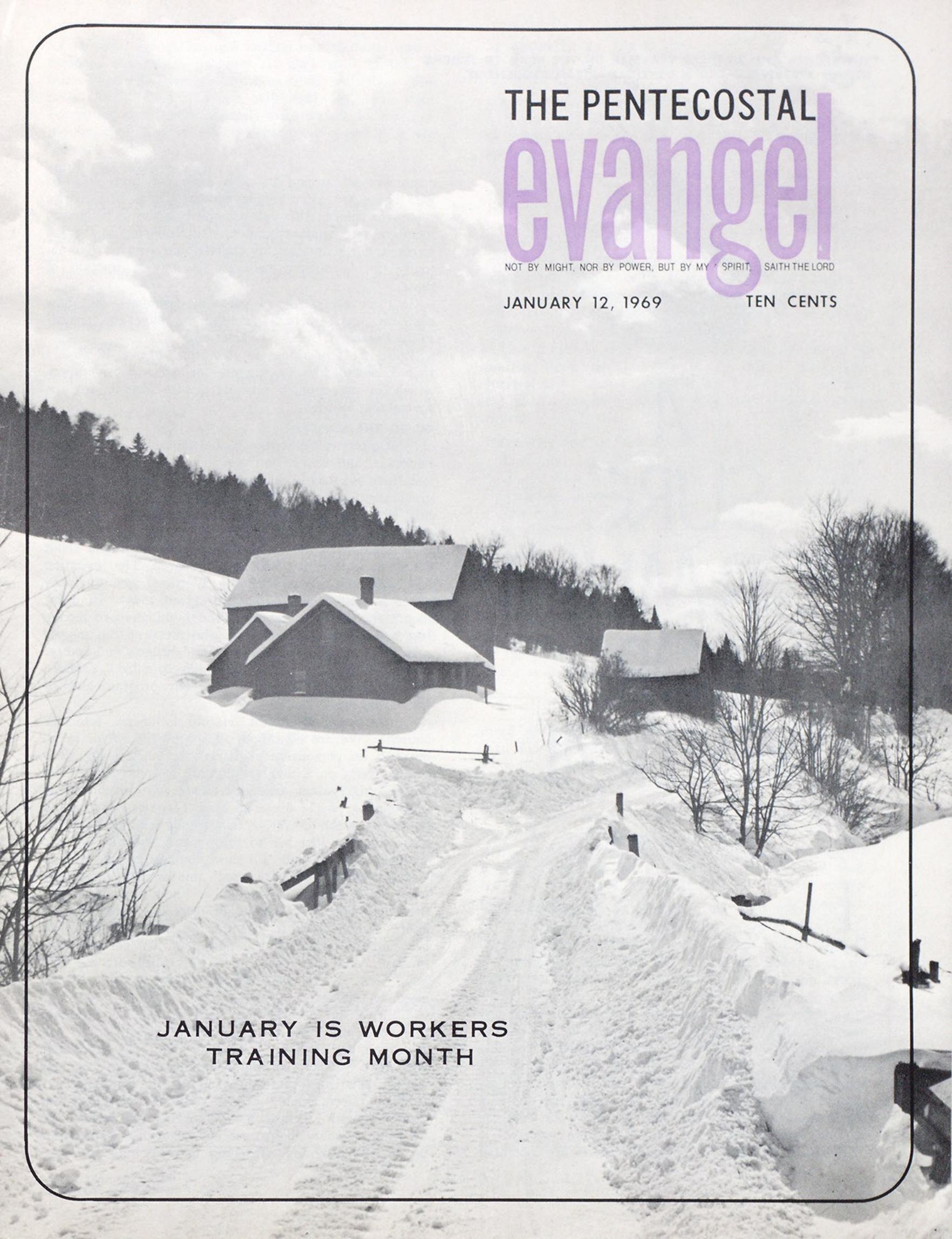


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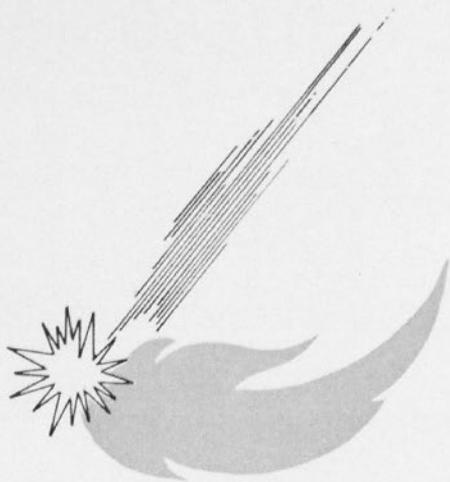
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A SURE FORMULA FOR REVIVAL

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IN THESE DAYS OF BACKSLIDING and apostasy the heart of every consecrated Christian cries out to God for revival. Yet it seems increasingly difficult to get the unchurched to attend our services, and even the church members are sometimes careless about being present for worship in the house of God.

In order to stay in business a merchant must get new customers. Whenever a man thinks he has enough customers and just sits down on the job, he is deluding himself. Some customers are going to die; some will become disgruntled and leave; some will not pay their accounts; others will move away—and soon the doors of the business will be closed. Likewise, if we are going to see our churches thrive, we must have new customers.

There is no lack of prospects—there are potential

customers all around us who have not been solicited yet. There are more people without Christ in America than ever before. Although a majority claim to be church members, only a minority attend church during an average week, and the number of churchgoing people who actually are born-again believers is only a fraction of these.

So there are plenty of potential customers—but how shall we reach them? I believe we have the answer in the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

There are four things in this story (Luke 10:30-37) that I would like to suggest for your consideration, which, in my opinion, give us a sure formula for the revival that we need.

GO TO THE SINNERS

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was . . . and went to him” (v. 33).

I think we have preached to empty pews or to congregations of only Christians long enough. Shall we take the example of the good Samaritan and go where the sinners are?

In Luke 14:16-24 our Lord gives us a parable about the great supper that had been prepared. The invitation had gone out. Many refused to come, giving flimsy excuses, such as those that are given today. In order to prevent the embarrassment and humiliation of having just half a house full, the one who prepared this supper said, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” Friends, we are going to have to change our program and go where they are.

A missionary to Africa, Harold Lehmann, told our church: “We are educating our people in Africa to go out and do personal evangelism, and they bring their new converts on a Sunday morning and introduce them to the congregation. One day a woman was out telling a group of people about a Man (Jesus) who has all power. A witch doctor, coming along and hearing her testimony, knocked her to the ground, kicking her and stamping her. He said, ‘I’ll show you who has all power.’

“After the crowd disbursed, this woman arose and went home. Getting down on her knees she prayed for the witch doctor. A couple of days later she heard a knock at the door. It was the witch doctor, who had been unable to escape the power of her personal testimony. ‘Will you please take this spell off me that your God put on me the other day; I can’t eat or sleep,’ he told her.

