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I LEARNED GRATITUDE ALASKAN MISSION

By PAUL E. BILLS / Nome, Alaska



The Paul Bills family, dressed in their warm parkas.



Paul Bills and Alaska District Superintendent B. P. Wilson get water from the Yukon River for a baptismal service.



This ice, piled against the building, represents the water supply for the Bills family in Barrow. It came from a lake five miles from the village.

In the summertime in Beaver, Marguerite Bills washed clothes on a washboard. Water came from the muddy Yukon River.



THE APOSTLE PAUL writing to Timothy revealed that one of the signs of the last days would be a loss of the virtue of gratitude. "For men shall be . . . unthankful." And he added, "unholy." The two evils are not unrelated.

Phillips renders it, "They shall be utterly lacking in gratitude." One of the greatest factors in dulling this virtue in our lives is the advent of modern conveniences.

It took the Alaskan mission field to create within us a thankful heart. Do you ever thank God for water? Most people never give a thought to this as they twist a handle and watch the precious liquid gush from the faucet. Our appreciation for water first came when we moved into the native village of Beaver located on the Yukon River just south of the Arctic Circle.

"Where do we get our water?" I asked as I viewed our little two-room, dirt-roof cabin.

"The Yukon River has lots of water," I was told. But the water was under several feet of ice, and how would I ever carry those buckets of water up that exceedingly steep bank? You have no idea how we struggled and slipped and prayed as we filled our water barrel. Never had water seemed so precious.

Later in our ministry when we moved to Barrow, located at the top of the continent, we found the water situation even worse. The source was a lake located five miles out on the tundra. Most of the year the water was in the form of ice. Sometimes we were able to buy this ice from those who had dog teams or a track vehicle. The price would be the equivalent of from ten to twenty cents a gallon. Sometimes we would borrow a dog team and get our own. We found the price the ice sellers were asking was not unreasonable. Theirs wasn't easy work.

Getting the ice into the house was not the end. It had to be scraped before being put into the tank which was located next to the furnace. This procedure took many hours. Every atom of water seemed so precious. Nor was it ever wasted. Two little girls were bathed in one tub of water. Clothes rinse water was graduated down to other purposes such as scrubbing. A neighbor sometimes used our rinse water to wash her clothes.

Regardless of where I go now, I cannot turn on a faucet without thinking what a precious commodity it is. I cannot let it flow wastefully, no matter how abundant the supply.

So many Americans get out of a cozy bed in the morning and with one finger turn a dial which makes the house warm in almost no time. Do you ever thank God for a thermostat? Perhaps you should live for a time in an Alaskan native village to develop a grateful heart for that fuel which comes so easily to you now.

Our first winter in Alaska was a rough one. For a six-week period the temperature never got warmer than 40

ON THE FIELD



While the Bills family were in Beaver, Alaska, they lived in this cabin.

below. It stayed mostly 50 to 60 below and got very close to 70 below. Hitching up a dog team and going out looking for wood might sound exciting and adventurous to some, but a few frozen toes, fingers, and faces later I can assure you it can become mighty old. Nor does it enhance the chore when your team meets another one on the trail and a dozen dogs get into a free-for-all. Every piece of wood put into the Alaskan stove is like a gift from God.

On one occasion while living at Barrow we were faced with an emergency. The "cat train" which brought coal into the village broke down, and we were forced to search for driftwood along the Arctic Coast. There are no trees in the Barrow region. Driftwood is most difficult to find under the snow. We also found it was poor fuel for heating, but every B.T.U. was gratefully absorbed.

Do you ever thank God for the sun? I do not remember being especially grateful until we came to the north country. Now we have a new sense of appreciation for this creation of God. This was amplified at our Barrow station. During the fall months we noticed the sun kept getting lower and lower in the heaven. On November 18 we watched it sink beneath the horizon and there was a sense of sadness. It was almost like losing a friend, for we knew we would not see it again for over two months. You really don't miss something until you lose it. This is especially true with respect to the sun.

January 23 is always an exciting day in Barrow. Everyone talks about it. "The sun will rise today." Then it appears in all its golden glory. It skims along the horizon for twenty minutes, then disappears; but we know it will be back tomorrow for a longer period. Oh, praise God for the "greater light" that He put up in the sky.

Have you ever lived in a treeless area? Joyce Kilmer wrote, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." We have lived with people who in all their lives have never seen a tree except in pictures. It was a great

thrill for us to accompany some of our Eskimo congregation flying to a convention in Fairbanks some years ago. Some of them would be seeing their first tree. Strangely enough, before they were to see their first tree they were to discern the difference in the atmosphere as a result of the presence of trees and vegetation as they were getting off the plane. One teen-age Eskimo girl tenderly picked a leaf and exclaimed, "My first leaf. I'm going to put it in my Bible."

In our present station in Nome we are in a treeless area and when we are able to get out to the tree area we cannot help but notice the majesty of trees. Recently it was my privilege to go to St. Louis, Missouri, for the Council on Evangelism. Walking from the hotel to the Kiel Auditorium we passed through a park where many locusts were singing. People must have wondered about this stranger who observed those singing trees with glorious rapture. My heart was filled with deep gratitude at the sight and aroma of these creations of God. It seemed strange that everyone didn't appreciate this experience!

Are you really grateful for the food you eat? When you offer thanks is it a mere ritual? A Christian duty? Do you consider the variety of items before you? How about those fresh fruits and vegetables? If you were to live in a remote Alaskan village you would forget that some of these items exist. Then sometimes you would dream about corn on the cob, watermelon, peaches, oranges, and dozens of other foods which are just memories of former days. If perchance a plane brings in a delicacy on a rare occasion, you bow your head in deep gratitude for this special blessing from God.

Yes, we are truly thankful for the privilege of living on the mission field, for it has awakened our soul to the virtue of gratitude; and it is such an enjoyable and edifying experience to be grateful for the everyday blessings of life. Genuine thankfulness is a help to holiness. 

Scriptures to Live By

IF YOU LOOK AROUND, you can always find something to be thankful for. One Sunday there was a small attendance at a certain country church, due to the extremely wet weather. It had been raining for days and the roads had turned to mud. It was still pouring when a handful of people gathered for Sunday morning worship.

"The preacher is always giving thanks," a man whispered to his wife. "I wonder what he can be thankful for this kind of day."

His curiosity soon was satisfied, for when the preacher began his prayer he said, "Almighty God, we thank Thee that it is not always as bad as this."

Have you ever been tempted to offer this kind of prayer when giving thanks at the table? It is not exactly a model mealtime prayer—but the custom of giving thanks for food is a good one. How about your spiritual food? Do you return thanks for the Bible, before you begin to read? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). We need a regular diet of the Word to feed our souls. It is a good habit to read the Bible daily and to begin our reading with thanksgiving and a prayer that our spiritual lives may be nourished through the Word.

Each issue of the *Evangel* carries a list of daily Bible readings. These selections are based currently on the "Read the Word" program which began in January 1967 and which ends next month. This two-year program was designed by the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission to take us through the entire Old Testament once and through the New Testament and Psalms twice. We hope many *Evangel* readers are following these readings in their daily devotions.

In 1969 the *Evangel* will continue to carry daily Bible readings, but in a different manner. For the new year the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission will offer topical readings called "Scriptures to Live By." Each week there will be a new topic, such as, "Curing Worry," "Triumphant in Trouble," "Taking Courage," "Divinely Disciplined," "Curb-ing Covetousness," "Unfailing Hope," and "Comforted in Sorrow." Each daily reading will be related to the weekly topic.

All these topics and readings for the entire year are listed on a beautiful folder called "1969 Daily Bible Reading Guide," which is advertised in this *Evangel*. It is suitable for enclosure with Christmas greeting cards, or for distributing among the sick. Many Sunday school teachers may wish to give them to class members. A copy will be stitched in each first-quarter issue of *God's Word for Today*.

"Scriptures to Live By" will remind us that the Word is intended to help us in our daily lives. Dr. Charles H. Malik said: "I do not approach the Bible from the outside; I live in it, both Old and New Testament, and it impregnates my total being."

Dr. Malik, former President of the United Nations General Assembly, is now professor of philosophy at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Speaking at a Bible society meeting not long ago, he listed the cravings of contemporary man and answered each one with Scripture passages. "Perhaps you are fed up with a world in which nothing is holy, nothing sacred, nothing untouchable, everything on the same low plane of profanity and tastelessness. Perhaps you have suffered so much and have been beaten so often you can take it no more; perhaps you are about to quit!" To overcome these and other frustrations of modern man, Dr. Malik urged his audience to "read and live in the Bible."

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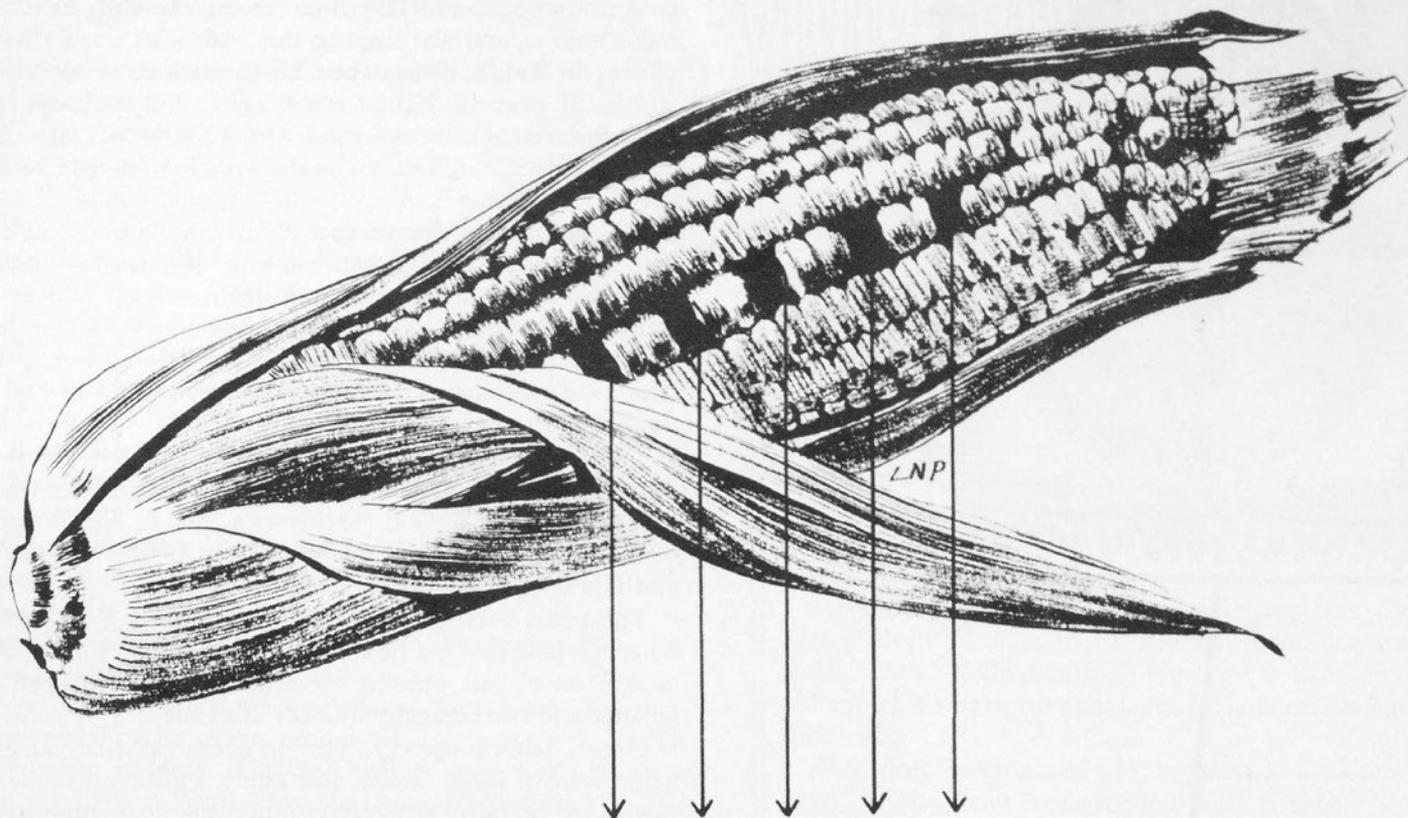
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FIVE GRAINS OF CORN

By MRS. MAX JOHNSON / Oskaloosa, Iowa

THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY PILGRIMS IS A STORY OF triumph over discouraging circumstances. In the winter of 1620 they found themselves in a strange land. With patience and perseverance they faced trials and tests almost beyond human endurance. But faith and hope caused them to rise above every difficulty as shown in their working, planning, planting crops, and establishing families.

A few months before their first harvest was ripe, their provisions had dwindled to a pint of corn. The people were called together and the grain was divided impartially—five kernels to each man, woman, and child. It was the starkest time they ever knew. From that time on, conditions grew better—but five grains of corn were placed at each plate every Thanksgiving time to remind them how much they had to be thankful for.

Gratitude seems to come hard for some people. Most of us take for granted the wonderful things God has given us. We ought to acknowledge the Source of our blessings. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1: 17).

The farmer knows how much the growth of his crops depends on God. Men cannot control the weather! Ask the physician about the mystery of human life; he will tell you how much it depends on God. Consider our men-

tal and physical capabilities. Should we not be very thankful?

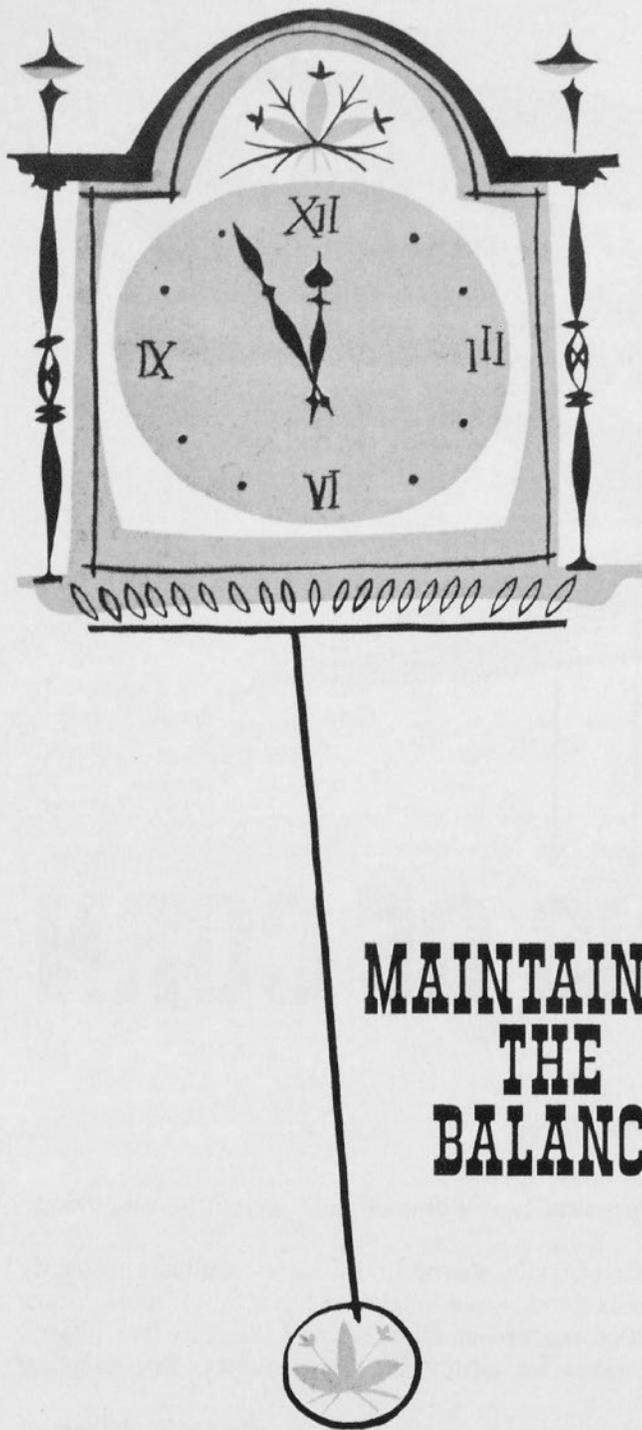
In spite of trials, sorrows, and losses, we have to testify that God is good. Love unbounded saved our souls. Grace unfathomed rescued us from sin and lifted us into liberty. Our blessings far outnumber our troubles. Try counting and see!

