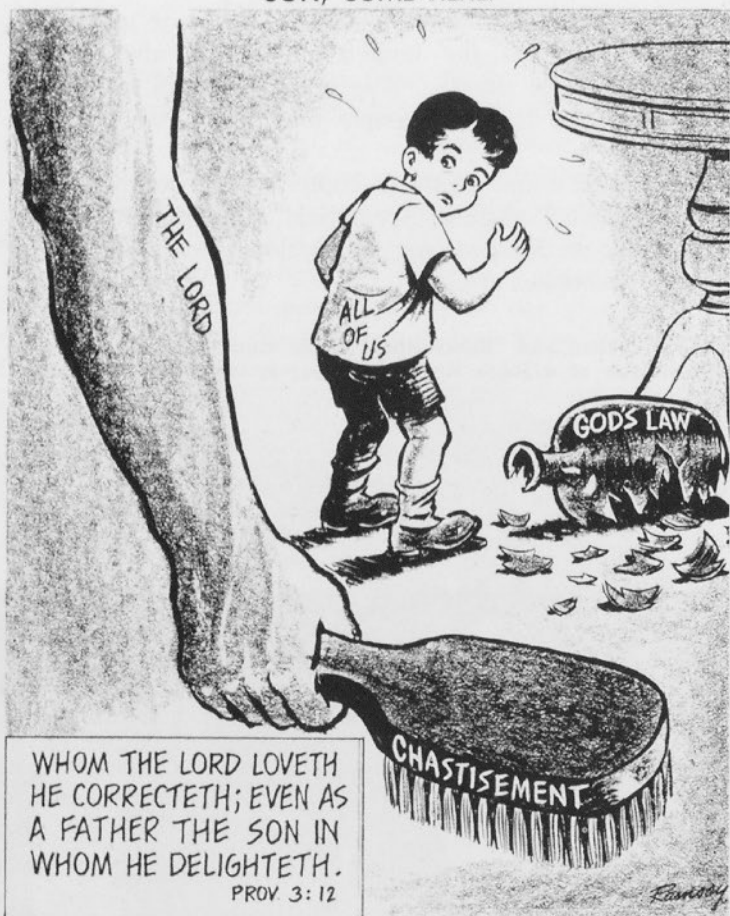
1. *Need*. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). "Foolishness" here implies that kind of self-will, rebelliousness, and waywardness inherent in human nature which soon manifests itself in the life of every child. No child left to do as he pleases will do what his parents know is best for him. "Correction" is essential to child training, character development, and Christian living.

2. *Time*. "Chasten thy son while there is hope" (Proverbs 19:18). "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). The vital importance of early discipline is stressed here. Psychologists, family guidance counselors, and all who deal with domestic problems are besieged by parents coming for help for their children when it is nearly too late. Habits of obedience are formed much more easily in early childhood than at any other time.

3. *Spirit* (Colossians 3:20-22; Ephesians 6:4). "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." A well-known Christian psychologist and marriage counselor, Henry Brandt, says in *Six Talks on Family Living*: "The important thing about using a paddle is not the child on the receiving end, but the person using the paddle." How right he is! Everything depends upon the spirit in which discipline is administered. While it is a ridiculous and pseudosentimental attitude to claim that one loves his children too much to discipline them, it is equally wrong to correct them while one has lost his temper. Let anger subside first.

4. *Fruit*. "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." No greater joy can come to the heart of Christian parents than to see their children, as a result of Christian discipline, grow to manhood and womanhood to exhibit the graces of the Holy Spirit and to live godly lives which make a contribution to the world.

"SON, COME HERE!"



WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CORRECTETH; EVEN AS A FATHER THE SON IN WHOM HE DELIGHTETH.  
PROV 3:12



# OUR DAY OF DANGER AND DELIVERANCE

By **KARL D. STRADER**

*Pastor, First Assembly, Lakeland, Florida*

ON JULY 4 Richard and Meryl Jones invited our family to go boating with them and their five-year-old Jeffie at Cypress Gardens on Lake Eloise, Florida. My wife Joyce and I and our girls, Dawn, 5, and Karla, 8; were happy to accept their invitation. Little did any of us realize the danger we would encounter that afternoon.

We were within sight of the water-skiers when suddenly the wake from one of their boats, coupled with waves from an afternoon storm, began to swamp our boat. We tried to get out of danger, but before we could even think, all of us were thrown into the water. To our consternation little Jeffie and Karla were trapped underneath the heavy boat.

We exhausted ourselves trying to keep everyone afloat and attempting to dive under the boat to get to our trapped children. It looked as if none of us would survive.