“‘Sir, I did not put any spell on you. I only told you about my Jesus, and I have prayed that He will save you and forgive you.’ The man was converted. The next Sunday morning, standing up with her new convert, this woman introduced him to the congregation.”

What effect would such a testimony have on our congregations? I believe it would bring the revival that we want. I would like to see our evangelists concentrate on such a program—preaching and teaching the need

for personal evangelism and leading our churches into a personal evangelism program. If they will do this, I believe we will have our churches filled with those who need Christ. Give it a try, will you? We have tried everything else, but in too many cases we are not reaching the unsaved. Let us adopt a program of going where they are.

HAVE COMPASSION AND LOVE

"He had compassion on him" (v. 33).

A program such as I have suggested will not get the job done unless we have the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts. True love does not hesitate, fears no harm, makes willing sacrifices, leaves nothing unfinished. The good Samaritan paid for service only after he had done all he could personally. He gave the innkeeper two pence and said, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

God's warning to the church at Ephesus was, "Thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4). That first love included a compassion for souls. The church at Ephesus had lost it; the priest and the Levite in my scripture text had lost it. I wonder if we possess it today? Without such love it is absolutely impossible to have a revival.

May I ask, "How long has it been since you wept over the lost?" Luke tells us, "When he [Jesus] was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it." This was not just a shallow crocodile weeping, but oh, His heart was full of compassion bursting with love. "He . . . wept."

Psalms 126:5,6 tells us, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May God give us that compassion which will cause us to go where the lost are, as did the good Samaritan.

BE ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT

Verse 34 shows that the Samaritan poured oil into the man's wounds. Most Bible scholars recognize oil as a type of the Holy Spirit. And how important is this oil in revival! Before anyone in Bible times could serve as priest, prophet, or king, the holy anointing oil was applied.

The Holy Spirit is God's agent in this world in the saving of souls. We can acquire more knowledge from Him on the subject of soul winning in a moment than we could acquire apart from Him in a lifetime. He knows where an Ethiopian eunuch is, if He can find a Philip who will cooperate with Him. He knows where a blind Saul of Tarsus is, if He can get an Ananias to go and pray for him that the scales may fall from his eyes. He will reprove the world of sin if He can get someone through whom He can work.

Our programs and our talents amount to little if we do not have the anointing of the Spirit upon them. Revival will depend greatly upon how freely we have the oil to minister. No wonder Paul said, "Quench not the Spirit."

HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD

The good Samaritan also poured wine into the man's wounds. Wine is a type of the joy that accompanies a Spirit-filled life. This joy has attracted more people to the house of God than any other program we have been able to instigate. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation. A long-faced religion has never attracted anyone to Jesus Christ. There are many who long for the joy that a real Christian possesses.

I believe that a program of personal evangelism, compassion for the lost, Spirit-filled living, and the joy of the Lord is the sure formula which, if followed, will bring us the revival we need. 

REVIVAL TODAY

By NORMAN GRUBB

THE HOLY SPIRIT in the earthly body of Christ has always been God's continuous answer to the assaults of Satan. He is now in His Body, ever seeking to release Himself in power through His people. And that is another way of speaking of revival.

We believe that God's answer to Satan today is constant, worldwide revival and we do not believe that this is some vague far-off event.

Some of us are seeing Him working in revival power in our lives and those of others. It is no difficult thing. The Reviver always witnesses to the Blood. The Blood always cleanses from sin. Sin is always recog-

nized when we call anything in our lives which is less than God's perfection what He calls it, *sin*, and no longer call it by some less humiliating name such as infirmity, natural make-up, weak spot, nerves, problem, or difficult neighbor.

To confess my sins is to call them what God calls them (for the word *confess* means to "speak the same thing"), and the Blood never cleanses excuses, but always cleanses confessed sin. Conviction in the light of God, confession, cleansing, cups running over—that is continuous revival. And when these continuous gracious dealings with the Lord in our daily lives are shared in fellowship with others, that is revival transmitted. It is as simple as that. Individuals and churches worldwide are beginning to experience and walk this daily walk with Jesus, this revival walk with Him and one another.

Revival is as near to us as that. This is God's present-day answer to Satan and it is within reach of us all—to walk the revival way ourselves, to learn to walk it in two's and three's in our homes, to walk it as church communities, and to pray for the immediate spread of it through the whole Church. 

Fast and Pray for Victory!

THE ACTION TAKEN BY the Brazilian Government on Friday, the 13th of December, should remind us how suddenly the political situation in various nations can undergo a complete change. On that date the President took extreme measures against those who opposed his regime and its military backers. According to the news media, the Brazilian Congress was suspended, martial law imposed, and many persons suspected of trying to overthrow the government were arrested.

Whether these actions were justified or not we cannot say, for politics is not our field. We are called to preach the gospel, not to interfere in governmental affairs. But we are concerned when religious freedom is threatened, and so we pray for stability of government to permit gospel work to continue.

No doubt the members of the Assemblies of God in Brazil, who are many, are praying their religious liberties will be preserved. We join them in this prayer. It is less than five years since their country faced one of the greatest political crises in its modern history. A missionary who had returned to the U.S. from Brazil in 1963 said she received a disturbing letter from one of the Brazilian pastors at that time. It read: "Because of the imminence of political chaos, all evangelical believers in Brazil have been called to their knees for a day of prayer and fasting. Only God can save our beloved Brazil."

She said: "The crisis came to a head in the spring of 1964. The freedom of the Brazilian people was assured by means of a military coup led by the rightists. There was much weeping and praying that day when the coup was under way, and much rejoicing when it succeeded."

We know what happened to the religious freedom of the Cubans, North Koreans, North Vietnamese, and others after leftists took over their governments. We wonder whether a day of fasting and prayer by the people of God might not have prevented it.

Fasting and prayer can save a city. The people of Nineveh fasted and cried to God for mercy (Jonah 3:7, 8) and their city was spared from the impending judgment.

Fasting and prayer can save a race. Queen Esther, Mordecai, and other Jews in Persia fasted for three days when a pogrom was imminent (Esther 4:16). At the end of this period the Queen's request was granted and the slaughter of thousands of Jews averted.

The prophet Daniel was so determined to "pray through" concerning the deliverance of his nation from captivity that he sought God "by prayer and supplication, with fasting" (Daniel 9:3). That is the kind of earnest prayer that moves the hand of the Lord. Fasting in itself has little spiritual value, but as an aid to prayer it offers great possibilities. It proves our sincerity. It demonstrates a persistence and insistence that God will not deny.

Remember the widow who haunted the unjust judge with her persistent pleading for justice (Luke 18:3). She probably let everything else go—her meals, her housework, and every other concern—while she pressed her case; and finally she prevailed. Jesus spoke commendably of her, adding, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him?" (v. 7).

When God's people become so concerned with the spiritual needs of the world that they fast and pray, the forces of heaven are released and victories won for Christ's kingdom.

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I DROVE MY GUEST AWAY

THE DAY HAD FINALLY ARRIVED. My house was in perfect order, for my guest was coming today! He was coming from a distant land to take up residence with me, and I looked forward to his coming though I had never met him.