The Persian poet Saadi said he never complained of his condition but once and that was when his feet were bare because he had no shoes. But as he walked along he met a cripple who had lost both feet, and he ceased to complain.

Psalm 103:2 admonishes, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The psalmist enumerates all the blessings he has found—spiritual, physical, and temporal. He extols the power and providence of God. He calls upon everything that has breath to praise the Lord. One thing concerned him—he was fearful lest he forget to have a thankful spirit.

The giving of thanks has an uplifting influence. It is good to cultivate a thankful spirit. "It will be to thee a continual feast," wrote one saint of God. "There are no small mercies; all are great because the least are undeserved."

Look back to the time and place where Jesus found you, and then look at the multiplied blessings you have in Him. How much you have to be thankful for! Remember the pilgrims' five grains of corn!



MAINTAINING THE BALANCE

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS OUR FAMILY has considered well-regulated clocks an important household item. I can still see my father going through the house winding the various clocks—the little French clock on the sitting room mantle, the open-faced school clock in the dining room, the moon and calendar clock in the kitchen, and so on. Some needed winding more frequently; some were more sensitive to exact balance and were easily silenced by unusual household vibration. Tiny pieces of wood or folded paper were often inserted to rectify the least deviation from proper balance. Otherwise there was a silent clock. And when this happened we all missed the “voice” of that particular timepiece.

The actual value of any clock depends on its accurate functioning by face and by voice. And what a variety of voices clocks have!

The similarity to God’s children’s functioning as He

designs is apparent. The Bible is replete with examples, exhortations, and warnings to this end. Was not a thought of this in Paul’s heart when he uttered those significant words, “I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”? (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Complete balance here!

Clocks can be wound too tight, you know, and they stop as a result. The pressure of our day, with conflicting loyalties, unreasonable demands from others, and selfish claims can quickly sink an individual into a quagmire of confusion, nervous tension, and defeat. We no longer register God’s Standard Time, and the voice and life of triumphant witnessing is silenced.

There was a Sabbath Day’s journey for the Hebrews; for us there is a spiritual Sabbath Day’s journey as well as a Sabbath of rest in God (Hebrews 4:9-11). This is a place of balanced living in God where duties do not conflict and His service is a restful delight.

The great prerogative of the Holy Spirit is to lead us hour by hour as we become responsive to His impulses as well as to His checks. He will enable us to keep our balance and run correctly by heaven’s time.

Once I felt I must say “yes” to every call that came for help. With a large family and many legitimate home demands, I literally staggered under the load and finally suffered a severe nervous collapse. The clock was not running level and God saw the enforced days of quiet resting were needed to restore the proper balance. I discovered that “no” could be the answer God desired, as well as “yes.”

Physical illnesses have been used by God to teach Christians how to maintain a balanced life of effective service—or fruitful ministry. See how Paul was halted by various circumstances. A closed door for Bithynia meant an emphatic “no.” Later Paul understood the reason for this “no” as he entered Greece at Philippi and thus introduced the gospel for its sweep through the western world.

What about conflicting loyalties? Home relationships enter here in connection with our labors for God. Granted that our first loyalty is to God, and He will never leave us in doubt as to what He desires of us. If there are home responsibilities, there will always be adequate provision to fulfill these in connection with whatever He may ask us to do.

Parents will not need to neglect their children in carrying out God’s program. God never requires the neglect of the children He has placed in the home. Definite waiting on God may be required as to His provision, plan, and purpose, but there will always be a way for the consistent testimony of the family life which is definitely enjoined upon us by God in His Word. When the father, and at times the mother, are absent as God may direct, He will assist in the making of proper arrangements. “Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass” (Psalm 37:5).

Many personal experiences have proved this; later results have justified the course followed. God is not the author of confusion. The confusion evident in many cases shows a failure on the part of parents to maintain their scriptural family balance under God. Unbalanced automobile tires always wear decidedly on the overstrained

side; but balanced homes will produce wholesome, well-adjusted children.

This brings us to maintaining balance in our service for God along every line of activity.

Activity—this is the word emphasized today when every effort is being made to do God's business effectively in this final midnight hour of opportunity. A last call is going forth. To meet the challenge efficiently much organization seems to be required with committee meetings, conferences of every sort, seminars, and what not. Untold benefit can come from such needed gatherings *until* (mark the *until*) these become the paramount preparation for the service attempted.

During the busy days of Christ's Galilean ministry He "had no leisure so much as to eat" (Mark 6:31). The Son of God was pressed by the multitudes. Even though He was working in league with the Father, this did not give complete direction and adequacy to His ministry. During those crowded days of activity, realizing fully the shortness of His days on earth, He "continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). Christ was maintaining the necessary balance of prayer and action.

We are not called to be recluses. God needs laborers, hard workers in every corner of His vineyard. Christ urged men to pray that God would send forth laborers into the harvest fields. But His example, and that of His faithful servants from the beginning, stresses the importance of watching to keep what one writer terms "the balance of contemplation and action, to recover the rhythm of meditation and activity in which alone we can truly serve our Creator." Where this balance has broken down, activities become fruitless and efforts fall short of the divine end.

There must be the restoration of this delicate balance. Then it must be constantly maintained for the flow of spiritual power and divine energy to permeate and vitalize even the smallest task.

Time spent with God, and time spent with men. How else can we know God's method, God's approach, God's message, God's covering and anointing? We minister the grace of God by word and deed through intercession or direct contact. This is how we lose sight of our own importance, self-sufficiency, pride, personal resentment, and subtle jealousy of other laborers in the vineyard.

Dr. A. B. Simpson expressed this perfect balance in his poem:

*I am dwelling with Jesus my King,
I have found where He dwells with His own;
I have opened the door of my heart,
He has made it His temple and throne.
Like Mary I sit at His feet,
Like John I recline on His breast;
In His presence is fulness of joy,
On His bosom is infinite rest.*

*I dwell with my King for His work,
And the work—it is His and not mine;
He plans and prepares it for me,
And fills me with power divine.
So duty is changed to delight,
And prayer into praise as I sing;
I dwell with my King for His work,
And I work in the strength of my King.*

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What formula did John the Baptist follow when baptizing?

We are not told. All we know is that he offered a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. It was a baptism evidently pointing to the expected kingdom of heaven and preparation for it (Matthew 3:1, 2; Mark 1:4).

Please give me the Scripture passages which show baptism must be by immersion.

John the Baptist baptized at Aenon "because there was much water there" (John 3:23). What need was there for John to baptize in the River Jordan if sprinkling would do?

Jesus went down *into* Jordan in His baptism. (Matthew 3:16). Both Philip and the eunuch went down *into* the water when Philip baptized him (Acts 8:36-39). There are numerous Scripture passages for immersion but not for sprinkling.

According to Romans 6:4, baptism is a picture of our death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. Sprinkling does not fit this picture.

In Matthew 4:8, 9, we learn that Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would fall down and worship him. Could the devil have given Jesus this power?

Since the devil is spoken of as "the god of this world," it might be that he could have given Jesus the most exalted position, next to himself; but I do not know. I am thankful that Jesus did not yield to the temptation. May we also resist Satan's temptation when he tempts us with flattering promises.

We read in Romans 14:5, 6, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike." With the Mosaic law done away, it seems to me an assumption to say we ought to observe Sunday. Where is there scripture for this?

In the phrase "another esteemeth every day alike," *alike* has been added by the translators. I like to read it, "another esteemeth every day." A person might observe either the seventh day or the first day and yet not be a true Christian. Christians should serve God every day.

Man's physical and spiritual natures both need periodic and regular rest from daily activities. When God had finished the toil of creation, "he rested on the seventh day from all his work. . . . And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Genesis 2:2, 3). The seventh day commemorated the rest of creation.

Christians prefer to observe the first day since this honors the day of Christ's resurrection and the rest of redemption. Compare the rest of creation with the rest of redemption (Hebrews 4:4-11).

From such Scriptures as Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2, we learn it was the first day that the Gentile Christians honored.

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



A crowd of over 600,000 people gathered at "Campo Eucaristico" in Bogotá to hear the Pope.

DAVID A. WOMACK, Foreign Missions editor, interviews
FLOYD WOODWORTH, missionary to Colombia

THE POPE GOES TO BOGOTÁ

What Preparations Did You See for the Pope's Visit?

First, there were the material arrangements. They sent out teams of nuns and other volunteers to canvass the entire city of Bogotá, which has a population of two million, to find out how many "pilgrims" could be accommodated in each home. They were expecting from 500,000 to 700,000 pilgrims to come in for the visit.

The hotel industry was horrified by the lack of hotel space for such an influx, and they immediately got loans to begin construction of new hotels as

well as tremendous additions to the main hotels in the city.

The city itself went into a fantastic campaign of improving its avenues, crossways, expressways, and other city property.

We have a very energetic mayor in Bogotá right now, and you just can't imagine the change! Everywhere they were building expressways and new avenues to take care of the traffic.

The city donated an immense area at the western end of the city to accommodate hundreds of thousands of people where the Pope offered the

Mass in the Eucharistic Congress.

There was also spiritual preparation. They asked the Colombian people for a spiritual transformation in preparation for the visit of the Pope. They went all out in organizing neighborhood Bible classes.

They had a priest give a short Bible study over the radio every Tuesday night, and then the class discussed this Bible study. In many cases our Assemblies of God believers were invited to these meetings.

I was deeply stirred in the one session I attended in the barrio (municipi-

pality) of San Carlos. The principal of the school there was directing the session, and he was groping for answers from the Bible—about which he obviously didn't know too much. The pastor of our church in that neighborhood was very quick and wise in presenting the Bible's answers and he was well accepted.

I was so stirred as I saw a little old lady get up in this neighborhood cell Bible study organized by the Catholic Church. She said, "Well, if this is all true, and if Christ is our salvation, how can I find Him?" Then our pastor very intelligently and quickly explained the way of salvation. I believe this was one more of the many indications that Colombia is on the verge of a tremendous move toward God.

Why Was the Pope So Warmly Received?

I think it was due to many factors. First of all, Colombia is the most Catholic country in the Western Hemisphere. Second, no Pope had ever visited any Spanish-speaking country in the Americas. Third, I am sure that the Catholic Church in Colombia is making a desperate attempt to consolidate its forces and regain some of the spiritual vigor it has lost.

How Did the Assemblies of God Believers View the Pope's Visit?

The believers laughingly say they are glad for the Pope's coming because Bogotá got new avenues and beautifully lighted streets and new parks. They feel definitely it was a strong move to offset the inroads that Protestantism is making in Colombia.

The Assemblies of God work is growing fast. Just a few years ago there were only two Assemblies of God churches in the whole city. Now in Greater Bogotá we have 14 churches besides many growing outstations. We have two sessions of night Bible school, and other sessions are going to be organized in the coming year. I have no doubt that within a short time we will have 25 churches in Greater Bogotá.

How Many People Attend Assemblies of God Churches in Bogotá?

On Sundays alone about 2,500 attend. The strength of the Assemblies of God in that city is helping us push out into other areas. I have been amazed to see how the work is extending now all over the country.

Our aim is to have an Assemblies of God church in every provincial capital of the country. This dream is fast becoming a reality. In the last two years we have established churches in five of the capitals. We now have 51 organized churches, and every few weeks a new church is being organized and many more outstations are being started.

What Is Your Program for Preparing Pastors for This Rapid Growth of Churches?

We are sadly in need of more personnel for our ministers training program. Right now we have our Bible school operating in Bogotá. It is on a double schedule of day and night sessions.

We have started three different branches of the night Bible school and we hope to have branch night Bible schools in strategic areas all over the country within the next two or three years. We also plan to start on a crash program of short-term training schools in different geographical areas.

Has Colombia's Opposition to Protestantism Passed?

Colombia today is different from the

Colombia of several years ago. The feeling of the government and the people is entirely different now.

The police force is insisting that the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty be honored. Even though we still have cases of persecution, of stoning, and of hindrances at services in some rural areas, we have the assurance that the police will demand order and the protection of our properties and lives—which is something we could not count on a number of years ago. At this point we are able to have open-air services in parks, in the marketplaces, on street corners, and practically any place in the whole country.

Did the Coming of the Pope Change the Strategy of Assemblies of God Missions in Colombia?

The general feeling is that we will go ahead doing just as we are now. We expect to continue to open churches. We will continue our GOOD NEWS CRUSADES, especially in the metropolitan areas. We will continue to encourage our local preachers to open outstations with the faith that they will soon grow into established churches. We will continue our literature-saturation campaigns.

We will continue our Bible school work and we intend to establish more night schools in different areas of the country. We will continue to do everything possible to encourage our young congregations and our young pastors.

We are convinced that this is God's time for a tremendous spiritual awakening in Colombia. 



Colombia is the first Spanish-speaking country in the Americas to be visited by a Pope.

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THE NAME *Jesus* was given to Christ before His birth. The meaning of this Name was related to His earthly mission, for Gabriel said He would "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The Jesus-Name therefore is related to the salvation of sinners. Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Around this Jesus-Name a religious war has raged for centuries and Jesus indicated that it will continue to the end of the age. The greatest theological dispute of the past 20 centuries has been whether Jesus was "a son of God" or "the Son of God."

Jesus gave the Olivet discourse, the greatest prophetic message in the Bible, when the apostles asked Him about "the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world" (Matthew 24:3). One point of information He gave was: "And ye shall be hated of all nations for *my name's sake*" (v. 9). This hostility to the Jesus-Name will continue and increase among all nations.