At the last moment, a boat carrying two expert swimmers came to our rescue. They were off-duty deputies who had been watching from some distance. It turned out that none of us had taken too much water, nor were we harmed in any way. However, we were rather "shook" when we realized how close to death the seven of us had come.

Later, we learned that our experience was actually the sequel to several earlier episodes!

Two months before, Kathy Miles had a dream of our younger girl lying on the bottom of the lake, drowned. In her dream she prayed, and Dawn came back to life.

Three weeks before the accident, Dorothy Meloy received a strong impression that there would be a tragedy involving a boat.

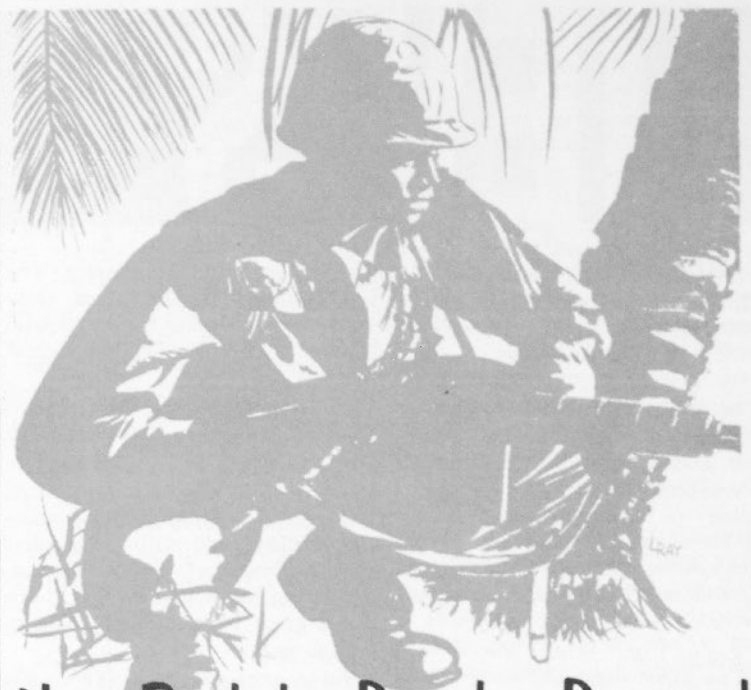
During the middle of the night of July 3, Ben Stone stood knee-deep in mud on an island in Saddle Creek interceding for us—although he didn't know why.

At the very hour the boat capsized, Dot Morris was strongly impressed to go to her bedroom and pray for us.

Two ladies coming out of the hospital that same hour felt a strong burden to pray.

And on the morning of the 4th, a cottage prayer group, for some reason unknown to them, joined hands to pray for both families involved!

The Scripture says, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24). Thank God for faithful saints who let the Holy Spirit pray through them for the safety of those in grave danger. And, thanks be to God who always watches over His own, day and night!



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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SEASIDE, OREG.—God definitely moved in each service during a recent meeting with Evangelist Lloyd Godwin of Santee, Calif., at the Assembly of God here.

The meeting lasted two-and-a-half weeks. Ten persons were saved, and 25 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were also a number of healings. One sister had been on crutches for eight years. After prayer God healed her, and she no longer needs the crutches.

People from other towns, as well as other denominations, were baptized in the Spirit. Nazarenes, Lutherans, Baptists, and those who had been attending the Assembly received their Pentecostal experience.

There is still a revival spirit

in the church and community. The Sunday school has increased. Others are now seeking the Lord who did not respond during the special services.

—Charles Snyder, pastor

WARRENSBURG, MO.—The Spirit of God moved mightily upon a recent meeting at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. From the opening night there was a great hunger among Christians to pray.

Three persons were saved, six were reclaimed, and six were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

A burden for souls remains in the congregation, and new families are being reached with the gospel. —Joe D. Snavely, pastor



These people were saved, reclaimed, or received the Holy Spirit during the meeting with Evangelist Paul E. Morris at First Assembly in Caney, Kans. Ray F. Hollis is pastor.

## TACOMA FIRST ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

TACOMA, WASH.—The congregation of First Assembly here recently moved into its new building. Former pastors participated in a week of dedication activities which climaxed in the dedication service conducted by Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent.

Plans for the new building began in 1958 when land was purchased in the heart of Tacoma. Silas Nelson, the architect who designed the previous church 42

years ago, also designed the new structure.

Located on eight and a half acres, the building features a sanctuary which seats 1,200. Also included in the 28,000 square feet of floor space are complete Sunday school facilities, a chapel seating 70 suitable for small weddings, a fellowship hall capable of handling banquets with 300 guests, a spacious kitchen, and offices.

The pipe organ was brought from the old church, and its capacity has been tripled.

Construction began in 1966. Total cost of the building has been estimated at more than \$400,000.