Mutual acquaintances had told me so many wonderful things about this guest that I wondered why he should choose to live with me. But his letters had stated he wanted to live with me, and it had been further confirmed by personal envoys.

A knock at the door! I opened the door to meet my guest for the first time. I wasn't disappointed, for my first impressions confirmed the report that had preceded him.

Immediately behind him was a huge pile of luggage—bags and parcels of every shape and size. He was known for his generosity, and my friends with whom he had lived assured me there would be lavish and exciting gifts.

I suggested to my guest that he open his bags on my veranda and show me his personal effects and treasures. Kindly he suggested that he be allowed to come inside the house first. I still blush when I remember how I insisted that he open everything before I let him inside. It never occurred to me at the time that I was more concerned with the gifts than I was with the guest.

My new friend didn't say one unkind word; but as he turned to leave with all his parcels, I saw that he was saddened. I watched from the doorway as he disappeared down the street. I remember mumbling, "He just didn't want to live in my house."

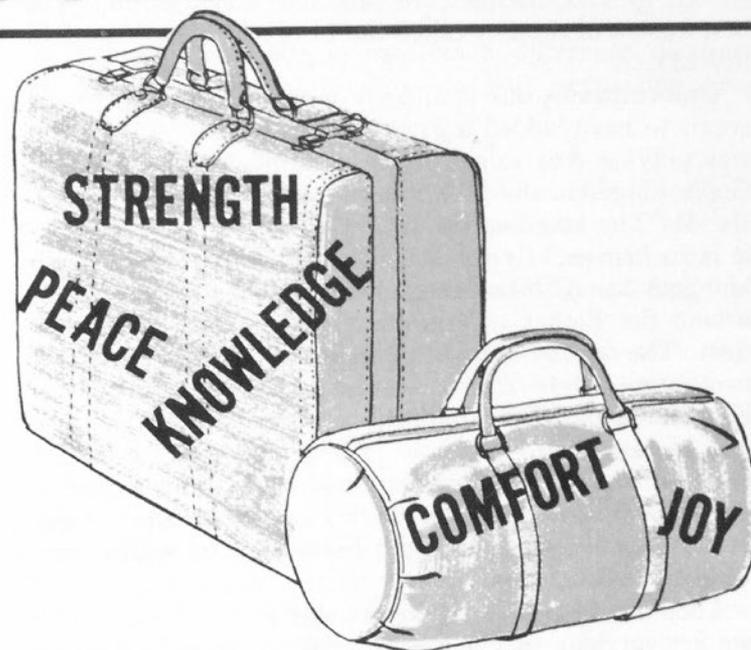
My house seemed emptier that day than ever before. I could understand why this guest had not accepted my hospitality—I could hardly stand the place myself! Probably he had been used to so much more than I could offer him.

My frustration was even greater when I learned where he had taken up residence. Someone on the next street who had never heard of him before saw him passing by and invited him in. There house was not in readiness for guests, and it was not nearly as nice as mine, but my guest took up residence there. It was all so confusing!

Miserable weeks and months followed. I saw my neighbor with gifts that should have been mine. And this neighbor and the guest traveled together in delightful company. I resented it. I was indignant because my guest had taken up residence with someone who had not gone through weeks of toiling preparation for his coming.

One day I decided to swallow my pride and invite my guest again. I hardly knew how to approach him, but I went to his new residence on the next street.

In tears I asked him to come to my house again. He smiled kindly and assured me that he would come along



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with me that very minute. His other host was most happy to share him with me.

This time I didn't even look to see if he brought bags and parcels along. I had observed that his presence was wonderful enough without the gifts.

His entry into my house was so gracious and quiet that I hardly knew when he came. I didn't even notice how he got all his luggage inside, but everyday he brings out something new and wonderful.

I must not forget to tell you that my guest is a heavenly guest—the Holy Spirit. I had read in God's Word of His wonderful works and I wanted Him to open them all on my front veranda before I let Him in. I still feel ashamed when I remember that.

The day He came into my life I spoke with other tongues as did those recorded in the Book of Acts. It was so gentle and effortless that I feared this could not be the Holy Spirit. When I recognized that it was the Holy Spirit and that He had come to reside in my life, I was thrilled.

Not all the joy came that first day, however. The Holy Spirit began to pray through my lips to the Father for needs in my life that I did not know were there. That first day was just the beginning!

Now there's power in prayer—He helps me and prays through me! There is new meaning to the Bible—He has made it the Living Book! There is strength and joy for each day—He gives blessed assurance!

I'm sure this Heavenly Guest would like to live in your house. Don't suffer those agonizing weeks and months that I did. Let Him in *now!*

CAN YOU IMAGINE what it must have been like to kneel in prayer with Jesus Christ? Can you imagine how He must have talked to His Father? Can you imagine the intense yearnings of His heart which found expression in His petitions?

The prayers of Jesus must have been splendid examples of communications between man and God, for He was fully both. The prayers He prayed which were later recorded by His disciples are profound and beautiful. The best known of these is called the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

Unfortunately, our familiarity with that inspired prayer seems to have hidden a great truth from us. When Jesus was praying that simple prayer, He made a reference to God's kingdom which is often overlooked or misunderstood: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Jesus was not saying that *when* God's kingdom came, *then* His will should be done. He was *asking* the Father to begin His kingdom on earth right then. The second sentence amplifies the first. This free paraphrase might clarify the real meaning: "Let Your Kingdom come! Let Your will be done here on earth like it is in heaven!"

Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God makes it very clear that He is not referring to any earthly government. "The kingdom of God," Jesus said, "is within you" (Luke 17:21).

Like the Pharisees in the context of the verse above, we are anxious to know when the Kingdom will come. The truth of the matter is that the kingdom of God will come to us individually whenever we individually ask God to begin His reign as King in us. Our mission as individuals and as a Church is to glorify God by bringing His Kingdom to earth right now. In accomplishing that mission we minister to the Lord, we minister to ourselves (the Church), and we minister to the world (the unsaved).

The coming of the kingdom of God is not only a future event; it is also a present reality. Its coming today signals the beginning of the reign of God in a human heart. The task of the Church (the people of God, including you) is to see that this Kingdom comes fully into each Christian and to share the news of the Kingdom with those who are not part of it. Every member of the Church is responsible for participating in Christ's mission of bringing the kingdom of God to men.

You may have heard that one rotten apple spoils a bushel of good ones. That saying may be true, but it does not necessarily teach any spiritual truth. Suppose all the people in a church congregation were Christians except for one hypocrite. Would he have the power to spoil the rest? Of course not—unless the Christians were not firm in the Lord in the first place. But Jesus believed the influence of good stronger than the influence of evil.

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

When Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God, He constantly compared it to salt, leaven, light, and seed. Why? Because each of these is naturally penetrative. They change the nature of the substance they invade. A little salt seasons a whole meal. A pinch of leaven alters the nature of the dough. A tiny light brings an end to total darkness. A small seed invades the vast earth and produces a tree. By these figures of speech Jesus intended for His men to

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know they were to penetrate the darkness of the world; and while their influence and presence might begin small, it would eventually become very great. The salt, the leaven, the light, and the seed are good only if they fulfill their function of infiltration.