The chief cause of Jewish hatred of Jesus was not His works but His claim that He was Jesus-Messiah, the fulfillment of all their prophecies of Israel's Redeemer. This hostile unbelief has continued to our time and today there is widespread denial of Jesus-Saviour in major Protestant denominations. In many institutions of Biblical learning, the New Testament doctrine of Jesus-God is rejected, and graduates of these schools are no longer required to believe in the Deity of Jesus to become ministers in many denominations.

Satan is mobilizing his theological forces for the end time and his anti-Jesus movement is farther advanced than is generally known. The present ecumenical effort to unite a world church is developing rapidly and will succeed. The declared purpose of ecumenicism is to bring the world's religions into one body, but the Jesus-Name is a barrier to this unification. This barrier must be removed—and it will be.

Many world religions believe in God but not in Jesus. The issue then is not God but Jesus. Jesus did not say His followers would be hated of all nations for the sake of God's name, but for "*my name's sake*." Jesus did not commission His Church to unite the world, but foretold that because of His name's sake the world would be divided. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay; but rather *division*" (Luke 12:51).

The name of Jesus-Saviour is offensive to the world-church objective because it is divisive. In public meetings of mixed religious bodies, prayer is not offered in the name of Jesus because this would be objectionable to those whose membership is being sought in the world union.

Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, the Jesus-Name holds the central position of importance. The apostles were constantly holding this Name before the Jews and maintaining that Jesus was the nation's promised Messiah. This brought fierce persecution upon the apostles and they were commanded not to "speak in the name of Jesus," but they rejoiced that they were "counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:40, 41).

Saul of Tarsus imprisoned the early Christians who called on this Name; but at the time of his conversion,



By EVANGELIST GUY DUTY

THE NAME OF JESUS-

Jesus said Saul (Paul) was a chosen vessel "to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15, 16). It was Paul's testimony and teaching about Jesus that caused him to be the most persecuted man of his time. To Paul, Jesus was the center and essence of all God's revelation of truth. Jesus was to him what the sun is to the solar system.

Paul wrote that God has highly exalted Jesus and "given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11). It is God's purpose that Jesus shall receive universal recognition. For all eternity God has given Jesus a Name that is above "every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Ephesians 1:21).

Jesus was recognized as the Christ by the demon world. Demons, when brought into His presence, recognized Him to be "Jesus, thou Son of God"—"the Holy One of God"—"Thou art Christ the Son of God"—they knew that He was Christ (Matthew 8:29; Mark 1:24; Luke 4:41). The title, "Holy One," was one of Jehovah's Old Testament covenant names, and it is one of God's various titles applied to Jesus in the New Testament.

I once heard a Mohammedan say that Mohammed had everything that Jesus had. But the demons know better. They are not afraid of the names of Mohammed or Buddha or any other, but they tremble in terror at the Name of Jesus.

Peter said that God has made Jesus "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). The term "Son of God" as applied to Jesus expresses His divinity and it is used more than 90 times in the New Testament. This title of Deity is used of Jesus in such a sense that no other person can claim the title. He who denies that Jesus is the Christ is an "anti-christ." Not only is he an antichrist, but he has made God a liar because he denies "the record that God gave of his Son" (1 John 5:10).

No matter how many worlds may be inhabited, the relation of Jesus to the universe of being is that of Lord and Christ. It is only through Him that all things have their existence (Colossians 1:16, 17). All the angels worship Him (Hebrews 1:6).

But in the end time the world is divided in global conflict between belief and unbelief about Jesus. Strong emphasis is given to this fact in the Book of Revelation. Satan makes war with the true believers "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of

revealing angel told John he was a fellow servant of those that "have the testimony of Jesus," and that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." This spirit of prophecy is a message about the return of Jesus, the defeat of Satan, and the setting up of Christ's eternal kingdom. Genuine prophetic inspiration testifies of Jesus-Messiah and His final victory over all the powers of evil. All unfulfilled prophecy is concerned with this.

An oft-repeated major objective of the world-church is "the social and economic development of the nations"; also, a "world family of nations—the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God." But the faith and testimony of Jesus will be rejected by an apostate theology. In some of the present church mergers, some pastors and congregations refuse to join because they do not wish to be unequally yoked with others who deny that Jesus is the Christ. There will be more of this division as the end draws near. An increasing sign of the times is this widespread unbelief in the Deity of Jesus among denominations. It looms large in the prophetic picture today.

The enemies of Jesus believed in God and claimed Him as their Father. Jesus replied that if God were their Father they would love Him and accept His Messianic claims, but they violently rejected this (John 8:41-59).

No atheists troubled Jesus and the apostles. We need not worry about atheists today in spite of those who say God is dead. The world at large still believes He is alive. A world-belief in God will be useful to Satan's end-time purpose. Antichrist will support and use a world-church that believes in God (Revelation 17:3, 7). The Biblical prophecies do not give us a picture of world atheism in the end time but a world having belief in God and unbelief in Jesus. World atheism would be unfavorable to Antichrist's purpose because Paul said he will sit "in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). The world will accept and worship him as God but they will "make war" with those who have the faith and testimony of Jesus.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would glorify Him, and "no man can say that Jesus is Lord [his personal Lord] but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 12:3). This revelation of Jesus will be given to all who truly desire to know if He is the Christ. Without this revelation, men will concede only that He is "one of the prophets," but the Holy Spirit wrote that He is greater than the greatest of the prophets (Matthew 16:14; Hebrews 3:3). Nathanael exclaimed, when Christ was revealed to him, "Thou art the Son of God." Doubting Thomas, when convinced of His resurrection, called Him, "My Lord and my God." To all who love Him, He is Jehovah-Christ.

The prophetic Scriptures hold before our view two churches at the end of the age. One is a persecuted church with a message about Jesus. The other is a prominent church with enormous wealth and political power. Its social and economic message will help to promote a deceptive world peace and prosperity that Jesus-Messiah will destroy (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

God is not indifferent to human needs. He has promised to meet the needs of all who seek first the kingdom of God. But the message of the gospel is not a social and economic one. It is the faith and testimony of Jesus. Let us be faithful to this. To unbelievers, Jesus has been the Stumblingstone of the Ages. To believers, He is the Rock of Ages, and the "chief cornerstone" of the Church. 

AND THE END-TIME CHURCH

Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17). These are the two identifying marks of the true Church in all ages. The "blood of the Lamb" is part of the testimony of this end-time Church (Revelation 12:11). The end-time Church "keeps the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). This term, "the faith" appears often in the Scriptures. It expresses the entire range and content of New Testament truth, and Jesus is the Author and Finisher of it all.

In Revelation 17:6, under the symbol of a woman, John saw a world-church drunken "with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." In 20:4 he saw the end-time saints who were "beheaded for the witness of Jesus." In 19:10, the

VIEWPOINT
ON HOME MISSIONS



BY **CURTIS W. RINGNESS** National Home Missions Secretary

THE CLOSING WORDS of Matthew's Gospel establish the framework for the mission and ministry of the Church. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

The Great Commission is all-inclusive. It does not leave out anybody anywhere. The gospel is universal in its scope, and the responsibility of every individual Christian and church is to proclaim that universal gospel in every effective way so more and more people will hear and believe it.

The major concern of the Home Missions Department is evangelism, establishing new churches, and spiritual ministry in the many unchurched areas of the country. Evangelism aims at leading people—regardless of their needs, circumstances, or backgrounds—to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. This is the very heart of missions. Those who thus become members of the body of Christ must then be organized into local churches for Christian growth and service. Establishing churches, therefore, is a vital part in realizing the basic purpose of missions.

If the church is to fulfill the "go . . . teach" of the Great Commission it must also reach into the strategic centers of civilization where life-and-death issues are born. Christians must be willing to do more than read about inner-city problems, juvenile delinquency, the ravages of the ghetto and moral decay. They must go where these people are. A person cannot relate to a man's basic need of God unless he can see him in the context of his life.

The Great Commission is binding on the entire church. No amount of monetary giving, so that someone can go for you, can be construed as obedience to the command of Christ to every individual Christian and church.

To win people to Christ is *not* a job reserved for professionals—ministers and missionaries. It is rather the business of every Christian. In nine out of ten cases when a person responds to the altar call and finally makes a decision to accept Christ, the seed has first been sown by some individual who witnessed to that person. The potential for effective witnessing wrapped up in the lives of lay members of the church is staggering. 

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LEFT: Deaf boys and girls of Betty Stewart's Sunday school class "sing" for the hearing church. CENTER: Deaf children

**The Lord called me to work among the deaf.
 But I didn't want to do it.**

God Gave

WHEN YOU TELL GOD over and over you don't want to do a certain thing, and then that thing becomes the most important part of your life, there must be more than human will involved.

For some time God had been dealing with me about ministering to the deaf, but I didn't like the deaf people; so the conflict was on. The more I fought against the idea, the more interested I became.

Then one night I attended a student service at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri. In that meeting I felt the call stronger than ever. All during the message God tugged at my heart.

Finally at the close of the service I knelt in prayer. I wanted God's perfect will in my life. This time I prayed differently. I told God I knew that I couldn't work with the deaf the way I was feeling, and that I couldn't accomplish anything for Him unless He helped me. I pleaded that if God would fill my heart with *love* for the deaf, then I would know I could do this work. It was a kind of covenant prayer to find and bind me to His perfect will.

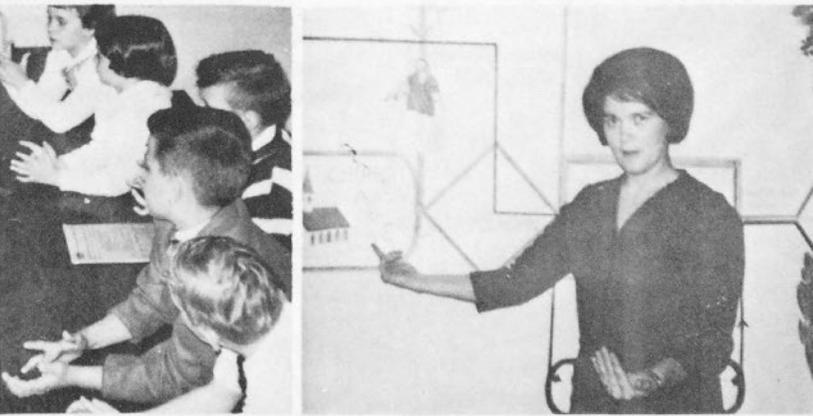
Instantly a great love swept into my soul. I never had felt a love such as I felt for the deaf that night. The conflict was over. Since then there has never been a doubt in my mind that this was to be my life's work.

How did God bring me to this point of decision?

When I was a girl, I attended an Assemblies of God Sunday school. At nine I was saved, but like many young people I found the teen years difficult and lost out spiritually. At 17, however, I made a complete consecration and shortly after felt a missionary call.

I enrolled at CBC and during my first semester there I decided it might be interesting to learn the language of signs. After the first class session *I decided deaf work was not for me.* I just didn't like it and thought I would drop the course, but for some reason I didn't.

The next fall at CBC it seemed important that I sign



sign "Jesus" as Betty Stewart points to a picture of the Saviour.
RIGHT: Betty teaches with visual aids.

Me Love

By BETTY L. STEWART

up for the advanced language of signs class. I cannot explain why. It now appears God was leading me without my full understanding.

I volunteered to draw the illustrations for the language of signs book, *Talk to the Deaf*, published by the Gospel Publishing House. I thought that if I made this contribution to the deaf work, God would not ask me to do anything further. But I found I was fighting the call of God.

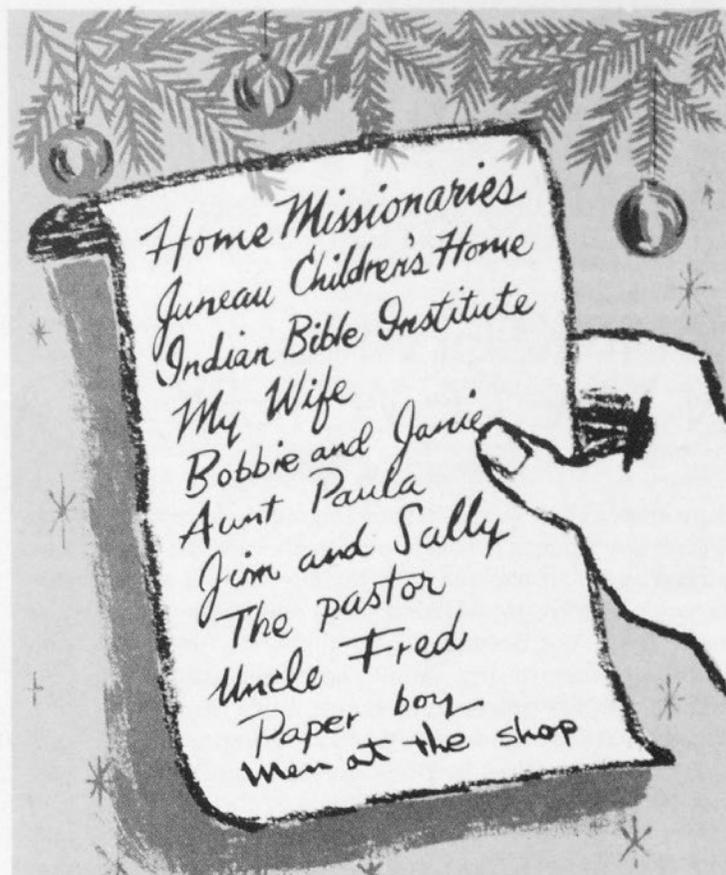
Finally *I made my decision*. God dealt with me one memorable night at CBC, as already stated, and I've never felt a love like the love I now feel for the deaf. I know I shall always have it—always. I have discovered that the deaf work is wonderful and thrilling.

I was unable to return to CBC for the third year. Instead I prayed about employment, and obtained a position at the Colorado School for the Deaf. During the year I spent there I learned much about the deaf and their problems. Afterwards I returned to the Bible college.

Then came my accident. All my plans were interrupted. The injury to my back, combined with a serious fall, put me in a hospital for an extended period. Then I spent two more years at home recovering. You can imagine how the doubts and fears flooded in.

When I was well enough to work, the Lord impressed me to *go and live among the deaf*. Prayerfully I sent an application to the Kansas School for the Deaf. In a few days the reply came. I was employed as a supervisor. Even though I could not teach the children religion, I could teach them good moral habits and behavior. And I knew that my daily conduct and attitude would be a testimony to those around me. The work there was quite confining and restrictive, but I was learning how to live among the deaf and understand them.

I was able to attend an Assemblies of God church regularly and to teach a Sunday school class for the younger deaf children from the school. Then I started conducting morning worship services for the deaf each



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Sunday, and a language of signs class for interested adults on Friday nights.

Feeling that God was finished with me at the Kansas Deaf School, I resigned. The next day I received an invitation to work in the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf at Trenton, N.J. My weekends will be free to minister to the deaf. Please pray that I shall be a blessing and shall be able to win many deaf people to Christ.