First Assembly has been responsible for establishing six other congregations in the Tacoma area. The outreach includes generous contributions to world missions which amounted to \$23,500 last year.

First Assembly was founded in 1918 by Frank Gray. Fulton W. Buntain is the present pastor. Allen L. Baunsgard is associate pastor.

CANEY, KANS.—Evangelist Paul E. Morris recently concluded a week-long meeting at First Assembly here. God blessed nightly. Fourteen persons were saved, and five were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The previous Sunday school attendance record of 184 was broken with 232 present. A total of 160 visitors attended throughout the week.

—Ray F. Hollis, pastor

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Little did Evangelist John Snellgrove realize he would become acting pastor when he came to Rolph Survey Assembly here for meetings last November. During the meeting the church's pastor, Hollis Petersen, announced he was required to enter a sanatorium for treatment of a lung disease. The church board and congregation unanimously asked Brother Snellgrove to stay.

God greatly blessed during Brother Snellgrove's interim ministry. Rolph Survey Assembly received awards for its Sunday school, WMC group, C.A.'s, and Missionettes in the January sectional rallies.

Workers have become more enthused, and the young people have a new zeal and fire to spread the gospel and work in the church. The leading and presence of the Holy Spirit can be felt in the services.

God also heard and answered the congregation's prayers for Brother Petersen. Early in March he was able to return to the pulpit on a limited preaching basis.

As Brother Snellgrove con-

The auditorium of First Assembly in Tacoma is filled during the dedication of the new church building.





Overflow crowds attended the five-night meeting conducted by "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. Ward at Calvary Temple in Riverside, Calif. (above). Pastor D. F. Ferguson stands beside Brother Ward at the right (below).



continued evangelistic meetings at the church, some were either saved or reclaimed, and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. God's presence was manifested and praised by the people who were healed. Those who started attending church once again or who had grown cold in their Christian experience also praised the Lord for His goodness and blessing.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—*Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward recently held an intensive, five-night, soul-winning campaign at Calvary Temple here. Nightly unsaved peo-

ple lined the altars for salvation.

Seating was insufficient in all the services to handle the audiences. Scores of children sat in the youth chapel and as many as 200 extra folding chairs were brought into the main auditorium. Many denominational people also attended and showed a great hunger for the Lord.

In preparation for the meetings Calvary Temple mailed 100,000 pieces of literature inviting the community to attend. Volunteers helped with the mailing.

An interesting feature of the mailing piece was a postpaid de-

tachable section with return address. This contained a questionnaire which asked where the church could be of help. Scores of questionnaires were returned, and all have been personally answered. This showed the need that lay at Calvary Temple's door and brought a new concern for the lost to the church.

—D. F. Ferguson, pastor

OLIVE BRANCH, ILL.—A revival spirit prevails at Trinity Assembly here after a meeting with Evangelist Sam Mayo of Atlanta, Ga.

God's presence and blessing were very real. Five persons were saved, one was reclaimed, one was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled with the Spirit during the services. Attendance was good.

The church has continued to grow. There have been wonderful services, and God has touched the sick. —Billy Don Heady, pastor

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Several persons were reclaimed, and several were refilled with the Holy Spirit during a recent meeting at Tuxedo Assemblies of God Church here. Glenn Shinn of Fort Worth, Tex., was the evangelist.

The entire church was blessed. Several testified to receiving a definite touch of healing in their bodies. Attendance also was very good.

The present pastor came to Bartlesville in June 1967 after serving First Assembly, Elk City, Okla., for nine years. Many have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit in the past 12 months. The church has witnessed several marvelous healings.

There has been a steady growth in attendance, and a spirit of revival prevails in the services.

—Joe Calabrese, pastor

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.—Calvary Assembly here recently concluded a successful week-long kids crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Scott of Annandale, N.J.

Total enrollment was 416. The highest number present was 240 and average attendance was 172. Many parents visited each night. Of those enrolled 92 percent were from outside Calvary Assembly.

The crusade helped the full gospel witness in this predominantly Catholic community. The church rejoices in the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness and prays that a harvest will be gleaned from these many prospects.

—Charles Scrimale, pastor

KIRKSVILLE, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Waggoner of Farmington, Mo., recently concluded a two-week meeting at First Assembly here. There was a good spiritual move in the whole church and in particular among the children and young people.

One person was saved, one reclaimed, one was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled with the Spirit.

—Harold E. Scott, pastor

LANCASTER, PA.—Evangelist William A. Caldwell recently conducted evangelistic services at First Assembly here. Twenty-five persons accepted Christ as Saviour, and an equal number were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Many others were helped both spiritually and physically, and the entire church was edified. First Assembly is grateful for the moving of the Spirit among the young people. The Christ's Ambassadors often took the lead in seeking the Lord at the services.