When Jesus began His ministry, He noticeably upset one group of people called Pharisees. The meaning of the word *Pharisee* is "separated one." The Pharisees felt their call was to live a holy life completely apart from sinful people (much like cloistered monks). They stayed away from anyone who would not accept their strict rules. They made friends only with those who believed as they did. They stayed away from "contaminating influences."

Jesus shook them up by eating with sinners—in fact, He was called the *friend* of sinners! He ignored many of their petty, non-Scriptural regulations. Unlike the Pharisees, He believed it was proper to heal someone on the Sabbath or to omit ceremonially washing His hands before eating. This irritated the isolationistic Pharisees who avoided everyone but other Pharisees.

Far from being an isolationist, Jesus believed in associating with all kinds of people, even sinners. He sometimes was with them, but did not become like them. He was in the world, but the world did not get into Him.

A LESSON FROM HISTORY

There have been many in history who have said they would follow Christ, but they actually do the opposite of His example. Take the case of Symeon the Stylite who was a fifth-century monk. He entered a monastery when he was a teen-ager and formed the habit of eating only one meal a week. Each year he fasted the 40 days of Lent. He tried to live as a hermit on a mountain for some time, but people kept coming to him for spiritual advice. To get away from them, he devised a new method of separation from the world. He took up permanent residence on a small platform atop a pillar. The first pillar was only nine feet high, so people still bothered him with their requests for spiritual advice. He finally built a pillar over 50 feet high with a platform at the top only three feet in diameter and a railing around it. Food was hauled up by ropes. He lived with no roof over his head, and his platform was so

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By GEORGE O. WOOD

small he could never stretch out to lie down. For 36 years he lived there until his death at the age of 69.

This type of Christianity will never accomplish the mission of Christ and His Church in today's world. The reason why many congregations are not growing as the New Testament congregations grew is that Christians too often live in complete isolation from the world. They live defensively. They wonder what the world is going to do to them next, instead of planning what they, through Christ, are going to do to the world. They worry more about the world corrupting the Church than the Church changing the world. They have forgotten that Christ intended not that His people leave the world, but that they live in it without taking on its characteristics (John 17:15).

WHERE TO PENETRATE

An infiltrator is one who is set on changing the majority situation which confronts him. An infiltrator almost never defects because he is too confident in his own mission to be won over. An infiltrator will stay on the job regardless of insurmountable problems.

How many friends do you have who are not Christians? It is very doubtful that you can reach any of the people who live and work near you for Christ unless you first get to know them. The purpose of your friendship is not for them to lead you into activities against your convictions, but for you to participate with them in activities which are not against your conscience or church standards, and eventually to lead them to Christ. You need to gain their trust and confidence and then you will be able to share your faith with them.

True—sometimes these people will have activities in which you, as a Christian, will not participate. If you have not given a "holier-than-thou" excuse but offer a testimony as an explanation, your non-Christian friend will learn to respect your opinions and want to know what makes you tick.

The Christians who win the most to Christ are those who are involved in all kinds of legitimate activities and in them become what Christ intended them to be: leaven, seed, salt, and light.

The type of separation Jesus practiced and demands is

not as much a physical separation as it is a spiritual separation. He never intended His people to be like the Pharisees—in an enclave removed from the world. The type of separation He asks for is seen in Colossians 3:5: "In so far, then, as you have to live on this earth, consider yourselves dead to worldly contacts: have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, and the lust for other people's goods" (Phillips).

That type of isolation involves a difference of inner character and has nothing to do with separating geographically from the non-Christian.

THE RESULTS OF ISOLATION

The statement is often made that when the Church is raptured, the world will fall into lawlessness. This will come about as a result of the believers being taken out of the world. The leaven, salt, light, and seed will be gone. Things will fall apart.

The Church has not yet been raptured, but some segments of society are already falling apart because Christians, on their own accord, have left the scene. For instance, a great many church buildings used to be located in the downtown areas of major cities. Many Christians lived there. Because of the growing predominance of a poor and often uncultured people (as well as other social reasons), Christians have packed up and left the inner city. What has been the result? All kinds of riots and lawlessness have taken place. Why? Because the restraining, leavening, infiltrating influence of the Christians is gone.

What happens when Christians get out of politics, out of business, out of government, out of education, out of the public school system? All of these levels of society are left without the influence of Christians. Christ is absent from the scene. All sorts of disorder and immorality break out.

If you would have an effective mission as a Christian, you must be like the Master. You must go where the people are. Furthermore, you must obey His last command: "Go ye into all the world." This not only means all the countries of the world; it also means every part and level of society. The world you must enter now is every legitimate dimension of your secular activities and civic opportunities.

The song, "Hold the Fort," does not reflect the spirit of the infiltrator. That is the song of those who are living on the defensive. The battle cry of the infiltrator is, "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war!" Jesus said the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church (the people—you and me). Gates were the *defense* of an ancient city. The statement means that whenever Christ's people invade the devil's territory, his defenses will crumble and Christ's cause will triumph.

Your major cause for concern must not be that the world will triumph over you. You must have the outlook Christ had. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

We shall overcome!

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WHY IS THIS EARTH THE SIZE IT IS?

By "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. WARD

SOMEONE DECIDED *how big* this planet should be. The Book of Job is very old, yet the divinely inspired author recorded that God settled the size of the earth. He "*determined the measures thereof*" (Job 38:5, ASV).

ATMOSPHERE AND WATER

The study of physics certainly concerns itself about the *atmosphere* and about *water*. It may be that no other planet has these two items as we know them. Both are vitally affected by the size of the earth.

Long ago it became common laboratory knowledge that whether or not a globe ceases to possess a liquid or gaseous covering and becomes like a moon, or still retains an atmosphere and oceans like our earth, *depends on gravity* by which it holds its gaseous portions to it. This gravity depends on the amount of matter it contains, and therefore again upon its size. So this planet was carefully planned. Someone decided what its measurements should be.

The fact that we possess at the present time a gaseous atmosphere of exactly that particular degree of tenuity that suits our breathing apparatus, remarkable though it may seem, is a direct consequence of the particular size of the globe on which we stand. Think about that!

Read your Bible carefully. It contains remarkable scientific statements.

Ecclesiastes 1:6: "The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits."

Job 28:25: "To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure."

Job 38:24: "By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?"

Here are facts stated in the farthest yesterday that

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students learn in school today. Movement of air has *constant existence*—whirling about continually, and returning again according to his circuits. Air has *weight*—and it is driven forward by the light, in the form of an east wind. That fact is recorded in your Bible.