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Editor's note: Miss Stewart not only has done the artwork for the book, *Talk to the Deaf*, but has also done the art layout for the tract, *Message for the Deaf*, published by the Gospel Publishing House.

A COLD NOVEMBER WIND blew lazy snowflakes across the cemetery. I pulled the coat around me more tightly as I stood by a new mound. Summer flowers had been hardened by the frost. I knelt beside them with a sense of gratitude.

"Thank you, Lord," I whispered. "Thank you for my family in heaven." I looked over at Baby Samuel's small

THANKSGIVING IN THE CEMETERY

By EVELYN C. GUNTER

white stone. He was the first of the family to enter heaven.

Then my attention came back to the nearest grave, unmarked as yet. It was the final resting place of my minister husband. The fresh sod, soon to be covered by snow, suggested hope, not despair. I was thankful, for I knew the second member of my family had been called into the presence of the Lord. A warmth filled my heart as I realized that they were with Jesus, waiting to welcome me when my task would be done. I had a new sense of victory, of rejoicing in that blessed hope.

Paul wrote, "Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14).

What if God had not sent His Son? What if there had been no resurrection? We would have been of all men most miserable.

I returned home to a traditional turkey dinner, and my heart was overflowing. Soon there will be a real feast, a marriage supper. I want to join my heavenly family for that glorious event. 

THANKS FOR NOTHING!

OF ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE KNOWN, I think the one who had the *most* to be thankful for had the *least* to show for it. By his own admission, Jerry had been shot at more than 50 times in Vietnam without mishap. Too often our gratitude is for the "somethings"—material things. What did this young man have to be thankful for except some "nothings"—those things which had missed him?

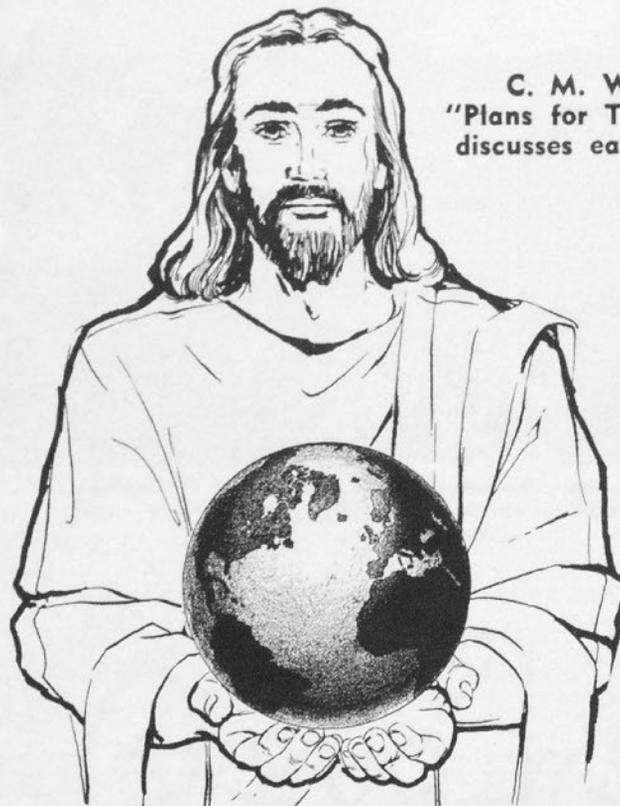
What about the things that have missed us? There are cars and trucks on the highway that didn't hit us, sand that didn't get into our eyes, and various objects that didn't fall on us. There are court judgments that were never levied against us, and financial setbacks that never met us. We have escaped crippling injuries by eluding falls and evading countless untimely accidents. We have been spared from epidemics, mental illness, and dread diseases. The plain fact is that we have missed out on a lot of things in life!

So, while we are expressing thanks to God for the things we have, let us thank Him too for those things we have not had—"giving thanks always for all things unto God" (Ephesians 5:20).

We can thank the Lord not only for sending the good that has come our way, but also for withholding those burdens that would be intolerable without an extra measure of His grace.

—CHAPLAIN R. G. DEBOCK

C. M. Ward's book, "Plans for This Planet," discusses earth's future.



ONCE AGAIN THE EYES OF THE WORLD are on Washington, D.C. Everyone wonders—some with anticipation, and some with anxiety. How will the change in administration alter the international situation?

In his new book, *Plans for This Planet*, C. M. Ward points out that no form of human government will ever solve man's problems.

"Unregenerate man is trying to build through his own unsanctified efforts his own millennium, his own electronic and atomic wonderworld. Man cannot produce a millennium because he cannot chain the devil. Only Christ can do that!"

The *Revivaltime* evangelist declares that the future of this planet is not in man's hands—God has a plan.

"For nearly two thousand years the church has prayed, 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10). This is a God-given prayer, so it must be answered. The time will come when it will never have to be offered again. Man has had his day. Now it is about God's turn!"

In the section of his book called "A Change in Government," Brother Ward scripturally documents 13 changes that will take place when Jesus returns to earth and sets up His Millennial Kingdom.

Most students of Biblical prophecy tend to stop their research on God's plan for earth when they arrive at the end of the 1,000-year age of peace called the Millennium. What happens then? Will the earth be void? Will human government cease?

The *Revivaltime* speaker grapples with these questions in a Bible study which will stimulate the thinking of every reader.

First he traces earth's history of dominion:

"According to the Scriptures, all power and dominion belong to God. 'His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation' (Daniel 4:3). God chooses to bestow delegated authority upon others. Thus He rules as King of kings and Lord of lords. . . .

A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT

"So in the beginning God bestowed dominion upon the great angel Lucifer, whom He set... as the anointed cherub to *cover* (or protect) this planet.

"Lucifer forgot his ministry and sought his own exaltation. . . .

"Again this planet needed an authority to govern it. . . .

"He entrusted man with the dominion Lucifer had forfeited. 'Subdue it: and have dominion' (Genesis 1:28). This made Satan man's adversary. Satan set out to accomplish the ruin of man as he had previously ruined so many angels. This planet has become the battleground between evil and righteousness."

Radio Evangelist Ward points to Israel as God's pattern on earth. He sees a foreshadowing of future events in the kingdoms of Saul, David, and Solomon.

"In these three successive kingdoms we have the picture of the gradual development of the ideal human government for earth.

"These events in the land of Israel (the picture land) happened 'for ensamples' (1 Corinthians 10:11). They are prophetic foreshadows.

"If we can but find our place in this prophetic foreshadow, we shall be enlightened not only as to our present situation, but also as to future prospects for the earth. In this manner we get a peek into the distant future."

Reminding the reader that Jesus Christ is David's greater son, Brother Ward sees typical significance in the history of David's ascent to the throne of Israel.

"David is no sooner established in his kingdom than he inquires whether there be anyone in the house of Saul left alive, that he may show him kindness for the sake of Jonathan.

"Ziba, a former servant of Saul, tells him of Mephibosheth. He is a son of Jonathan, lame in both his feet, . . .

"Mephibosheth is very important as a picture-character in deciphering future events. . . .

"David . . . restores to him 'all that pertained to Saul and to all his house,' arranging that Ziba, with his sons and servants, shall till the land and bring to Mephibo-

sheth the fruits thereof. 'So Mephibosheth dwelt at Jerusalem . . . he did eat continually at the king's table . . . and was lame in both his feet' (2 Samuel 9:13).

"That is an interesting and accurate picture. . . .

"It seems then that the people of God, preserved by the hand of God and moving into millennial conditions, will retain recollection of earth's former pattern and for old times' sake will shelter such remnants as remain.

"Human government, having failed to nourish, understand, or command the public, does not in these three respects deserve continuation. But should they be made to cease, might it not seem that this *ordination of God* were also a mistake?

"For the sake of Jonathan, 'appointment of Jehovah,' human government will be restored to the former estates of Saul—who was a failure when he no longer went God's way—though these forms of government be but a 'dead dog.' That is, even though they be useless in the care of the flock; even though they be 'lame on both feet,' and 'ashamed.'"

How long will this planet continue after the Millennium? No one really knows. But the *Revivaltime* preacher points to Deuteronomy 7:9: "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a *thousand generations*."

"If we reckon 33 years to a generation, then God has already spoken of at least 33,000 years. The planet is old, very old. Man, however, is recent. Man's history dates back approximately 6,000 years. That leaves an immediate perspective of 27,000 years.

"Within 6,000 years we enjoy jet travel, instant communication, color television, medical miracles, and space travel. What may we imagine 27,000 years from now (after the Millennium) when nothing shall 'hurt nor destroy,' and 'the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea'?" (Isaiah 11:9).

The pocket-size volume concludes with an appeal to the unsaved, reflecting the evangelistic emphasis typical of all *Revivaltime* publications:

"He who tomorrow will tame the bear and abolish war offers you His free salvation. Tomorrow His rule will be universal. Today it is personal. Tomorrow He will cleanse the earth. Today He waits to cleanse you. He offers to free you from the power of the devil and clothe you with His righteousness. That is an offer you should take."

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For overcoming grace and power,
For Thy shed blood that ransomed me,
For hallowed peace this very hour,
Lord, I give my thanks to Thee.

For blessed hope that Thou hast given,
The promise Thou wilt come for me
And take me to Thy home in heaven,
Lord, I give my thanks to Thee.

—Author Unknown

THE BEST OF OUR BLESSINGS

As we gather round our firesides
On this new Thanksgiving Day,
Time would fail to count the blessings
That have followed on our way:
Grace sufficient; help and healing;
Prayer oft' answered at our call;
And the best of all our blessings—
Christ Himself, our All in all.

—A. B. SIMPSON

THANKLESS AND GRACELESS

THANKLESSNESS, with its accompanying despondency, is the hallmark of the unregenerate heart. Paul characterized the natural man, standing before the divine tribunal untouched by divine grace and without excuse for his unbelief, as basically thankless.

In contrast, the hallmark of the saints around the glorious throne of God is thanksgiving. But since this destiny of the saints is based on their acceptance of God's saving grace, the only assurance of our thankfulness then is our thankfulness now.

—J. FURMAN MILLER, in *Christian Victory*

CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

THANK GOD for a Christian mother-in-law who wouldn't stop praying until her prayers were answered!

I married a backslidden man who had a praying mother. She was always faithful to witness to us about God and His love and she lived a life true to her convictions.

On several occasions when her church was in the midst of a revival, she invited me to go with her. Each time I successfully found an excuse. Once during winter I even sent my coat to the cleaners thinking I had a *real* excuse now. But I had reckoned without the perseverance of my mother-in-law! That evening she not only *borrowed* a coat for me to use, but *walked* several blocks in the winter

weather to bring it to me. But I still wouldn't go with her to church.

With just one night left of the meetings, I decided I would attend. As the evangelist was closing the sermon that evening, I was out of my seat and running to the altar. I felt as if the Holy Spirit had lifted me up and was carrying me along. What a glorious experience I had with the Lord that night!

Two weeks later my husband was saved and God called us into the ministry. That was 12 years ago. We are now pastors of the Assembly of God church in Panhandle, Texas. We are so grateful for a mother who was faithful to witness in word and in deed.

—MRS. V. R. HAMILTON

Thank You, Lord— For Perfect Math Papers

AT APPROXIMATELY 3:13 each afternoon a small tornado rushes through the back door of our home. This tornado is in the form of an eight-year-old boy with alert blue eyes and dark blond hair which features an unruly cowlick on the right side.

"Mother, I'm home," signals that the quiet part of the day has passed and when I express genuine interest he proceeds to spill forth all the latest news.

A few days ago the "3:13 special" brought the happy report that he had been the first in his class to receive a perfect grade on a math assignment. For a reward he was given the high honor of grading his classmates' papers. I rejoiced with him; but later, as I pondered the incident, warm tears of thanksgiving filled my eyes.

In memory I returned to St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, California, where just eight years ago our son drew his first breath. There wasn't much hope that he would leave the hospital alive. At birth Michael was severely strangled by the life cord. The attending physician held little hope for his life because of this problem and other complications. Since one of the nurses in attendance was my husband's aunt, the doctor suggested that she be the one to tell him that the son he had counted on was here. She hesitated almost an hour because she feared it would be necessary to return later to tell him that the baby hadn't survived.

In stony silence of disbelief my husband and mother viewed our tiny infant through the window of an air lock. His arms and legs were black from strangulation and they quietly wondered which heavy, laborious breath would be the last. We were aware that lack of oxygen to the brain could cause irreparable damage, but that was not uppermost in our thoughts. If God would allow him to live, we could trust Him for the perfection of the child.

Without our knowledge God had already begun His work. One week previous to Michael's birth, God had awakened Mrs. Dorothy Johnson—a precious lady attending First Assembly in Maywood, California—and revealed to her the exact manner in which Michael would be born. She was shaken and immediately called another friend, Mrs. A. W. Erickson, who joined her in prayer. They prayed until God lifted the burden and assured victory.

God did not fail! Within 30 hours after his birth I held my baby for the first time. Tears and laughter mingled together as I realized the magnitude of God's love for me. The Bible repeatedly tells us that we are God's children and He loves His children, but this was beyond my personal understanding until I too became a parent and held my firstborn.

These scenes, undimmed by time, remind me of God's faithfulness to us day by day and how God desires a consistently thankful attitude from His children. It is easy to express gratitude for the "big blessings" of life, but the really important gifts from God often go unnoticed. The

Bible admonishes us, "In every thing give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

As I finish this article, a feeling of gratitude envelops me for I am gazing at two healthy children whizzing past my window on their bicycles. "For them, Heavenly Father, I thank Thee; also for shelter and food when many nations are facing famine; for Christian friends and good health; and, oh yes—for perfect math papers."

—ARTHELENE RIPPY

THANKFUL TO BE THANKFUL

IT WAS THE SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING, and the superintendent of the Junior Department had asked the boys and girls in Sunday school to name some of the things they were thankful for. The children named the usual things—home, friends, health, schools, food.

The superintendent noticed one little fellow who hadn't said anything. "Chris, surely you have something to add to our list."

"Well," said Chris slowly, "lots of things have been named. All the main ones, I guess. So I'm just thankful to be thankful."

Chris may not have realized it but he had found the key to our tradition of Thanksgiving—being thankful that we are thankful.

Real gratitude comes from a deep sense of unworthiness. To be thankful means we humbly admit we have received freely.

Abraham Lincoln said, "We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

If that diagnosis were accurate in 1863, it is still more starkly true today. Abundance has made us careless. And many today are listed with those Paul delineated: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful" (Romans 1:21).

Our national day of Thanksgiving was born of a need when people had little security. Yet they knew how to be thankful. Our present prosperity has made Thanksgiving Day a mere feast of food and friendship.

May we remember to give thanks to God for His mercy and goodness to us. We really have so much to humble us. Let's be thankful to be thankful.

—KATHERINE BEVIS

FALSE THANKSGIVING

WE SHOULD AVOID the false Thanksgiving spirit of expressing gratitude only for material blessings. We would find little for which to thank God in the early Puritan scene when they celebrated that first Thanksgiving. There were only 11 houses along the village street—hardly luxurious quarters for 50 persons.