On Easter an outdoor service was held in an amphitheater in a city park. More than 700 attended this special service.

—James E. Morris, pastor

Attendance was very good during the meeting at the Tuxedo Assembly in Bartlesville, Okla., with Evangelist Glenn Shinn. Standing in the center are Pastor Joe Calabrese (left) and Evangelist Shinn.



An outdoor service was held in an amphitheater in the city park on Easter during the meeting in Lancaster, Pa., with Evangelist William A. Caldwell. James E. Morris is pastor.



## CONGREGATION BUILDS NEW CHURCH IN CENTRAL LOCATION

REDMOND, OREG.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new church to the glory of God.

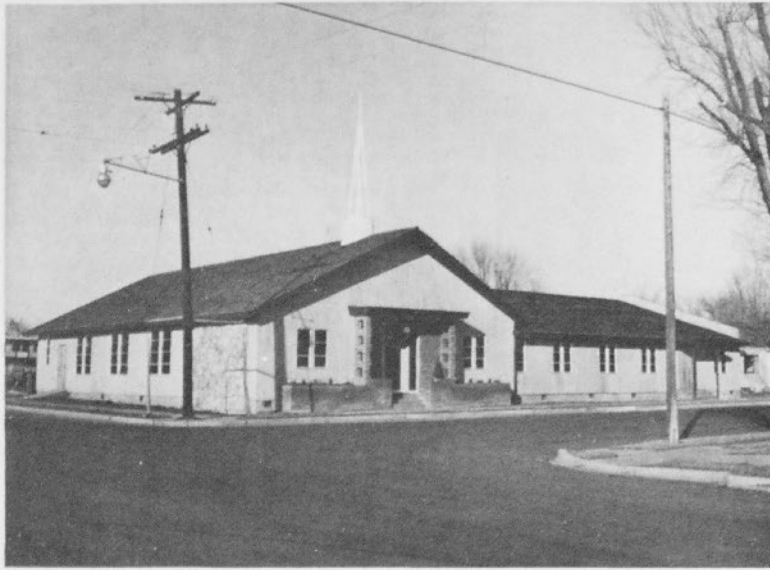
Participating in the dedication service were N. D. Davidson, Oregon District superintendent, and other members of the District Presbytery.

Cost of construction—\$40,000—was held at a minimum by volunteer labor.

Facilities include a pastor's study, fellowship hall, nursery, kitchen, and seven classrooms. The sanctuary seats 165.

The congregation has continued to grow in recent years, and a new building was much needed. It is located in a central area of town.

Kenneth Rodli has pastored the church since 1964.



was also present to heal. A sister was immediately healed after being anointed and prayed for. Since a serious car accident over 12 years ago, she had been unable to walk without the aid of a crutch. She could not kneel, or open and close her hand. She was completely healed. —Paul Poland, pastor

## MONTANA CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MALTA, MONT.—The Assembly of God here recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

First services were held in March 1943 when Leonard Palmer, then superintendent of the Montana District, asked Albert Howell to begin a work in Malta.

The congregation first met in homes and in the Malta Women's Club. Because of the war, erection of a church was difficult as materials were not readily available, but the Lord supplied the need. Brother Howell was able to purchase a large, old building which was torn down and provided enough salvaged material to erect two churches—one in Malta and one in Saco where Brother Howell had started another work.

God continued to bless the Assembly after Brother Howell left in 1947. A Christ's Ambassadors group was organized. The church became a sovereign assembly. Later a Missionettes group was formed.

Grady Chaney has pastored the church since June 1966. The congregation is growing, and plans are underway to begin a new building.

BURLINGTON, N. J.—The Assembly of God conducted a successful Children's Crusade with "Aunt Sammy" Bergstrom of Hamonton, N.J. The enrollment reached 357 with many new and unchurched children present.

The crusade, called a Treasure Hunt, featured puppets, stories, films, music, and chalk drawings.

One night Sister Bergstrom spoke on the Bread of Life. A bakery baked a loaf of bread nine feet long which was sliced and given to the children that night along with a Gospel of John.

Many children gave their hearts to the Lord. A number of them have started attending Sunday school. —Paul J. Graban, pastor

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VALLEY PARK, MO.—A new Chevy Sports Van for use by the auxiliary groups of the church was recently dedicated at First

**DONATE SPORTS VAN**—Paul Gibbs (left) and Virg Palmer donated this Sports Van for use by auxiliary groups of First Assembly, Valley Park, Mo.