No one knew that the atmosphere had weight until about 1643. Some Italian gardeners found they were unable to raise water higher than 33 feet. Galileo himself was nonplussed. Torricelli, his pupil, discovered why. He began to understand what we know today as *barometric pressure*. Air, in common with all fluids, exerts pressure, according to its weight, in all directions. How could someone have known this long before the days of Moses—*unless by direct revelation?*

WINDS AND WEIGHTS

Note the peculiarly significant connection that exists between the winds and their weights. It is simply the difference in weights, bulk for bulk, between various masses of air that causes movement between them.

Why should Job directly attribute "east" winds to the action of "light"? The sun's emanations are ultimately responsible for all the winds on our earth. Winds depend primarily on the local distribution of heat in the air, especially on the great amount of heat constantly present in the equatorial zone, due to the sun being always nearly vertical at noon. Heated air being lighter, the colder air from the temperate zones continually flows toward it, lifting it up and causing it to flow over, as it were, to the north and south. But as the inflow comes from an area of less rapid rotation to one of more rapid rotation, the course of the air is deviated and produces the north-east and southeast trade winds.

Yes, your child will learn this in school. So read it to him from the Bible. How did the writer of Job know that the sun's light scatters the east wind upon the earth?

DUST AND SUNSETS

Turn to Isaiah 40:12: "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended *the dust* of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

Why is *dust* necessary? What would happen were there no dust in the air? Especially must we consider the fine dust of the upper atmosphere. Proverbs 8:26 describes it this way: "The highest part of the dust of the world." If it did not exist, a vastly lessened rainfall would result. We would have a greater prevalence of fogs and abnormally heavy dews instead.

Vegetation would be greatly reduced. Even our blue skies would go. They would be replaced by dense black ones. The blue color now seen is due to the fact that the fine dust in the air reflects only the light of short wave lengths from the blue end of the spectrum. Our gorgeous sunsets and sunrises would also be unknown. The stars would appear at midday as at midnight, owing to the absence of light-reflecting elements in the air, which would lose all power of diffusing the sunlight entering into it.

This would be a most serious matter, for everything not in the direct path of the sun's rays would be in total darkness except under special circumstances—that is, as where some reflecting surface happened to throw light in that particular direction. So the insides of all houses built as ours are now would be in pitch darkness, even at noon—

day. We owe much to the presence of *dust* in our atmosphere.

Take another look at your Bible. It is not out of date as critics would have you believe.

DENSITY AND BALANCE

It is our dense atmosphere alone that prevents our tropical regions themselves from being covered with snow. Once you get high enough, even in the tropics you find snow lying on the ground all year round. Mount Kilimanjaro in East Africa is an example.

A world, however, that was appreciably smaller than our own would only be able to retain an *appreciably less dense atmosphere*. What are mountaintop conditions with us would be sea-level conditions on it. It is now calculated that if the density of our earth were only one-fourth less than it is—that is, if its diameter were 7,200 miles instead of 8,000—almost the whole of it, owing to the consequent lessening of atmospheric mantle, would be reduced to a snow and ice-clad waste, and the remainder liable to such extremes of climate that only low forms of life could be permanently maintained.

Who *determined* these measurements?

What if the earth were slightly *bigger*? The results would be more *drastic*. The denser atmosphere of such a world would not suit our present breathing apparatus. Nor is it likely that, with an increased atmospheric mantle, the heat received by day would be sufficiently released by night, as it is by our present balance to prevent undue accumulation. That would result in an intolerable hothouse.

DIAMETER AND OCEANS

A far greater change, however, would result from the enormously increased bulk of water which the earth would then possess. If our oceans were to be increased by only *one-tenth*, practically our whole land surface would cease to exist. If the diameter of our earth were about 9,500 miles instead of 8,000, its mass would be doubled, and the water on it doubled.

One simple fact is obvious. *The habitability of our earth is primarily dependent, within very narrow limits, on its*

size. So ask yourself, "Who determined the measures thereof?"

EVAPORATION AND SURFACE

Look at Psalm 33:7: "He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses." How is all this water supply handled? Why do we have as much land surface as we do? There is a remarkable adjustment in operation here.

If our water surface were much more or much less than it is in proportion to land, the latter would be proportionately over or undersupplied with rainfall in consequence—*evaporation being in proportion to water surface*.

But in order to provide the extensive land surface which we require, the portions of the earth's crust covered with water are made up of astonishingly and abruptly deep ocean basins—from the so-called 100-fathom line of the Continental Shelf, the ocean floors dip steeply down to the great depths at which they regain their horizontal character. So vast, indeed, is the capacity of the present basins that the water—which so exactly fills them—is no less than 13 *times the bulk* of the land which rises above their surface.

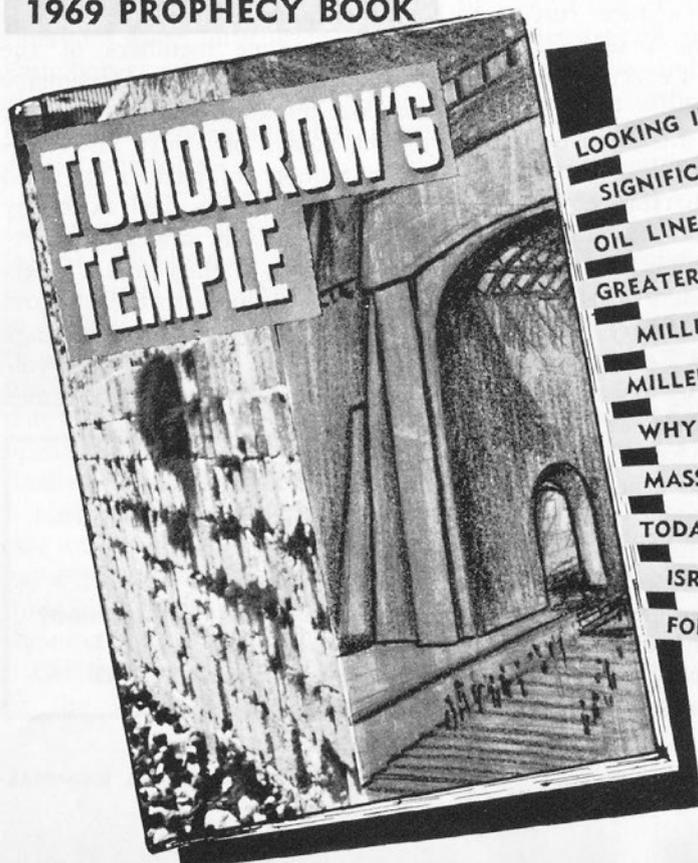
Who made these great pockets? They have been exactly filled. An increase of even 10 percent more water would have overflowed the land. *Someone measured it*.

I ask you to look again at one more verse. Ecclesiastes 1:7 says: "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." That is the principle of evaporation simply and boldly stated.

Someone is the uncontested Boss of this whole affair; *and someday you are going to meet Him*. You and I live on His property, and we are sustained by His providences. How foolish it is to deny Him!

Whether you choose to study the lessons that are assigned to every human being or not, you cannot escape the examinations that are coming. Your *faith* will carry you to a passing mark. Your *unbelief* will be your failure. It is as simple as that.