Remember, Christianity puts no premium upon material things. Paul said he had suffered the loss of all things that he might win Christ. America has all but forgotten this.

—WILLIAM WARD AYER

THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

Sunday School Lesson for December 1, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 10:1-20

THE MOTIVE (vv. 1, 2)

Compassion was the motivating power of Christ's evangelism; it must always be the motive of those who follow Him.

Why did He tell His disciples to pray that laborers be sent forth when He already knew what the need was? First, Christ has chosen to seek man's cooperation in His plan of redemption. Second, when we begin to pray about the need of lost humanity, we are stirred to do something about that need ourselves.

THEIR PERILS (v. 3)

"Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Matthew Henry said, "Your enemies will be as wolves, bloody and cruel and ready to pull you to pieces; in their threatenings they will be as howling wolves to terrify you; in their persecutions they will tear you." The disciples, by

contrast, were to act in a lamblike spirit: gentle, peaceable, forbearing, refusing to retaliate or seek vengeance, thus exemplifying the spirit of their Master.

THEIR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES (vv. 4-7)

1. *They were to live simple lives, depending upon God for their support.* "Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes." Life and needs were simple in that land. Hospitality was practiced generally, so the disciples were not to be unduly concerned over support and entertainment. Matthew 6:33 was to be their guiding principle.

2. *They were not to waste time.* "Salute no man by the way." Christ did not advocate discourtesy nor forbid social life entirely, but He was teaching these men that their work was too urgent and the time too short and precious to be taken up with empty social formalities.

3. *They were to show good will and seek to bring God's blessing upon the homes in which they were entertained* (vv. 5, 6). We cannot force the peace of Christ upon men. If they accept, then great is their blessing; if they reject, great is their loss.

4. *They were not to seek greater temporal prosperity nor, from false shame, refuse adequate support from those to whom they ministered* (v. 7). They were not to run around constantly seeking better entertainment. Nor were they to consider their presence in a home an imposition upon the host. Here are two lessons for disciples in all ages. They should not be overfond of material and physical comforts, for such fondness saps spiritual power and influence. On the other hand, those who receive ministry owe entertainment, and those who minister earn it.

THEIR MINISTRY (vv. 8, 9)

Their ministry was twofold: (1) preaching—the proclamation of the Word; and (2) healing—the confirmation of the Word. These disciples had no human credentials but they did have the power of Christ upon them. Thank God for the measure in which we see "signs following" (Mark 16:17) today. But we need to pray for signs to follow in a greater measure, for we live in an age when only supernaturalism will meet the need!

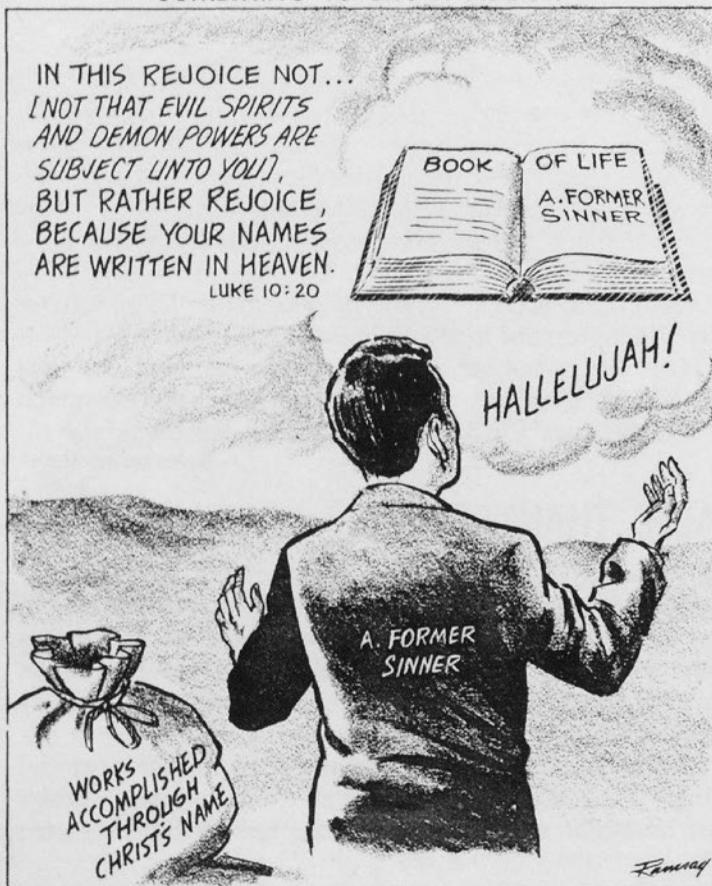
THEIR SUCCESS (v. 17)

Surely there is legitimate joy in successful ministry for Christ. However, there is a snare in successful service which Christ's disciples needed to recognize. Christ gently and kindly pointed it out to them and suggested a safeguard against it.

1. *The folly of glorying in the means rather than in the divine end.* Gifts of power are simply a means to an end—building up the kingdom of God and saving souls. Begin to glory in your success, and your success will cease. When men glory in their service, they magnify themselves. Many a successful worker for God has had a tragic fall because he became proud of his success.

2. *The only unailing source of gladness.* It is blessed indeed when God enables us to help others in the Christian way. However, we are more successful at some times than at others; so if our joy is based on the degree of success, the joy will fluctuate, causing us to alternate between ecstasy and despair. But if our joy is the result of an abiding relationship with God, the joy will be constant and independent of circumstances. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross"—this is the safest base for rejoicing!

SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT!





EYE CANCER HEALED

THE WESTERN NEW YORK fellowship meeting in October 1967 was my day of deliverance.

Since 1958 I had been sick with Bright's disease, cancer in my kidneys, glaucoma, and cancer of the eyes. In 1958 tumors were removed from my kidneys. In 1962 I started treatment on the kidney machine in Hamot Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania. These three to five treatments a month cost \$35 each, plus medicine costs.

Eighteen months ago tumors appeared on my eyes. These were removed and proved malignant. Six operations were performed on the eyes in Erie and in Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. My eyes became worse in July, with infection that spread to areas of my face, bringing severe pressure in my head. Then the doctors in Cleveland told me there was no hope of saving my eyes. They said both eyes would have to be removed.

On September 29 the doctor told me to come back the following Friday and surgery would be done on my eyes. My pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Ernest E. Edwards, planned for me to go to Fredonia to the fellowship meeting. This was preceded by much prayer and fasting. Satan fought to keep me from going, and I arrived late, but the pressure started to leave my body as soon as I walked toward the church. Several prayed for me at the close of the meeting. As I left the church I took my glasses off and have never put them on again.

Three weeks later I went back to Erie, Pennsylvania, for a kidney checkup. After six hours there and six blood tests, I was told by the doctor, "This is amazing; nothing at all shows up."

Because of my condition, the chief eye specialist at the Cleveland Clinic wrote to the State Capitol at Albany that my driver's license should be revoked. It was not until after my healing that I heard from Albany that they had done this. The only way I would be able to drive again was to get the doctor's statement of my healing. It took \$167, a day and a half at the Clinic, and the pain

of the tests to prove what God had done for me.

All the glory and praise goes to the Lord for His goodness. After all these years of constant sickness, hospital confinements, doctors and drug bills, I am completely healed.—Mrs. Alva (Edith) Grimes, Westfield, N.Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest E. Edwards, Assembly of God, Westfield, N.Y.)

HEALED OF TUMOR WITHOUT SURGERY

THE YEAR 1967 was a nightmare to me in some ways. But when the Lord healed me of a tumor in January 1968 the entire ordeal was turned into a blessing I shall never forget.

I became ill in February 1967 and spent most of the following months in the hospital or in bed at home. On August 12 I lay unconscious and partially paralyzed for several hours. I was unable to speak. Severe headaches followed.

On December 31 I entered the hospital so ill I didn't care what happened. I blacked out again. Only morphine shots relieved the pain.

On January 9 the doctor told my husband and me I had a tumor in my head which would require surgery. Having four young children I naturally was very upset.

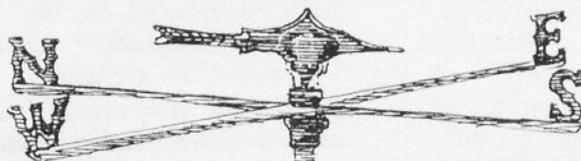
Pastor Kallevig came and prayed for me and talked to me about divine healing. I knew God could heal me, but I didn't feel worthy, so I prayed for strength to accept whatever came to me.

On Wednesday, January 10 at 8:45 p.m., while Pastor Kallevig and the congregation were in prayer for me at church, the Lord came into my hospital room and completely healed me. A warm feeling came over me. For the first time in several months I was free of pain. I slept that night without medication and continued to do so.

The doctor insisted on surgery, so I went to University Hospital in Minneapolis. However, X rays proved the tumor was gone. The doctors could not explain it. My husband and I knew what had taken place; we told them of the healing.

I praise the Lord for giving me back my health and sparing me from a serious operation. God is very real and wonderful. I shall never forget all He has done for me.—Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, Egeland, N. Dak.

(Endorsed by Marlin S. Kallevig, pastor of the Assembly of God, Cando, N. Dak.)



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SCOT-FREE

By RAYMOND L. COX

AN FBI REPORT RECENTLY REVEALED that the nation's crime rate has rocketed 48 percent in the past six years, while violent crimes soared 11 percent last year alone. The law is openly flouted, and many criminals are allowed to go scot-free.

The sin rate is soaring even faster. For God counts many acts and attitudes as sins against heaven—even though society may condone them.

New York newspapers told of two detectives, Eli Velasquez and William Toner, who questioned a suspect in a narcotics case. This 19-year-old girl was found to have ten glassine envelopes of white powder on her person.

"That's probably heroin," said one of the detectives. "You are under arrest," and they began to escort the girl to a police car. But suddenly a crowd surrounded them. Bystanders at the busy intersection swarmed around the detectives and their suspect and began screaming for the girl's release. There was a scuffle in which the girl tore loose and vanished while the detectives, rather than the suspect, were captive! Then the crowd melted away as quickly as it had appeared!

Criminals may temporarily elude punishment but they cannot avoid the penalty of God's law. When God summons sinners to the inevitable accounting, none shall escape. No one will abet another's flight. Everyone will give an account for his own deeds.

Evidently Ezekiel's contemporaries had cultivated the idea that Israel's past patriarchs could mitigate the judgment their own generation deserved. God commissioned Ezekiel to correct this thinking. "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness" (Ezekiel 14:20).

It is natural for a Christian parent to wish to divert retribution from his child, but he cannot do it. He cannot snatch that son or daughter from the jaws of judgment and shelter him or her from the consequences of personal sin. A parent can only train his offspring to know and serve God, and pray the child will accept the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour.

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ took each sinner's place at Calvary. He finished His appointed mission at the Cross. "Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3). And now "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

None of us can pay the penalty for another's sin, but Jesus did. God the Father made His Son "to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Even if every person in the universe were to gang up and endeavor to rescue you from divine retribution, they would fail. None shall escape. "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). Only a divine Substitute can save anyone from divine judgment, and that is why we must trust the bleeding Lamb of God if we would go scot-free. "Without shedding of blood is no remission," thunders the divine decree (Hebrews 9:22). It is only because of Calvary and the subsequent resurrection of Christ that anyone can be saved from sin and its penalty.

No one can "spring" you. No one can "buy you off." You must go direct to God in prayer and obtain His pardon or you are condemned to sin's sad sentence. You can't outrun God. You can't surprise God. You can't escape—but you can obtain mercy if you acknowledge you have sinned and if you ask the Lord to forgive you.

Criminals may flee to a hideout but they cannot hide from God. Their only salvation is to flee *to* Him. The phrase "flee to Christ" has scriptural basis. Hebrews 6:18 refers to those "who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." The thought recalls the cities of refuge designated by God in Old Testament times as sanctuaries into which a defendant could flee for protection against the avenger.

Jesus Christ is the only hope for the sinner. His death satisfies divine justice. Because He died, we may live, if we trust in Him as our personal Saviour.

He who died to save the world will one day judge the world (Acts 17:31; John 5:22). But He prefers to pardon rather than to punish. All He asks is that the sinner come to Him believing His gospel and seeking pardon through His precious blood. The man or woman who does this can go scot-free.

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

By CHARLES A. HEATH

IT HAS BEEN SAID that a pearl is the only gem produced by a living organism. A grain of sand or some other irritating substance finds its way into the shell of the tiny oyster and immediately all the resources of that tiny organism rush to the wound and begin the healing processes. In a short time, a smooth coating covers the foreign body. Over a long period of time, countless layers are added to the initial coating and a priceless pearl is formed.

W. E. Sangster said, "Pearls are the products of pain. They are healed wounds. If there had been no wounds, there would have been no pearls."

What are your reactions when your world caves in; when the dream-bubble bursts? How do you respond to situations not of your choosing or liking? What are your first instincts—to quit, to be one of those who just can't take it, to whine at the injustice of your life-pattern while others seemingly have it easy?

The experiences that gratify selfish longings are not necessarily the ones that do us the greatest good. The imprisonment of John Bunyan in Bedford Jail was the fulcrum that freed *Pilgrim's Progress*. An exacting price it was, but the yield far exceeded it in value.

The great disasters of spirit and life are not without fruit. This is not to say that God causes these wounds, but rather in great compassion He takes these things and makes them work together for good to those who love and serve Him. He makes it possible for the bitter tree to bring forth precious fruit. He transforms the bitter Marahs of this life into fresh, cool, mountain streams. Out of wounds and irritations, He produces pearls of inestimable value.

Martha of Bethany discovered this precious truth (John 11). Her brother Lazarus had become ill and died. Her grief at the loss of her brother was severe enough in itself, but it was intensified by a deep disappointment in Jesus. She and her sister Mary had believed Him to be the Promised One of God, the Lord of Life. They had become His followers and thought He was the master of every situation. But in the hour of their greatest need He was not there.

In their grief, Martha and Mary were exposed to the temptation of thinking that Jesus was not all they had believed Him to be.

During this dark trial the Lord came to Martha. In this confrontation Martha reached out to Him with a question in her heart. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." (John 11:21). The answer Jesus gave was, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25, 26).

This was the moment of truth for Martha. She must decide if her grief was to be allowed to strangle that spiritual certainty in her heart. Slowly, carefully, she

spoke with a confession of faith that seems incredible in view of the circumstances. "Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God" (John 11:27).

Her brother was dead and in the grave. The professional mourners were still in the house. Everything in life was crying out that there was no hope, no light, no faith. Certainly her grief was real. Her wound was deep and fresh but the Lord used this time of Martha's deepest wounding to provoke forth, to develop, to inculcate from her embryonic faith a confession to His Messiahship and Deity.

God took her moment of deepest hurt and disappointment and used it to give birth to a priceless pearl in her life. Doubts were dissipated. Disappointment became but a fleeting shadow. She knew now where her faith lay.