Assembly here. The van was donated by Paul Gibbs and Virg Palmer, Royal Rangers commanders in the church. Custom-made seats permit the seating of 30 children. National Royal Rangers Training Coordinator Paul Feller was present for the dedication.

—John Eller, pastor

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—The young people at Blenheim Assembly here were especially helped during the recent meeting with Evangelist Ruth Reece.

Several persons were saved, and four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Milton Beckett, pastor

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ST. JOHN, KANS.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist Ben Brumback. Six persons were saved or reclaimed, and several were refilled with the Holy Spirit. A number testified to being healed.

Attendance at the services was good with 120 visitors present for the two-week meeting. Last year's Sunday school average was 50.

—Elvis Satterfield, pastor

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PRICHARD, ALA.—Evangelistic services with the McDuff Brothers soon became revival services as the Holy Spirit's presence filled the Assembly of God here night after night.

Intense and compelling worship "in spirit and in truth" melted impenetrable barriers which before had hindered service to the Lord. This spiritual mood began with the young people of the church who held daily prayer meetings.

Plans to close the meeting on the scheduled day were abandoned as God swept into that Sunday night service. Nightly the Spirit's gifts of utterance moved the

congregation, and hundreds of people became one body seeking the Lord.

People have continued to crowd the auditorium. This spirit of revival flows out of the local church and will definitely change the character and effectiveness of all who are involved.

—James C. Kofahl, pastor

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KITZMILLER, MD.—The Assembly of God here just concluded a three-week series of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John Masto of Nutter Fort, W. Va.

Several were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and some were saved or reclaimed. The Lord met needs in a wonderful way as some sought a deeper experience with Him.

Several persons found the Lord



SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Gifts from 27 churches and six pastors, besides those of Central Assembly here, made possible the purchase of this new Dodge Coronet 440 sedan for Brother and Sister Noel Perkin, left. Brother Perkin, former executive director of Assemblies of God foreign missions, now serves as Central Assembly's minister of visitation. The car, equipped with air conditioning and full power, was presented to the Perkins after a recent Sunday morning service.

BRANDON, FLA.—The Assembly of God here thanks God for His blessings both spiritually and numerically.

In a recent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Martin, members of the congregation stated they had received a new

touch of God on their lives.

On Easter the previous record Sunday school attendance was broken with a new high of 146. The average for the entire month of April was 130, more than 50 percent higher than the previous month.

Because of the recent increases, more facilities are needed. Plans are being made to begin construction on an educational building early in the fall.

Joseph R. Hardt became pastor of the Assembly in late March after pastoring in Tampa, Fla.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME COMING—Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at First Assembly, Morgan Hill, Calif.—by Floyd Cagle, pastor.