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OLYMPIC WITNESS

By RACHEL NIETO / *Missionary to Mexico*

Colorful, enthusiastic, exciting, thrilling crowds—these are the words that best describe the XIX Olympics in Mexico City. Over the past four years there was much preparation for this great international sports event when Mexico was to host thousands of visitors from all over the world.

Although the 1968 Olympics have become history, we will always remember the great emotion demonstrated as the gold medals were hung around the necks of the winners, as the olive wreaths brought from Greece were presented to them, and as the national anthem of each winning country was played.

All the exercising, practicing, effort, and sacrifice that had gone on before now had come to a grand climax in this moment of exaltation before the thousands of spectators. It was a great experience.

The apostle Paul knew something

of this kind of event for he wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24, 25: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?... Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown."

As Assemblies of God missionaries, we realized that the Olympics would afford a marvelous opportunity to spread the message of salvation through literature distribution. Thanks to *Editorial Vida* and *Light-for-the-Lost*, 100,000 copies of *Poder*—the Spanish equivalent to *The Pentecostal Evangel*—in a special Olympics Issue were printed and sent to us. We also obtained Gospels in Spanish, as well as English and some other foreign languages.

Through District Superintendent R. J. Carlson, the Northwest District provided \$1,000 to help prepare the Olympics packet containing a *Poder*, a Gospel, a tract, information about the Assemblies of God, and a list of

our churches here in Mexico City.

My husband Fernando was elected to be the national coordinator for this project, and other members of the coordinating team were Missionary Gordon Marker and Teófilo Aguillón. They sent copies of *Poder* and Gospels to a number of pastors in main cities on the border, as well as to key Olympic sites outside Mexico City.

On September 17 they held a meeting to present the plan to the pastors, after which there were two meetings to organize and instruct the 150 volunteer workers. Just before the games

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ABOVE: The Nietos, center, along with Superintendent Fuentes and Secretary-Treasurer Ayala, supervised the Olympic literature project. LEFT: Guards were among the first to receive packets. BELOW: People leaving Aztec Stadium carried packets with them.



began, we held a citywide commissioning rally.

In spite of the local problems of riots and other difficulties, we kept on with our plans to distribute literature at the official opening of the Olympic Games as well as in other places of official activities.

The *Poder* magazines arrived in Laredo, Texas, but were held there for \$1,700 customs duty. Telephone calls, letters, and finally a plane trip to Laredo were necessary to make arrangements for the release of this material; and it was not until 7:15 p.m. on the day before the official opening of the Olympics that the truck finally arrived at our house.

Hurriedly we delivered material to two of the local churches where we gathered workers and labored until midnight preparing the packets for the next day.

On the day of the official opening of the Olympics about 100 of us

gathered at the Olympic University Stadium, which seats 80,000 people.

First of all we presented literature packets to the police, soldiers, traffic officers, and marines on duty. One marine officer came and asked for 150 to give one to each of his men. Five hundred English packets were given out to many from all over the world.

On Sunday afternoon we were at the Aztec Stadium (capacity 125,000). People thronged about us to get their literature packets. The first one I gave to a Korean who spoke English. He gave me his business card which I have sent to one of our missionaries there, trusting that this man may be reached further with the gospel.

On Friday night we went right out where the people milled about in Alameda Park—the heart of Mexico City. Since I am an American, some thought I was a visitor: immediately they wanted my autograph. I signed it, put-

ting in Spanish, "Read the Holy Bible."

Even our small boys joined in the literature distribution.

On Saturday morning we went to the Olympic swimming pool where we worked for 10 hours to distribute 40,000 packets.

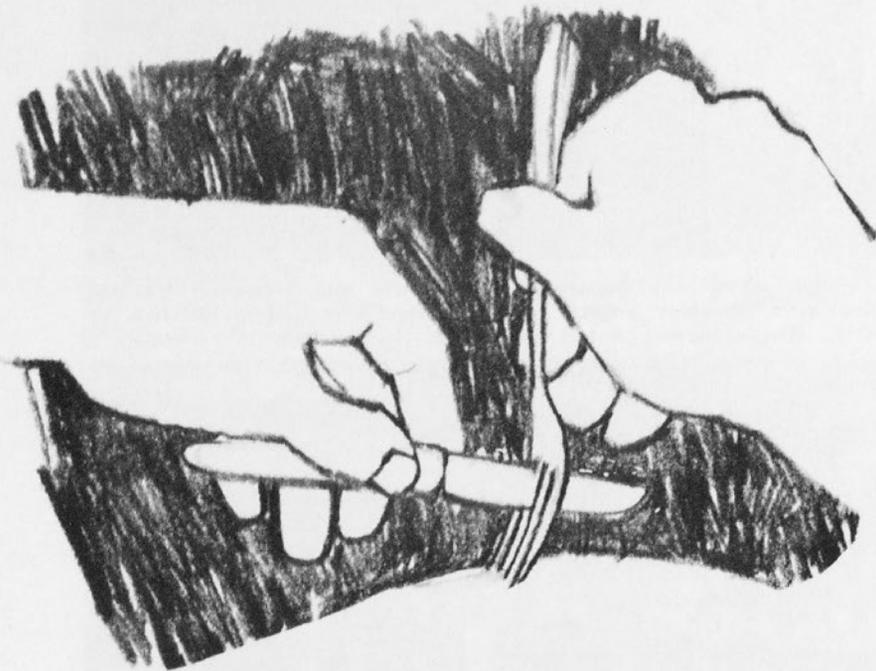
Only eternity will reveal the results. Much to our surprise, very few rejected the literature packets. Many people read the contents while they waited for the activities to begin, or in between events. Loren Triplett, Miami, director of Spanish Literature, wrote that in just one week *Editorial Vida* had received 100 requests for the free catalog.

In 1970 Mexico will host the Soccer World Cup, and we are already planning how to reach the thousands who will come for this event.

We urgently need intercessors who will pray for God's continued moving through His Holy Spirit upon those who read the gospel literature. 

WHAT ABOUT FASTING?

By JOHN M. DRESCHER



ON OCCASION THE EARLY CHRISTIANS fasted while praying and seeking God's will (Acts 13:2, 3), but the average Christian knows little of the practice today.

The call to fast is not particularly appealing to us, even though we put diet drinks and low-calorie foods on the table. Fasting is not fashionable. We love our lunch counters and dairy bars. Besides our big meals we delight in coffee breaks, extra desserts, and midnight snacks.

It might help us if we knew a little of hunger. It would sharpen our sympathies for the hungry of the world.

But what about fasting? Is it to be a part of the Christian life?

Fasting as spoken of in this article is the practice of going without food for a specified period of time for a spiritual purpose. It may also be done for one's physical well-being, but Biblical fasting is basically for a spiritual purpose.