Your life is not served up on a cafeteria-basis. Good and bad times will both come your way. Do not be rendered helpless in a mire of self-pity by the hurts and wounds that come your way. God can use these to produce priceless pearls in your life if you will let Him.

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Well-pleasing to the Lord

By GORDON EARLS

Administrator, Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida

WHEN THE PILGRIM FATHERS set foot on a new continent, their immediate dream was a shelter to protect them from the elements and for strength to provide for daily needs. They had no idea of the luxury that would exist in many American homes later. But their sacrifices laid the foundation for much of what we enjoy now.

Our standard of living has never been higher. The building trades encourage two-car garages, two baths or more, wall-to-wall carpet, central air conditioning, and a kitchen with built-in appliances. Income is at an all-time high, and the average man is concerned not with survival but with giving his family the best of food, clothing, housing, education, and transportation.

The "pilgrims" of the Assemblies of God were motivated by strong resolve as they blazed a new spiritual trail across this land. Often at great personal loss of finance and health, they pioneered churches in unpretentious buildings or tents. Those small beginnings resulted in our lovely houses of worship today. Many of us would not know the Lord as our Saviour if the Pentecostal "pilgrim fathers" had not been zealous to carry this gospel to the ends of the world. Their sacrifices laid the foundation for the growth of our Movement.

The complete dedication and sacrifice of these trailblazers is *well-pleasing to the Lord*.

But must they continue to exist in poverty amid our affluence?

We may feel that in our society, with so many pro-

grams to care for the needy, we need not concern ourselves personally with the burden of caring for any particular segment of our society. There are many public agencies and many plans. But in spite of all we hear about what the tax dollar is doing, there are those who do not have enough to meet their day-to-day needs.

It is a great tragedy when our own Assemblies of God ministers, unable to qualify for Social Security or old-age assistance, hardly receive enough to exist.

The Aged Ministers Assistance Program is designed to help our ministers who are unable to turn to any other source. The direct assistance program provides monthly financial help to those who live in their own homes. The

Everything Over the Anvil

By OTTO L. GAINS / Okewa, Oklahoma

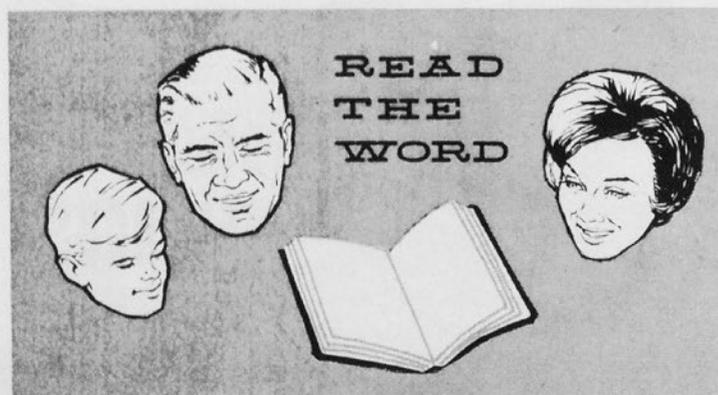
IN A SMALL WESTERN town a blacksmith beat out the plowshares and shaped the horseshoes on an old anvil. He tempered the hot iron in the water barrel and laid it at the foot of the anvil.

When the farmer paid the sweating smith for his work, he laid the money on the anvil which served also as a counter for making change. This happened day after day through the years as the blacksmith worked for the farmers of this community. He had many satisfied customers.

Now the blacksmith was a deacon, and he faithfully attended every service at the local church. At one mid-week service the topic was *tithing*. A leader introduced the questions: On what part of our income should we pay tithes? Should taxes, insurance, depreciation on farm equipment, and labor costs be deducted first? What part of the business income? What about the rent, utilities, and fuel costs?

In the discussion which followed some made excuses, some protested, and some just squirmed. The blacksmith remained silent until the leader asked him directly, "On what basis do you tithe?"

Everyone in the church seemed to lean forward to hear the answer. They knew that this man, as a deacon, had a voice in using the tithes that other people paid to the



READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 24—DEC. 1

Sunday	1 Timothy 1, 2	Thursday ..	2 Timothy 3, 4
Monday	1 Timothy 3, 4	Friday	Titus 1, 2
Tuesday	1 Timothy 5, 6	Saturday	Titus 3
Wednesday ..	2 Timothy 1, 2	Sunday	Philemon

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

emergency assistance program ministers to the needs of our retired ministers on those occasions when they are faced with a financial crisis such as sickness, hospital, or funeral expenses.

Through Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida, nursing-home care is provided for those who can no longer maintain their own homes or care for themselves. The Home has 71 beds, 29 of which are located in the infirmary.

Today is AMA Sunday in Assemblies of God churches across the nation. This is another opportunity for you to express your love and concern for our aged ministers. With approximately 1,500 of our ministers over 65 years of age and with the cost of living climbing higher by the month, your financial support of AMA is urgently needed.

Almost 200 of our ministers or their widows depend on us to help meet their daily needs. As their life of ministry has been well-pleasing to the Lord, let us be sure our response is equally pleasing in His sight. Out of the bounty of God's blessing let us give toward meeting the needs of these faithful ministers of the Lord. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

As you think of the needs of the world, remember the needs of your aged brethren so that your contribution to World Ministries will be *well-pleasing to the Lord.*

church. He could be counted on for honesty and fairness to God and man.

There was a silence I shall never forget as he repeated the question. "What income do I tithe?" he said. "Whatever comes in over the anvil."

The reply seemed to end the discussion. There was a respect for his firmness of character that quieted any dissenting voices.

When the smith had a heart attack, the community was shocked. I remember how the neighbors wept as they watched the ambulance take him away. They loved him dearly. But in a few days he was able to resume his work. God touched His faithful servant and healed him.

In the intervening years I have passed through the village now and then. The blacksmith shop that used to ring with the beat of the hammer is now a little home. Here the retired blacksmith and his wife live in peace and contentment. The yard is filled with pretty flowers. They have made their home a pleasant retreat for the children and the aged of the little town.

One day an elderly neighbor came by and said, "Will you place this envelope in safekeeping for me? If I don't call for it, I want you to open it." The envelope was forgotten until after the man died. My friend opened it then and found a sizable sum of money. A note said it was a gift for the smith and his wife, to repay some of the kindness they had shown and the meals and care they had given him when he was sick.

I often see this couple at the District Council and other such gatherings. They are happy, healthy, and still serving the Lord. I think the blacksmith is reaping some of the harvest of those faithful years when he tithed on all that came in over the anvil.

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SPECIAL OFFER ENDS DECEMBER 15



Sunday school members pose outside Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa, Okla. They read 106,452 chapters of the Bible in a year.

30 Read Entire Bible

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS READ 106,452 BIBLE CHAPTERS

TULSA, Okla.—A high priority is given to daily Bible reading by the Sunday school at Faith Tabernacle here. The program is actively promoted every week, with the result that members read a total of 106,452 chapters in the year ending September 30, 1968.

To appreciate this accomplishment one must calculate what it means in terms of the average member. If there are 150 members in a Sunday school, each person must read an average of two chapters of the Bible each day of the year to achieve this total.

Pastor Harry M. Myers says the mechanics of the Bible-reading program at Faith Tabernacle are very simple. At the beginning of the year everyone was encouraged to use a Bible-reading chart and to mark down the chapters of the Bible as they were read.

Each person reported the number of chap-

ters read during the week on his individual record slip turned in each Sunday.

The accumulated total of the entire Sunday school was reported on the Sunday school attendance board, and special attention was called to it each Sunday evening. A running account was given also in the weekly mailer.

The lowest number reported for any one week was 874 chapters. The highest was 3,992.

"A goal of 100,000 chapters was set, and everyone started working at it," says Pastor Myers. "What pleased all of us so much was that a large portion of the Sunday school members accepted the challenge of reading one or more chapters each day.

"Many read the entire Bible. In fact, there were 37 certificates issued during the Sunday school year to those who finished reading their Bibles. Two persons read their

Bibles through three times. Three read their Bibles through twice.

"The certificates were publicly announced, and the Sunday school superintendent handed each certificate to the individual on Sunday evening with a big smile and a warm handshake.

"Whether a teen-ager or over 85 years of age, each person was thrilled by his achievement.

"Some who had never read the entire Bible before this year are now reading it through again. Enthusiasm for daily Bible reading is still growing. A new realization of the importance for reading God's Word has gripped our entire Sunday school.

"Our goal for the 1968-69 Sunday school year is to read 125,000 chapters, and to issue at least 50 certificates for reading the entire Bible.

"We know the Bible-reading emphasis is worth all the effort expended in encouraging people to keep it up, for daily reading makes people more consistent and victorious in their Christian living.

"One other thought: our congregation is thoroughly enjoying reading a portion of the Word together both at Sunday morning worship and at prayer meeting."

(The Gospel Publishing House supplies churches with tie tacks and safety catch pins to be awarded for reading the entire Bible, and certificates for those completing the 1967-68 "Read the Word" program.)

Pastor and Mrs. Harry M. Myers (front row, extreme left) stand with some of the Sunday school members at Faith Tabernacle, Tulsa, who finished reading the entire Bible at least one time in the past year.



Bible-Reading Awards

If your church or Sunday school has promoted the two-year "Read the Word" program, you will need pins and certificates as awards to those who complete it. Under this program each person reads the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice during the two-year period ending December 31, 1968.

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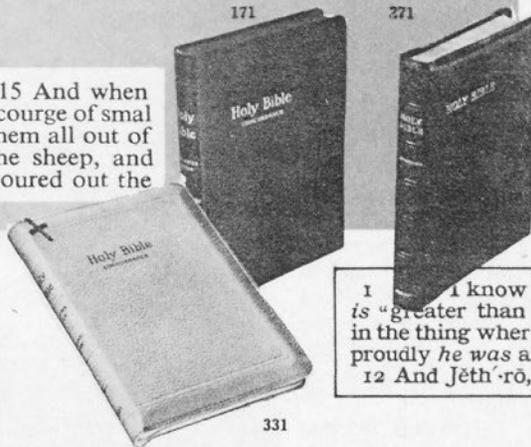
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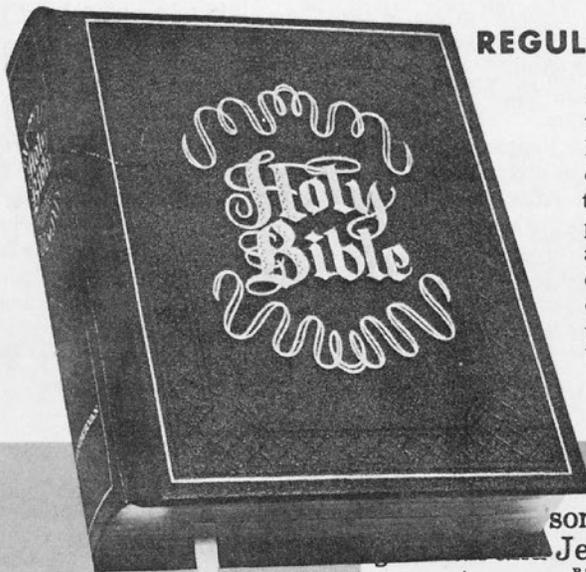
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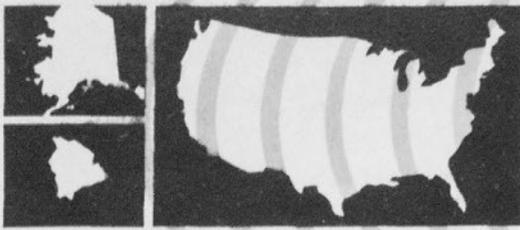
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HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

IOWA CHURCH ADOPTS INDIAN PROJECT

BETTENDORF, IA.—On September 2, the Oscar Hamiltons, pastors of First Assembly of God in Bettendorf, began a 3,000-mile trip to the Navaho Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico to deliver food and clothing for the Indian people.

It started this way. At their February prayer breakfast, members of the Men's Fellowship decided to do something for others outside the immediate walls of the church. Soon after, they read various accounts of the hardships and poverty of the Indian people in the Window Rock, Ariz., area, due to a severe winter storm. They also discovered that a young lady from Davenport, Mary Buntenschach, had been engaged in missionary work among Indians in New Mexico for six years. So, the group decided to contact Miss Buntenschach and find out what they could do for the people.

The men initiated food drives, such as "Bean Sunday," "Meat Sunday," etc. People brought in

over 300 cans of foodstuffs. The ladies of the church also began to collect new and good used clothing.

Help came not only from the church people, but also from many other friends who contributed when they heard of the need and the church project.

Edmund Tedeschi, manager of the Moline Arlan's Store and a member of the congregation, helped the church to obtain, through the store, a supply of sweaters and 600 pounds of candy for Christmas treats for the children.

The Men's Fellowship decided to send their pastor and his wife to the reservation to deliver the gifts. The church van truck was loaded with nearly \$2,000 worth of food and clothing. The men's group felt in this way their pastor could not only work with the missionaries and minister to the Indians, but he also could visit with the Indian people in their homes and better determine their needs.

Already the church is interested in another such project.



Pastor and Mrs. O. H. Hamilton of First Assembly, Bettendorf, Iowa, load the church truck for their trip to the reservations.



Edwin Spuler, evangelist, and Patrick Donadio, pastor at Tok, pose beside the snowtraveler.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT HELPS ALASKA MINISTRY

TOK, ALASKA—The Speed-the-Light snowtraveler is a great asset to village ministry. Edwin Spuler, missionary to Spain, recently was visiting me. We conducted revival meetings in extremely cold weather. A total of 26 souls were saved in the Tok and outstation meetings.

We made the trips on the snowtraveler which broke the trail for 30-mile distances in sub-zero temperatures.

The hearts of the people were warmed, even in the cold temperatures, as they heard the precious gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Patrick Donadio

CIRCUIT-RIDING MISSIONARY

CASA GRANDE, ARIZ.—Floyd M. Parker, missionary to American Indians in the Casa Grande area, is a circuit-riding missionary. Each Sunday he preaches in new Indian missions in three different villages.

At Ventana he conducts Sunday school and a morning worship service. After lunch he has a service at 2 p.m. in the Hickiwan Gospel Mission and another at 4 p.m. in the Charco Number 27 Gospel Mission. These villages are several miles apart. Sunday is a busy day

for Brother Parker but with so many neglected areas he feels compelled to reach as many as he can.

VICTORY REPORT FROM PUERTO RICO

—Lynn Drumwright, pastor of the Borinquen Assembly, reports the land for the new Servicemen's Chapel has been paid for in full. A special note-burning service was held on Sunday, August 18. This was a great victory for the servicemen's work in Puerto Rico. The chapel is near Ramey Air Force Base.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—During the Ukrainian Branch Council, August 29-30, 1968, the following brethren were elected for another two-year term:

Joseph J. Matolina, Superintendent

John Kiszenik, Secretary-Treasurer

Joseph J. Matolina and John Kiszenik, Presbyters

Peter Dmytrasz, William Pashchak, Samuel Maruszak, Lukasz Kurjan and Nicholas Kosch, Committee

Joseph J. Matolina, Editor of the Ukrainian periodical, *Pilgrim Evangel*.