HOME COMING AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY—Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 at First Assembly, Kennett, Mo. Former pastors will be the special speakers.—by Gordon Zercher, pastor.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Sept. 2-15	Jerry & Ann Johnson	H. P. Trawick
	Harriet	A/G	Sept. 1-14	Winfield Piker	Tollie Sutterfield
Ark.	Roland	Pinnacle	Sept. 2-8	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Bill Hines
	N. Little Rock	Gravel Ridge	Sept. 1-13	Manfred Polk	Roy Sullivan
Calif.	Norwalk	A/G	Sept. 1-30	Quentin Edwards	Orrin Kingsriter
	Fresno	Calwa	Sept. 1-14	Jim Mackey	Ralph R. Hall
	Fresno	Northeast	Sept. 4-15	Winferd Mack	Douglas Hyatt
	Ridgecrest	First	Aug. 27—	Charles Ogdon	Norman Erickson
Colo.	Dove Creek	A/G	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Norman Jones	James Foster
	Eads	A/G	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Evan Reid	Howard Davis
Fla.	Orlando	Calvary	Aug. 27-Sept. 1	Paul Hild Family	Edwin Barg
	Pensacola	Brentwood	Aug. 28-Sept. 8	Billy & Cherie Cotton	William Slay
	Seffner	First	Aug. 29-Sept. 8	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	Robert Rogers
Hawaii	Honolulu	First	Sept. 1-8	David E. Dean	Eldon Vincent
	Kahului, Maui	First	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Arthur & Anna Berg	Henry Kahalehili
Ill.	E. Alton	Rosewood	Sept. 3-15	Howard Young	Jeff Smith
	Elmhurst	Bethel	Sept. 3-15	Marion & Mrs. Beach	Wesley Butler
	S. Roxana	A/G	Sept. 1—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	C. M. Twente
Ind.	E. Gary	A/G	Sept. 3-8	Paul Hild Party	Denver Baker
	Hobart	Calvary Temple	Sept. 3-8	Doug & Judy Maners	Frank Fortier
	Patrickburg	A/G	Sept. 3-15	Ada E. Lear	Stanley Davis
	Plymouth	First	Aug. 26-30	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	W. R. Wainscott
Iowa	Washington	A/G	Sept. 3-15	Charles E. Crank	Lewis Clifton
	Spirit Lake	A/G	Sept. 3-8	L. A. Miller	Floyd O'Bryan
	Truesdale	A/G	Sept. 3-15	Paul Sandgren	Bob D. Claycomb
Kans.	Kansas City	<sup>1</sup> Bethel Temple	Sept. 1-6	Christian Hild	Paul Johnson
	Kansas City	Bethany	Sept. 3-15	I. D. Rayborn	Otho L. Smith
La.	Baton Rouge	Calvary	Sept. 3-15	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	John A. Graves
	Mer Rouge	Bonne Idée	Sept. 3-15	Mike & Linda Murdock	Bob Brantley
	New Orleans	Lakeview Church	Sept. 1-9	Ernie Eskelin	Daniel Ronsisvalle
Me.	Augusta	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 4-15	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Donald G. Kroah
Md.	Westport	First	Aug. 27-Sept. 8	R. L. Beaver	Joseph L. Smith
Mich.	Bellevue	A/G	Sept. 1-15	John & Faith Stallings	C. A. Pedersen
	Livonia	Bethel Missionary	Sept. 5-15	George & Evelyn Butrin	Jacob J. Traub
	St. Johns	First	Sept. 4-15	Wesley & Mrs. Wibley	Joe Eger
	Waterford	Calvary	Sept. 3-8	Carl E. Gammel	Arnold Hashman
	Wyandotte	A/G	Sept. 4-15	Andrew G. Basell	Warren B. Tyler
Minn.	Mound	Minnetonka	Aug. 27-Sept. 1	Wesley F. Morton	James A. King
	Worthington	A/G	Sept. 3-15	Wesley F. Morton	John Everett
Mo.	Canton	A/G	Sept. 1-11	Glenna Byard	G. C. Fowler
	Charleston	First	Sept. 8—	Arlis & Janis Thrasher	E. Jerald Ogg
	Elwood	A/G	Sept. 4-15	Kenneth Wright Team	Harry Freeman
	Harrisonville	Berean Chapel	Sept. 1-20	Knott-Olson Team	Warren Davenport
	Herculaneum	First	Sept. 1-15	Barbara M. Willis	H. E. Richardson
	Independence	Central	Sept. 3-15	Larry & Coleen Griswold	J. O. Howard
	Leasburg	A/G	Sept. 1-15	Nettie Parham	Donald Merritt
	Raytown	A/G	Sept. 1-15	Keetah Jones	Glenn Green
	St. Clair	A/G	Sept. 3-15	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	L. Lyall Parsons
	Sikeston	First	Sept. 1-15	William Caldwell	T. A. McDonough
	Wentzville	First	Aug. 28-Sept. 8	Bob McCutchen	Ruth Rosser
Mont.	Havre	A/G	Sept. 1-6	Charles Senechal	W. R. Leisy
Nebr.	Bayard	A/G	Sept. 1-15	Travis Bates	John W. Smith
N. Mex.	Belen	First	Sept. 1-8	E. R. Winter	Willis Deerman
	Grants	First	Sept. 1-8	Doyle H. Thompson	LeRoy Hessler
Ohio	New Philadelphia	First	Aug. 27-Sept. 6	"Little Joe" Peterson	Kenneth Shaffer
	Perrysburg	<sup>1</sup> Bethel	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Paul & Donna Wright	William E. Helton
	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Sept. 4-15	Don & Dixie Cox	E. J. Schlossmacher
Okla.	Miami	Victory	Sept. 1—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Mathers-Pharr Team
	Nash	Eagle Grove	Sept. 1—	Hazel Burns	Ethel B. Stevens
	Westville	Northside	Sept. 1-15	Fred Carrington	E. L. Schoneman
Oreg.	Harlan	Chapel of the Valley	Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Bill & Myrna Laney	Alton Montgomery
	Medford	First	Sept. 4-15	Thomas Ming Sr.	William Stephens
Pa.	Cherry Tree	Kinport	Sept. 4-15	Don & Sharon Parker	Zene Fleming
	Houston	Central	Aug. 26-Sept. 8	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Ralph Volpe
	Richeyville	A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 8	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Frank Tomassacci
	Three Springs	A/G	Aug. 27—	Knouse-Stovall Team	D. Otto Dippold
S. Dak.	Britton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 3-15	Jerry & Mrs. Fisher	Merrill Christiansen
Tex.	Denton	Faith Tab.	Sept. 1—	Patsy Ruth Allen	H. A. Johnson
	Freer	First	Aug. 25-Sept. 4	James & Peggy Hazelton	Nolan Akers
	Lubbock	Northside	Sept. 4-15	Norman Jones	Scott Mitchell
	Quinlan	A/G	Aug. 25—	Patsy Ruth Allen	Jack Venable
Va.	Franconia	Bethel FG Tab.	Sept. 1-29	L. K. Dodge	O. L. Harrup Jr.
	Hampton	Calvary	Sept. 1-15	Singing Kolenda Family	T. Burton Pierce
Wash.	Pasco	A/G	Sept. 3-15	James & Beulah Pepper	Donald B. Strong
	Prosser	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Aug. 26-30	Jim & Karen Boreland	Melvin Holmquist
	Tacoma	S. Tacoma	Sept. 3-15	Don Rich	Dale Harmon
Wis.	Madison	First	Sept. 1-15	Paul E. Morris	H. Ray Colver
	Shawano	<sup>2</sup> A/G	Sept. 1-13	Victor Etienne	William Hicks