Some raise objections to fasting. "It is better to do something positive than to deny ourselves," we are told. Another points out that the Lord is with us, and our faith is one of joy and fullness. (See Matthew 9:15.) Still others point out that the man who fasted twice a week was sharply rebuked (Luke 18:12). In the Sermon on the Mount, it may be added, Jesus warned against wrong motives in almsgiving, praying, and fasting.

But the Scripture speaks of fasting approximately 55 times, with about an equal number of times in Old and New Testaments. Matthew records that Christ fasted. So did His followers. If what we need today is an emptying of ourselves, a humiliation of the spirit in order to receive God's best, we ought to engage in prayer with fasting.

Jesus said, "When thou fastest, anoint thine head,

and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:17, 18). He not only assumed His followers would fast but He commended it. Again in Matthew 17:21 we find He commended fasting to those who would do His work. There are tasks, He said, which are accomplished only by prayer and fasting.

It is clear that the apostles taught fasting and practiced it. Paul speaks of "[giving] yourselves to fasting and prayer" in special seasons and on special occasions (1 Corinthians 7:5), and also of ministers of God approving themselves in fasting, along with watchings and labors (2 Corinthians 6:5). We are told in Acts 14:23 there was prayer "with fasting" when elders were ordained in every church.

Although various reformers of the 16th century and later referred to fasting as a Christian practice, perhaps John Wesley's statement is most familiar. In his sermon, "The Causes of Inefficacy of Christianity," preached in Dublin, July 2, 1789, he said:

"It would be easy to show in how many respects the Methodists, in general, are deplorably wanting in the practice of Christian self-denial: from which, indeed, they have been continually frightened by the silly outcries of the Antinomians. To instance only in one: While we were at Oxford, the rule of every Methodist was (unless in case of sickness) to fast every Wednesday and Friday in the year, in imitation of the primitive church, for which they had the highest respect. Now this practice of the primitive church was universally allowed. 'Who does not know,' says Epiphanius, an ancient writer, 'that the fast of the fourth and sixth days of the week [Wednesday and Friday] are observed by the Christians throughout the world?' So they were by the Methodists for several years, by them all, without exception; but afterwards some in London carried this to excess, and fasted so as to impair their health. It was not long before others made this a pretense for not fasting at all. And I fear there are now thousands of Methodists, so-called, both in England and Ireland, who, following the same bad example, have entirely left off fasting; who are so far from fasting twice in the week (as all the stricter Pharisees did) that they do not fast twice in the month."

Lutheran teachings usually compare the value of fasting to that of prayer and charity. Article 12, *Apology of the Augsburg Confession*, states, "We believe that God's glory and command require penitence to produce good fruits, and that good fruits like true fasting, prayer, and charity have His command. . . . True prayer, charity, and fasting have God's command; and where they do, it is a sin to omit them."

Spiritual blessings come to those who keep the fast in its true spirit. There are some rather striking promises connected with the fast, as recorded in Isaiah 58:6-9.

There are individual and corporate blessings; both spiritual and physical blessings.

I heard an aged minister relate an experience he and others had in a regular church conference years ago. Instead of the usual subject matter being assigned and discussed the first day of conference, the program simply said, "Prayer and Fasting." The conference met. All in attendance spent the day in prayer and fasting. In each following session of the conference there was the benediction of God and the moving of the Spirit. Souls were gloriously saved in every session.

Is Jesus saying to us again that these things "come... by prayer and fasting"? There is no telling what God will do if we pray and fast unto our Father which is in secret. What could God do if His children became more concerned about spiritual things to the extent they could say, like Jesus, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of"? For true fasting flows from a burdened heart which experiences a greater concern for another person and purpose than for the flesh and abundance of food.



**SCRIPTURES
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DAILY READING FOR JANUARY 13-19
Theme of the Week: **SHOWERS OF BLESSING**

Monday	Deut. 11:8-32	Thursday	2 Chron. 31:2-10
Tuesday	Deut. 28:1-14	Friday	Psalm 3:1-8
Wednesday ..	Deut. 30:1-19	Saturday	Amos 9:11-15
		Sunday	Ephesians 1:3-14

"All these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 28:2).

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING THE FENCES

By **PAUL WALTERMAN** / Assistant Pastor, First Assembly, Victorville, California

WE LIVE IN A DAY when anything short, simple, or sweet is looked upon with suspicion. It is the age of the gaudy, the sensational, the complicated. If it doesn't astound us, we don't want it. Unless it raises our eyebrows, it doesn't deserve our attention.

In such a climate it is extremely easy for Christians to become oriented to expect and appreciate only "out of the ordinary" conversions and "super testimonies" of salvation from drugs, degradation, and crime.

By putting the emphasis on these we are in essence telling the young that to really count in the kingdom of God one must have an exciting story of rescue from sin! While I am thrilled with anyone's testimony of being snatched from the very edge of hell, I am convinced that to be led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ at a very early age and then to *stay with* Jesus throughout life, is far better.

The message of God's ability to keep and guard a young Christian's life should have a more enthusiastic reception than a lurid story of conversion from the entertainment profession or a life of drunkenness.

There is a verse in Ecclesiastes which states that "...whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him." It is an accurate word-picture of what we can expect when we break barriers and fences that God has established. It is better to repair the hole in the hedge than to run around with snakebite kits.

In Isaiah 58:12 we read, "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."

God will always find workers to run the ambulance service at the bottom of the cliffs, but He needs fence-

builders working at the top. We need desperately to assume a new positive approach to soul winning and conversions whereby we will arm new converts with the "whole armor of God" that they might be able to stand, no matter where they are or into what circumstances they are placed.

As parents we must take a positive stand upon the Word, believing that our families will serve God their entire lives. The idea that all young people must go through a period of rebellion and experimentation before they settle down is a lie from hell and is contrary to what God's Word promises.

We need to build and maintain a strong fence of *family devotions*. Parents have told me it was after they allowed this fence to be broken down that their youngster found his way out into the devil's territory.

Next there is the fence of *Sunday school training*. Young people and adults alike need this. The Sunday school is one of our best supports in living a life for God.

Third, we need the strong fence of *Christian fellowship*. God has ordained Christian fellowship as a spiritual energizer that is becoming more important as each day goes by.

There are other important fences throughout God's Word that we may call "*thou shalt*" and "*thou shalt not*." These must be emphasized continually and faithfully taught to our families lest they stray into fields of sin.

Let us pay more attention to the fences and not be guilty of glorying in sensational conversions. Our primary task is to avoid even the appearance of evil. Would to God that each of us could be known as "The repairer of the breach." 

THE OBSERVATIONS OF THIS MINISTER, WHOSE SPIRIT OF VENTURE AND VISION LED HIM TO PIONEER 15 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES, ARE WORTHY OF THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION.



WHAT I LEARNED FROM PIONEERING

By H. A. CHRISTOPHER

IN MY 44 YEARS OF MINISTRY with the Assemblies of God, I have spent only six and one-half years in two already-established churches: the church in Martinsburg, W. Va., back in the 20's, and the church in Trafford, Pa., in the late 50's. The rest of the time I spent evangelizing and pioneering into existence 16 Assemblies of God churches.