The Council, which convened in Stamford, Conn., at the Calvary Assembly of God, was blessed of the Lord in all its activities.



The attractive church at Fort Defiance is nearing completion.

PROGRESS AT FORT DEFIANCE

FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZ.—Several new families are attending our services as a result of the successful children's crusade conducted this summer by Missionary Esther Treece. It has become necessary to hold our services in the new church, even though it is not completed.

In July a group of dedicated Christian men, including Pastor Grover Risner of Cupertino, Calif., spent their Fourth of July vacation laboring to help get the building completed enough to use for services. Their wives accompanied them and provided appetizing meals for the workers. Our hearts were thrilled as we witnessed the spirit of unselfishness manifested by the men and their wives. We deeply appreciate their help.

We are also grateful for the student missionary interns who assisted us this summer.

Donations of money made it

possible to put the roof on the church and add the floor, partitions, rest rooms, plumbing, and all the electrical equipment and fixtures. The building is not yet finished, but we are trusting God for this urgent need.

Before winter sets in we must install a heating unit which will cost \$300. Installation of gas lines will cost \$200; and the doors for the classrooms will cost \$150.

We also need chairs for the church which will cost about \$350. At present we are using old bus seats.

As we enter our ninth year of service on the American Indian field we realize how dependent we are on the Spirit of the Lord for victory. For several months we have worked 12 to 16 hours a day. Please pray that God will give us physical and spiritual strength for our tasks.

—The Gene Steeles

DEAF GROUP TAKES CHURCH TO PARALYZED BOY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Eight years ago Don Fulk of Oklahoma City was paralyzed in a swimming accident and lost his hearing. He is now completely disabled except for an ability to turn his head and raise his arms. But Don was saved in June 1967. The First Assembly of God Deaf Church of Oklahoma City had visited Don regularly for several

years before the light of salvation entered his heart and God opened his understanding.

The church workers conduct regular services in his home. Don's sister says that her brother is no longer depressed since he has accepted Christ. The Bible is his constant companion.

This year the deaf group gave Don a surprise birthday party.



"Singing" for Don Fulk in the language of signs are Mr. and Mrs. James Banks of Sulphur, Okla., while Mrs. Elmo Pierce, minister to the deaf in Oklahoma City, looks on.

29TH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD PRISON CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

PARCHMAN, MISS.—Superintendent Tom Cook has named Selby F. McManus Jr. as a chaplain for the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman.

Chaplain McManus served for three years as pastor of the First Assembly in Huntsville, Ala., before joining the prison staff. He was an officer of the Huntsville Ministerial Association.

During part of his 18-year pastoral ministry he was a sectional presbyter in the Mississippi District of the Assemblies of God. He received his education at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. He is married and has four children.

Chaplain McManus said that he appreciated the wonderful cooperation and response in the very first service he conducted at the prison. In three camps 60 men pledged their trust in God.

"My purpose is to do my best to serve as pastor to the inmates, to stand with them in time of sorrow, and to help every man draw nearer to his Maker," he stated.

Thirty-four worship services are conducted each month in the 17



camps. There is also an active Sunday school program.

All inmates are personally interviewed and counseled by the chaplain when admitted to the institution. Each new man or woman receives a Bible.

The chaplain has many conferences with the inmates, writes letters for them, and consults with their families.

The Mississippi State Penitentiary has a total of 1,579 inmates in 17 camps, and two chaplains. Chaplain McManus invites readers who may know inmates or have relatives at the prison to write him.



Olline Dingman (left) missionary to Indians in Arizona, distributes Christian literature to Indian people gathered for the Navaho ceremonial parade. Sister Dingman and 17 other workers distributed 4,000 tracts. They plan to order 10,000 for next year's parade. "You would have been thrilled," says Sister Dingman, "to see the hands reaching out for the tracts."

HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Reappointed

Mrs. Elsie May Watson of Mentone, Calif., was reappointed to the American Indian field recently. She is the missionary-pastor of Broken Arrow Chapel Number 1, Indian Wells, Ariz. Sister Watson previously served four years as an appointed home missionary (1962 to 1966).

Changes Field

Alvin Booher, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly an appointed minister to

the deaf, has been appointed to the American Indian field. Brother and Sister Booher are in charge of the Indian work at Guadalupe, Ariz.

New Location

Helen Burgess and Phyllis Hammerbacker, formerly of Indian Wells, Ariz., have moved to Cortez, Colo., where they will be missionary-pastors of Broken Arrow Chapel Number 2, an Indian assembly.

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ADDRESSES BBC STUDENTS

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was the speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week, September 23-27, at Bethany Bible College.

The college rearranged its class schedule to give extended time for the morning chapel services. Evening services were also scheduled. Bethany, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, believes this annual series of meetings sets the spiritual tone in the lives of the students for the entire school year.

Some students received the baptism in the Holy Spirit; others made life-changing dedications. Students and faculty alike received edification and encouragement from Brother Zimmerman's solid Bible preaching.

Kevin Smith, student body president, expressed the impact of the General Superintendent's ministry in a letter to him: "The students remain in a definite attitude of revival as a result of your ministry."

An interesting sidelight of Brother Zimmerman's visit to Bethany was that he conveyed greetings from students of the Bible school in Holland. He had ministered to the students at The Hague just two days prior to the opening service of Spiritual Emphasis week. The curricular pro-



There was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman ministered at Bethany Bible College.

gram of the school in Holland follows that being used at BBC.

Since Brother Zimmerman's visit Kevin Smith has communicated with the student body president in Holland suggesting an exchange of news and information which would be mutually beneficial.



Dedication and service are depicted in the missions convention theme ("Take Me—Use Me") at Central Bible College.

CBC STUDENTS PLEDGE \$34,900 TO MISSIONS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Bible College students more than doubled the goal set by pledging \$34,900 to missions, according to Ted Heaston, Campus Missions Fellowship president. Goal for the Campus Missions Crusade held October 2-4 was \$15,000. Willard Cantelon, well-known missionary-evangelist, Washington, D.C., was the speaker. He emphasized the theme, "Take Me, Use Me."

Brother Cantelon, who has dedicated most of the last 17 years to ministry in Africa, Europe, and India, left a deep impression upon the students. He stressed a life of faith both in the material realm and in the area of ministry.

President Heaston observed, "The whole student body was challenged to live a practical life of faith in portraying Christianity." Numerous students expressed appreciation for the practical aspect of missions which was presented at this year's convention.

The CMF president also men-

tioned that interest in the intern program seems to be rising earlier in the school year than formerly, possibly an outgrowth of Brother Cantelon's ministry.

In conjunction with his challenging preaching, the missionary-evangelist showed the films "African Crisis" and "Signs of the End Times."

Since the convention a CMF committee has approved the following projects to which the pledges will apply: kitchen equipment for Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria (for the training of missionaries' children); roofs for two new church buildings in the Ivory Coast; help to provide a piano and typewriter for Central Pentecostal Bible School of the Netherlands, The Hague, Holland; assistance on the cost of furnishings for the Middle East Evangelical Theological School, Beirut, Lebanon; and help to provide beds for Continental Bible College, recently opened in Brussels, Belgium.



Women students at Evangel College are now enjoying the comforts of this attractive dormitory.

SPENCE HALL DEDICATED AT EVANGEL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Inez Spence Hall, first permanent women's residence at Evangel College, was dedicated on October 18.

The building is named in honor of Mrs. Inez Spence who served as dormitory hostess and director of women students from 1956 until her retirement in 1966.

The new residence, already in use, houses 216 students. The three-story, air-conditioned hall is of contemporary design utilizing concrete and brick materials.

Mrs. J. L. Schaffer, WMC president of the Tennessee District, brought the dedication message.

Kenneth Braselton, Corpus Christi, Tex., president of the Council of Evangel College, presented the completed structure to

the college in behalf of that organization. Members of the Council, comprised of business and professional men interested in the development of the college, pledged \$75,000 toward the cost of the building.

Dr. J. Robert Ashcroft, Evangel College president, dedicated the building and General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman offered the prayer of dedication.

Music for the occasion was under the direction of the Fine Arts Department of the college.

Two additional residence halls of similar design, one for men and the other for women, will be under construction at Evangel soon.

**SAGC RETURNS
CORNERSTONE TO
TRINITY UNIVERSITY**

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—In an impressive ceremony on September 10, the old cornerstone of the administration building of Southwestern Assemblies of God College was returned to Trinity University, San Antonio, the original owners.

SAGC president, Dr. Blake L. Farmer, presented the stone to Dr. James W. Laurie, president of the university which originally occupied the Waxahachie campus.

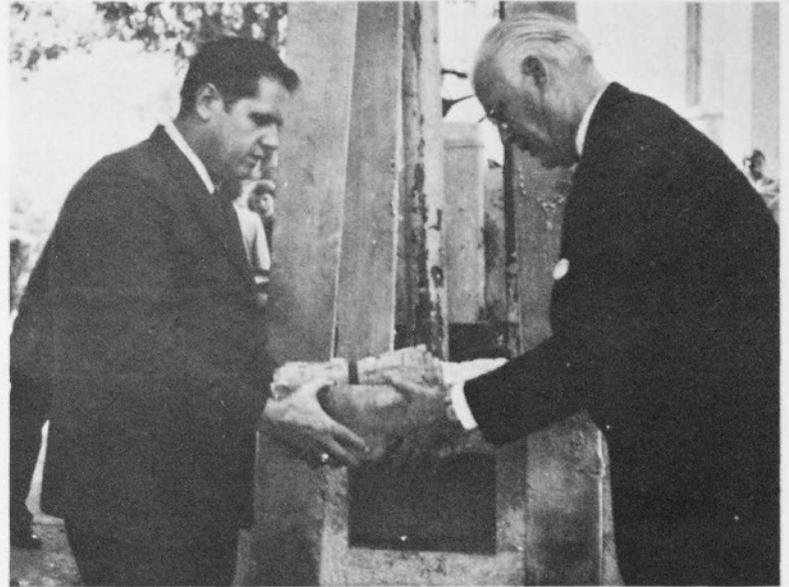
Dr. Laurie and Leon Taylor, Trinity public relations official, provided the highlight of the occasion as they inspected the historic documents which had been encased in the cavity of the cornerstone since it was laid in 1902. Among the valued items were a

Bible, a Confession of Faith, a college catalog, and a local newspaper.

The presentation program marked the completion of a \$600,000 renovation of the administration building which has classroom space for 1,000 students. The project included the expansion of the college auditorium to seat more than 1,200.

Trinity University moved to San Antonio in 1941. Two years later SAGC (then Southwestern Bible Institute) purchased the 40-acre campus and immediately acquired additional land. Since the 1943 purchase several new buildings have been constructed. The campus now covers 77 acres.

Dr. Farmer, who became president in 1964, announced that a new cornerstone will be placed in the administration building. It will contain documents of the college and campus as it is today.



Blake L. Farmer (left), president of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., and James W. Laurie, president of Trinity University, lift the copper box containing historical documents from the cornerstone niche.

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VISITATION PROGRAM BRINGS RESULTS

SAGINAW, MICH. — Genesee Gardens Assembly here recently dedicated a new church to the Lord. Fred Smolchuck, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan District, was the dedicatory speaker.

The new facilities contained over 6,480 square feet and are valued in excess of \$100,000. The large en-

trance foyer, decorated with a planter, gives access to the nursery area. The sanctuary contains floating end pews. A recessed illuminated brass cross, flanked with gold metallic textured grass cloth, is featured at the front of the church. Two landscape stone planters at the side of the platform add the

Beautiful new sanctuary of the Genesee Gardens Assembly. Pastor George Kappaz, inset.



finishing touches to this decor.

The basement of the church contains a large assembly room, kitchen, classrooms, and restrooms.

The exterior is dove cream brick trimmed in redwood. The building was constructed so an expansion can be added with minimum interruption to services.

The church interior was completed through the volunteer labor of the congregation and Pastor George Kappaz.

Shortly after the church was dedicated, a sectional baptismal service was conducted there. Over 30 were baptized in water, including two entire families and 15 teen-agers.

After moving to the new facilities, a new visitation program was implemented, and results are being seen.

Pastor Kappaz writes, "A husband who was on our prayer list was gloriously saved; many visitors are attending the services; and others who attended irregularly are now coming more faithfully. This visitation program has given the people a burden, a vision, and unity."

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ASSEMBLIES CHAPLAIN ADDS SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

FT. DIX, N. J.—Assemblies of God Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Talmadge F. McNabb recently was awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to be added to the Army Commendation Medal. The award was made for "exceptionally meritorious" service during his previous assignment here.

The commendation stated in part that "Chaplain McNabb distinguished himself by exemplary pastoral activity and a devotion to duty which contributed significantly to the high morale and *esprit de corps* of the Brigade."

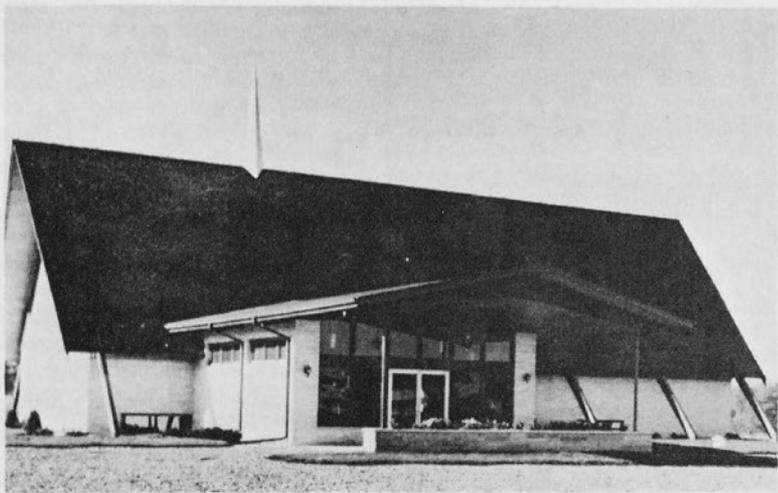
Chaplain McNabb was commended for having initiated and nurtured a special Monday evening informal religious program for men in confinement. He was also commended for establishing a quarter-

ly all-day retreat program for men of his brigade. (See the June 30, 1968, *Evangel.*)

Chaplain McNabb helped foster better community relations by coordinating the collection, repair, and distribution of more than 10,000 toys each Christmas to needy children of military and civilian families.

"Chaplain McNabb's achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army," the commendation concluded.

During Chaplain McNabb's two years at Ft. Dix, more than 2,500 young men responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour. Chaplain McNabb is currently enrolled in graduate studies in clinical education at Houston, Tex.



NEW FACILITIES DEDICATED BY WISCONSIN CHURCH

WATERTOWN, WIS.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated new facilities to the Lord.

Lyle Curtis, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, and Otto Lemberg, assistant district superintendent, assisted in the dedication ceremonies, while John Wilkerson, pastor of First Assembly in Kenosha, Wis., brought the dedicatory message. The Kenosha Assembly choir sang. The mayor of Watertown brought official greetings from the city to the 330 persons in attendance for the dedication services.