<sup>1</sup>Children's Revival

<sup>2</sup>Youth Crusade

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## WITH CHRIST

RUTH A. VAUGHAN, 57, of Enid, Okla., went to her eternal reward April 16, 1968. Sister Vaughan was ordained to the ministry in 1959 by the Oklahoma District. She served as a pastor in Watonga, Longdale, Hobart, Covington, and Waynoka, Okla., and in Texas. She is survived by her husband Robert and three children.

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# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

## HOME MISSIONARY LOSES LIFE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

MILAN, N. MEX.—On June 24, 1968, Addie B. Croasmun, 55, was killed instantly in an auto accident. Her husband, Grant B. Croasmun



was seriously injured. He is recuperating in the hospital.

Sister Croasmun, with her husband, had been engaged in missionary work among the Navaho and Acoma Indians of New Mexico at Prewitt. Her untimely death is a great loss to Indian missions. She will be keenly missed by all who knew her.

The Croasmuns have been under Home Missions appointment since 1960.

Sister Croasmun was licensed with the Rocky Mountain District. They were missionaries to Indians in Mexican Hat, Utah, for some time before going to Prewitt.

In a recent letter to the Home Missions Department, Sister Croasmun was rejoicing over the salvation of 33 souls during summer meetings. Eight others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "We want to do all we can for the Lord, for we know the time is short to work for Him," she wrote.

This was characteristic of Sister Croasmun's dedication and zeal. The souls she won and the exemplary life she lived will be a memorial to her dedication.

## HOME MISSIONS GIVING SETS NEW RECORD

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The calendar year 1967 was another record year for Home Missions giving with a total of \$2,449,362.87. This includes District Home Missions and Home Missions transfers from Speed-the-Light, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and Women's Missions Council funds.

## RALLY OFFERING AT EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL HELPS PIONEER CHURCH

PITTSBURGH, PA.—At the Home Missions rally during the Eastern District Council here in May, an offering of \$2,734 was given for Calvary Chapel, a pioneer church in Hanover, Pa.

J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker.

Rebecca M. (Mrs. Robert) Beisel coordinated the program, using the theme, "Trained to Serve." Seven young pastors participated in a skit which showed the necessity of helping young students get Bible college training.

A presentation of the inspiring Hanover story preceded the offering.

On August 12, 1967, Calvary Chapel in Hanover began with three people in attendance. Eight months later the Sunday school averaged 45, with a record attendance of 72 on Easter Sunday.

Calvary already has active Women's Missionary Council and Christ's Ambassadors groups.

The new church has now outgrown its facilities and the offering was to help purchase another

building. Several adequate church buildings of other denominations are available in the area at reasonable prices.

This month, when the new church is just one year old, the Christ's Ambassadors of the district are sending Ambassadors in Mission to Hanover to reach as many as possible of the 37,000 of the city.

## ARIZONA INDIAN MISSION EXPANDS FACILITIES

HOLBROOK, ARIZ.—Several young people were filled with the Spirit in a May revival conducted for the Indian Mission here by the Claude Utleys.

The American Indian Bible Institute choir of Phoenix ministered on Mother's Day and gave the mission a spiritual "boost."

Missionary Eugene Herd says they are now formulating plans to begin the footing, foundation, and walls of the new Sunday school wing. During May they averaged 75 in Sunday school. Growth is steady.

## STREET MEETING SPARKS EVANGELISM OUTREACH IN FLORIDA

TAMPA, FLA.—More than 250 heard the gospel through singing and preaching at a street meeting here in June.

Gustavo A. Jimenez, pastor of Missionary Assembly of God in

Tampa which sponsored the meeting, reports that eight accepted Christ.