The new 36- by 87-foot A-frame structure contains a full basement with carpeted nursery, rest rooms,

kitchen, fellowship hall, four classrooms, and a large storage area. The main floor contains the pastor's study, two prayer rooms, the sanctuary seating 220, a balcony with accommodations for 70, and a foyer which may be used for overflow seating. There is a baptism, choir loft, and one additional classroom off the chancel area.

Located in a new subdivision on one of the main highways, the building and property are valued at \$100,000.

The average Sunday school attendance has increased each year from 53 in 1966 to a present average of 109. Joel Pavia is the pastor.

FULTON, MO.—First Assembly here recently concluded a successful one-week crusade with Evangelist Paul E. Morris of Hutchinson, Kans.

During the week 104 visitors attended. Eight persons were saved, six were reclaimed, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 11 were refilled.

The Sunday school attendance went from 78 to 123 the last Sunday of the meeting despite a five-inch rain several hours before the service.

Members of the congregation contacted about 4,000 people by phone, inviting them to the service.

—Charles L. Dickson, pastor

VERNON, FLA.—First Assembly of God here has been blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Roy Douglas of Alford, Fla.

There were 16 persons who made decisions for Christ during the two-week meeting. The church was filled each night, and the Sunday school attendance had a good increase.

—Cecil J. Perkins, pastor

LINCOLN PARK, MICH.—Because of the record crowds and a great spiritual awakening, special meetings with the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio, lasted for four weeks at Bethel Assembly.

Over 45 people signed decision

cards as the Spirit moved. Twenty persons followed the Lord in water baptism, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Several hundred visitors attended the services. The Sunday school attendance almost reached the 400-mark.—Seth Balmer, pastor

PERU, ILL.—Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Essary of Blackwell, Okla., recently concluded two weeks of special services at Faith Assembly of God here.

The congregation was stirred, and 17 responded to the call for salvation. One received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 14 were baptized in water.

Sister Essary's ministry to the children was appreciated. The Sunday school record was broken with an attendance of 78.

Brother Essary raised over \$400 toward our building fund. The church is progressing as the revival spirit continues.

—Alfred J. Wells, pastor

GALENA, KANS.—Crowds increased each night at the Assembly of God here during the meeting held by Evangelist and Mrs. Jim Merritt of Dallas, Texas.

Brother Merritt formed a youth choir that was a great blessing to the congregation. Many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a result of the emphasis

WITH CHRIST

WALTER J. BAUGHMAN, 70, of Hattieville, Ark., went to be with the Lord on August 24, 1968.



Brother Baughman was a licensed minister in the Arkansas District. He served the Lord as pastor in Hattieville. He is survived by his wife and six children.

HARRY S. LANDIS, 86, of Lakeland, Fla., went to be with the



Lord on Sept. 22, 1968. Ordained in 1915, Brother Landis held pastorates in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, and served as an evangelist. He had been a resident of the Bethany Retirement Home and its predecessor, Pinellas Park Home, for the past 17

years. Brother Landis was a great blessing at the Home serving in numerous capacities—from helping in maintenance of grounds and buildings to conducting services for the Bethany residents. For many years he led prayer meetings each evening and services on Sunday for those unable to attend church.

Brother Landis is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John B. Kievit, Clifton, N. J. His wife passed away in 1966.

BERT P. NORDBY, 64, of Opportunity, Wash., went to be with the Lord on July 15, 1968.

A member of the Northwest District, Brother Nordby was ordained in 1932. He served the Lord as pastor of various churches in Washington and Idaho. He is survived by his wife Mary and three children.



placed on the need for the in-filling.

A Sunday school attendance of 207 on the closing day broke a 10-year record here, and the average continues to increase.

—J. P. McCamey, pastor

VALLEY PARK, MO.—First Assembly here reports a successful two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe J. Williams of Rocky Mount, Mo.

There were several persons saved, three filled with the Holy Spirit, and several refilled.

On the first Sunday of the meeting, seven persons united with the church as members.

—John Eller, pastor

WYANDOTTE, MICH.—The Assembly of God here experienced a blessed move of God during a

four-week meeting with Evangelist Andrew Basell of Lansing, Mich.

Twenty-three were saved, and many more were healed. The church was thoroughly challenged to work for Christ.

A Royal Rangers program was launched, and a charter has been granted. The Sunday school attendance reached 139. Many new contacts were made, and new families are now attending the services.

—Warren B. Tyler, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

SEMINAR FOR EVANGELISTS—December 19-21, Springfield, Mo. All evangelists are urged to attend this seminar. For further information write: The Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Missionettes from Iron Mountain Assembly, near Bismarck, Mo., recently entered this float in the centennial parade and won second prize. Marvin D. Barton is pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	Harper's Joy	Dec. 1-15	Nettie Parham	David Scruggs
Ariz.	Coolidge	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Salisbury-Secrease Tm.	Elwayne Schaeffer
	Wickenburg	A/G	Dec. 1-15	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Shelby Pearcey
Ark.	Ft. Smith	Calvary	Dec. 1—	Jim Mackey	Milton J. Brown
	Hartman	Goose Camp	Dec. 1-7	Earl Teeter	Clyde Daniel
Calif.	Ione	¹ A/G	Dec. 1-8	Charles Senechal	Julius Gilbert
	Pittsburg	Bella Vista	Dec. 1—	L. L. & Mrs. Ferguson	Edward L. Estes
	Rohnerville	A/G	Dec. 3-15	John & Robert Stephens	Joseph C. Murray
Colo.	Greeley	Glad Tidings	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Richard & Rhoda Field	N. L. Bascom
Fla.	Hawthorne	A/G	Dec. 1—	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	Stafford Calvin
	Lockhart	Bethel	Dec. 4-8	Charles E. Crank	O. C. Crank
	Noma	First	Dec. 1-8	John & Dolores Franklin	H. H. Hinson
Ga.	Panama City	St. Andrews	Dec. 1—	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	George Hutchison
	Smyrna	First	Dec. 1-15	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Harris Fennell
Idaho	Lewiston	First	Dec. 1-8	Paul Clark Team	Warren S. Grant
Ill.	Chicago Hgts.	First	Dec. 3-8	Harry V. Vibbert	G. C. Phagan
	Mascoutah	Full Gospel	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Wallace & Carol Joice	Floyd Porter
Ind.	Anderson	First	Dec. 4-15	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Lloyd Wead
	Ft. Wayne	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 9	Ernie Eskelin	Fred Leader
Kans.	Elwood	A/G	Dec. 1-8	Roy Tregenza	David E. Kelly
	Hill City	First	Dec. 3-15	Doyle H. Thompson	Dan McGraw
La.	Osawatomic	A/G	Dec. 3-15	Tom & Helen Waggoner	Roy Phillips
	Crowley	First	Dec. 3-15	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	D. W. Brecheen
	Downsville	Point	Nov. 17—	Kenneth A. Ross	M. D. Spencer
Mich.	Shreveport	Bethel	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	J. F. Perry
	Rochester	Bethany Tab.	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Wesley & Mrs. Wibley	Franklin Racine
Minn.	Alexandria	A/G	Nov. 29—	The Tanner Team	Sherman Buschow
	Bourbon	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Bill Popejoy
Mo.	Doniphan	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Glenna Byard	James Maddox
	Hannibal	Calvary	Dec. 3-15	Larry & Mrs. Griswold	Eugene Vacek
	Joplin	Central	Nov. 24-29	Larson-Stiver Team	Lester W. Duncan
Neb.	Richland	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	Howard & Barbara Young	William Carter
	Springfield	Bethel	Dec. 1-15	Don & Dixie Cox	D. W. Wartenbee
	Lyons	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Ken Krivohlavek	Nathan Lutes
N.J.	Keansburg	Emmanuel	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Abel Hulzebos
N.Y.	Hempstead, L. I.	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	John & Esther Hamercheck	H. D. Cornelius
N. Dak.	Dickinson	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	J. H. Syverson
	Akron	Evangel Temple	Dec. 1-8	Paul R. Olson	Richard Dobbins
Ohio	Carrollton	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Glen F. Gray
	Conneaut	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	W. Glenn West	Ellis C. Damiani
	Willoughby	A/G	Dec. 4-15	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Lloyd Luithle
Okla.	Barnsdall	A/G	Nov. 26—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	George W. Clements
	Oklahoma City	Bethel Temple	Dec. 1-8	Bob Watters	M. Russell Herndon
Oreg.	Prue	First	Dec. 4-15	Charles Hudspeth	Royce Hutson
	Tulsa	Carbondale	Dec. 1-8	Lee & Bonnie J. Krupnick	Harley D. Pieratt
	Lebanon	Bethel	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Franks Party	Elwin E. Johns
Pa.	Kingston	Evangelistic Temp.	Nov. 29-Dec. 15	George & Evelyn Butrin	Helen Clement
	Littlestown	Bethel	Dec. 4-15	Olsheski Musical Team	Samuel A. Garrett
	Newport	A/G	Dec. 1-15	David Grant	Harry Vaughn
Tex.	Royersford	Grace	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Walter Schell	Jack Mason
	Waynesboro	Glen Furney	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Ralph C. Wise
	Wilkes-Barre	Pentecostal	Dec. 3-8	Walter Schell	D. J. Paglia
Tex.	Bowie	Lighthouse	Dec. 1-8	Garry & Barbara Smith	L. C. Smith
	Corpus Christi	Central	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Thomas R. Calk	Floyd Hill
	Houston	Gulfgate	Dec. 1-15	Mike & Linda Murdock	Vic Schober

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tropical isles. At last the great day arrived and we were back in the U.S.A., land of superhighways, telephones that work, shopping centers, courteous clerks, cherry pie—and new cars!

With considerable emotion, we took the wheel of our new Impala and gingerly headed west. With what we thought a proper degree of humility, we explained to our friends that “after all, we need a dependable car in which to itinerate.” They agreed, but intimated I had shown poor judgment in buying a new car without power steering!

“You mean you don’t have power steering?” they said. “I just wouldn’t be without it!” others told us.

This made me somewhat resentful. America’s affluence had overwhelmed us. “Surely power steering isn’t *that* necessary,” I thought. “It’s a luxury.”

The contrast between our foreign field and North America was simply too great. I felt Americans were spoiled. After all, where I lived a peasant works an entire day to earn what an American spends for a shoe-shine.

Like most missionaries, I have a love and a loyalty for my adopted country. This loyalty tended to make me uncomfortable in the presence of the color television sets, campers, boats, and other luxuries that are part of everyday life in tri-level suburbia.

After a few weeks, however, my resentment began to vanish. We saw the other side of America—the part that makes this country truly great. We worshiped with Christians who have not bowed their knee to the Baal of materialism. Friends and supporters surrounded us with tactful concern and fellowship.

No doubt there are disturbing and even alarming trends in this nation today. But there is also much for which to praise God. Americans are still givers—generous givers. It was American giving that kept us on the field for two terms, that made it possible for us to be a blessing in a needy and troubled nation.

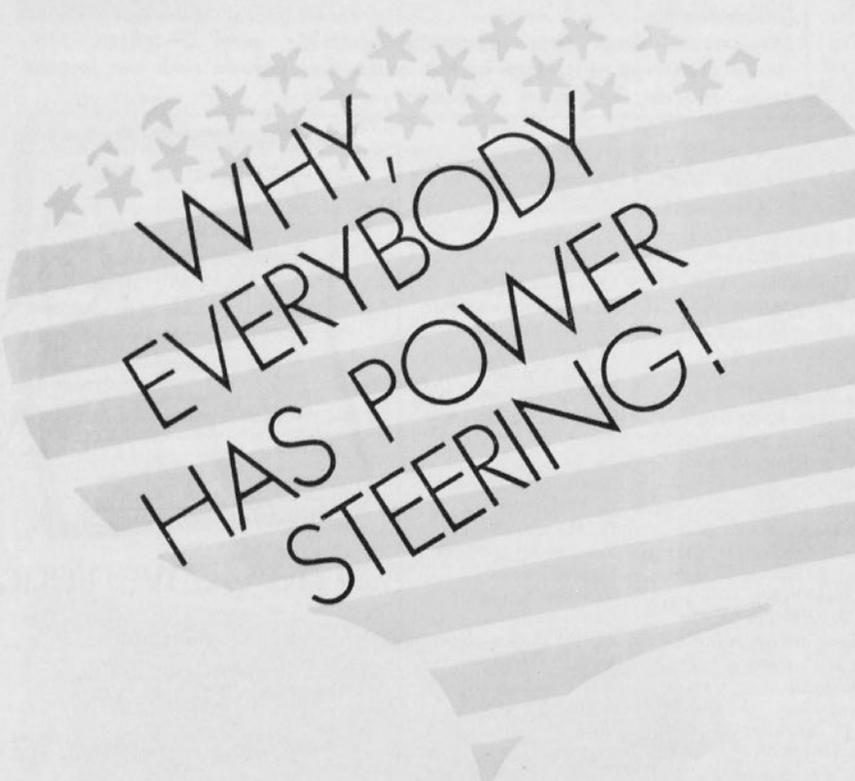
And few people are aware of how much the U.S. Government and the American people actually give to relieve human suffering in scores of nations around the world.

It is true that a revival is needed. America needs to get back to God. Yet, as we travel, we meet many who are revived, who are praying, and who are giving.

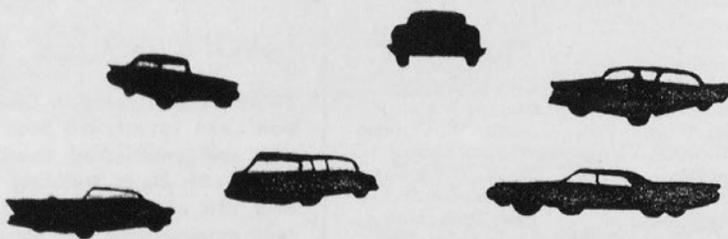
We saw American young people give up a summer of leisure or wage-earning to witness for the Lord overseas. They even paid their own way to do so!

Recently I attended a wiener roast sponsored by the booster club of the high school where our three children attend. It is a public school; but before we ate, the head football coach asked the blessing (Supreme Court notwithstanding!) on the food, on America, on our football-playing sons, and on all who were present.

A thankfulness for this country and all it means welled up inside me. Long live the U.S.A.! And God bless America—power steering and all.



WHY,
EVERYBODY
HAS POWER
STEERING!



WE WERE EXCITED as we prepared to leave the foreign mission field and return to the States on furlough. Among other things, we planned to pick up a new car as soon as we got home. Anticipation of driving one of Detroit’s chrome-plated wonders loomed large in our thoughts of homecoming. Years of bad roads, inferior vehicles, and bungling mechanics had wearied us. This time we were going to have an automatic transmission and other extras. However, I decided not to get power steering—I didn’t yet consider myself *that* old and feeble!

We jetted homeward by way of great capital cities and