About an hour before the service a group of 28 from the church began to pass out gospel literature

on the streets, inviting passersby to the meeting. Many who were leaving the nearby Spanish theater stayed to hear the preaching.

Donald Wood, a student from South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla., preached in English, and Brother Jimenez translated into Spanish.

This church has a vision and

zeal to work for God. Every Saturday afternoon workers engage in personal evangelism on the streets and visit homes.

*Editorial Vida* in Miami supplied copies of *Poder* for the street meeting, and workers distributed 800. Missionary Assembly urgently needs a good professional tape recorder, two speakers, and a microphone for use in its street meetings by which many of the Spanish in the Tampa area can be evangelized.

On January 16 Missionary Assembly conducted its dedication service. Curtis W. Ringness, national home missions secretary, was guest speaker. Other guests included J. Foy Johnson, superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District; Arthur Shell, assistant superintendent; Adolfo Carrion, superintendent of the Spanish Eastern District; and Andres Roman, presbyter of the section.

Missionary Assembly's Sunday school averages about 65 and the Sunday night service 80 to 90. In June Brother Jimenez baptized seven converts in water.



**LEFT: Donald Wood (center) preaches at the street service and Gustavo Jimenez (right) translates his message into Spanish. BELOW: Brother Jimenez's radio program reaches 140,000 Spanish people in 10 cities.**



## AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The largest graduating class in the history of the American Indian Bible Institute here received diplomas at commencement services in the Salt River Indian Assembly. The seven graduates represented four Indian tribes.

D. R. Ramsey, president of the school, was in charge and Charles Lee, Navaho pastor of the Mesa View Assembly, Shiprock, N. Mex., was the guest speaker. Curtis W. Ringness brought greetings and congratulations from the Home Missions Department.

LaVerne Heath, minister to the deaf, interpreted the service for deaf visitors from his congregation in Phoenix First Assembly.

The church was packed to capacity.

A number of home missionaries from several districts were present.



Charles Lee of Shiprock, N. Mex., was guest speaker.



Virgil Sampson, pastor of the host church and chief judge of the Pima Tribe, gave the benediction at the commencement service.

### DEAF MEETINGS IN NEW ENGLAND

POWNALE, ME.—Edward J. Granholm, missionary to the deaf here, reports excellent meetings with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Callies in June.

They held 12 meetings for the deaf in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts and traveled about 950 miles. Seven deaf accepted Christ as Saviour.

### MISSIONARY ELECTED TO BOARD OF STATE ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF

ELIZABETH, N.J.—Croft Pentz, missionary to the deaf in the New York-New Jersey area, took part in the New Jersey Association for the Deaf meeting in June. He was elected a board member for a three-year term. He is the only hearing person in the organization.

Mr. Pentz also participated in the International Research Seminar of the Vocational Rehabilitation of Deaf Persons in New York City. Many countries were represented at the gathering.

### NEW NAVAHO CHURCH

TEESTO, ARIZ.—The new Indian church here (near Winslow) is nearing completion, reports Missionary Don Johnson.

John James, pastor of Bethel Assembly, Riverside, Calif., and men from his congregation made four trips and donated over 2,000 hours of labor on the new mission.

The choir and associate pastor, Jerry Clark, from First Assembly, Whittier, Calif., conducted the sixth annual camp meeting for the Indian church beginning June 19. Roy Gallington, pastor of Glad

Tidings Assembly, Riverside, Calif., also helped. Brother Johnson reports they were a great blessing to this Navaho church.

### TEACHES DOCTOR AND NURSES LANGUAGE OF SIGNS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Elmo Pierce, missionary to the deaf here, recently taught a language of signs course at the Chamber of Commerce.

Among the students were a doctor, an accountant, two nurses, and several parents and grandparents of the deaf.

Brother Pierce was thrilled with the interest the doctor manifested. To the missionary's knowledge, he is the first doctor in the state who has learned signs and seems particularly interested in the deaf.

Mr. Pierce also interprets the chapel service each Tuesday at the Goodwill Industries.

Early in May, Brother Pierce baptized six deaf persons in water during a Sunday afternoon service.

### TWENTY-FIVE DEAF YOUTH FIND CHRIST

OLATHE, KANS.—Betty L. Stewart, missionary to the deaf, is rejoicing over the results of a recent revival in the Assembly of God here. She interpreted for the deaf almost every night. One of the senior girls at the Olathe School for the Deaf received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In early May quite a few visitors from the Olathe deaf school attended a deaf rally in the Olathe Assembly in which deaf from Overland Park, Kansas City, and Independence participated. Sunday afternoon the students from Central Bible College—School for the Deaf presented the play, "The Parable of the Great Supper." At the close of the service, 25 young people came forward for salvation.

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