I also served as sectional home missions director for a few years. During that time the section, under our supervision, brought into being another five churches.

From this experience, I have made some deductions relative to home missions methods. For instance, I have discovered the best way to enter a city or town and quickly establish a church is to go in with as large a group as possible and with the best talent available. It is important to secure the cooperation of neighboring pastors and their churches. I found myself seriously handicapped when I lacked good talent as helpers and had too small a tent for services or too small a meeting place in an unsuitable location. A good location, an inviting meeting place of fair size, or a good-sized tent properly located meant a great deal in attracting attention.

Home missions workers should make the best impression possible and back their effort with much prayer and

faith, as well as preliminary planning, to assure success. Again I cannot overemphasize the importance of prayer and the manifestation of the supernatural in the services to confirm the Word and the effort.

The meetings should be well advertised through all news media available and by house-to-house visitation. This takes a crew or party; and a crew, advertising, and proper equipment require finances.

I have noted the approaches of other denominations and the results which in many cases have far exceeded our efforts due to the large number of people participating, adequate equipment to accommodate a crowd, the tremendous publicity given the meeting, and the first-class talent they used.

What we need as a Movement is greater backing from our pastors and churches in promoting home missions. They must be sold on the home missions cause.

There should be a home missionary in each missions convention, or a home missions representative should speak at least once a year to each church of each district to present the need and to enlist the members to help promote home missions. A stronger home base provides a springboard for a wider and stronger foreign program. Substantial offerings and pledges should be taken in

OF COURSE MY HUSBAND AND I ARE INTERESTED IN THE GREAT NEED OF NEW CHURCHES IN OTHER PLACES, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?



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these meetings to provide finances for home missions efforts. In the case of an annual missions convention, the giving should be on the World Ministries plan.

A home missionary or home missions director should be sent into our Bible colleges each year to challenge the students. These students interested should be counseled and trained for this special work. They first should receive training as understudies of district-approved workers for two or more years.

The "mother church" plan has been carried out successfully by some of our larger churches in urban districts. A pastor cannot please God and act as a "dog in a manger" to keep other churches out of his area, especially in cities of any size. It is our responsibility to reach the people now with the Pentecostal message. For instance, I went into one of our smaller towns in central Pennsylvania and stayed there longer than in any other place. The work bore fruit. We reached that town and five others with the full gospel through our own church services and radio. A number of people drove to our meetings from a radius of 75 miles, with the result that we were enabled to open up five more churches in neighboring towns. Today these are thriving Assemblies of God churches.

Home missions work is not the most rewarding financially; at least this was the case in the past. But I feel successful home missionaries or pioneer pastors should be among our best-paid workers, and not the poorest. I realize money is not the most important thing. Too many have their eyes upon income rather than doing the will of God at any cost. However, many of my home missions efforts have been the result of my own God-given vision and a burden that sparked faith and the spirit of venture. Consequently, I had to be satisfied with what came in after expenses were paid. Often there wasn't much left for a family to live on.

This problem should be remedied in these days of affluence and with our Movement's great growth. Personally, I believe the home missions program should be put on the same basis as foreign missions. After all, *missions* means reaching the lost, wherever they are, with the gospel.

If we possess what we claim to have, we ought to be doing much more than we are doing. I am glad for the increased emphasis on home missions; but let us also increase it on a local scale. The great north-eastern section of our country with its heavy population is not half reached; hundreds of towns do not have a single Assemblies of God church; and a number of metropolitan cities should have two and three times the number of Assemblies of God churches they have. We need to look on the fields ripe unto harvest.

May God challenge us to escalate our efforts in church extension in the homeland. We need the best of our talent consecrated and dedicated to God with the blessing of the Lord upon them and their efforts. Each of us needs to say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have *me* to do?"

My days of activity are mostly behind me. I am now in Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Fla., but not entirely retired, for I am still active and busy for God, I thank God for a place like Bethany to come to in later years. (God bless you who have provided it.) Since I put everything I had into the gospel work over the years, I had no savings to fall back on. But I have no regrets either. 

VIEWPOINT 
ON HOME MISSIONS
BY CURTIS W. RINGNESS National Home Missions Secretary

A NEW DAY DAWNS

A NEW DAY FOR MISSIONS in America has dawned. This is true largely because of the revolutionary changes in our society in recent years, especially since World War II. The American society is no longer rural or semirural. Already 70 percent of our population live on less than one percent of the land in 16 great population centers. It is estimated that by 1975 half of the people in our country will live in apartments.

With the move of the nation's population to urban areas, the problem of church ministry in inner-city and transitional neighborhoods should concern every Christian. High-rise apartments in our great cities best illustrate the complexity of the big-city challenge which mixes the problems of the affluent with the sober needs of the poor.

The urban man in himself is a unique problem to the church. This is so whether he is rich or poor, black or white, foreign-born or native. To withstand the pressure of the masses around him he usually raises a wall of indifference and coldness.

The high Christian principles that so characterized our early American history are fast fading away. Other options besides "Christian" are much in evidence. But the church has never operated in a monolithic society that accepted the claims of Christ as a matter of course. Paul preached to many people who did not even believe there was a God, and others who believed in many gods. But he faithfully proclaimed the gospel, and some heard and believed. The gospel of Jesus Christ is still "the power of God unto salvation"—regardless of social changes.

Christians have often failed to face up to the issues of our generation. Many churches have felt compelled to leave the inner-city and move with their congregations to suburbia. Thus numerous locations of strategic importance have been lost. Vast populations have been left without a full-gospel witness.

Inner-city evangelism presents a new challenge to the Assemblies of God. By opening new churches, evangelistic centers, storefront chapels, branch Sunday schools, neighborhood Bible clubs, and prayer cells we can regain the advantage we have lost and *move back into the city*. Our churches also can help answer many of the problems of urban America through prayerful interest and by involvement in aggressive witnessing efforts. The task of evangelizing the metropolitan areas is the task of the whole church. A concerned and dedicated people can break down the barriers between the big cities and the gospel. Many opportunities for inner-city evangelism are now open. We will need the prayers and financial response of our constituency in order to move ahead in our evangelism program. 

WESTWEGO ASSEMBLY INVOLVES WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EFFECTIVE OUTREACH

A GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING CHRIST" is the motto of the Assembly of God, Westwego, Louisiana, where Paul Radke is the pastor. The girls and women of this church are on the go for Christ as the accompanying photographs attest.

Three active Missionettes clubs challenge the girls from 7 to 15 and a YWMC group the young women from 16 to 24; two WMC groups afford opportunities for ministry to all interested women. Mrs. Frank Kinsey is coordinator of these groups.

The Prims club (Primary Missionettes) has 18 members. Mrs. S. I. Sizemore is the sponsor, and Mrs. George Swope cosponsor. These little girls enjoy the projects in their handbooks and are interested in earning badges to be worn on their pink and white beanies. For Halloween the Prims made tray favors and delivered them to the 55 residents of a Westwego nursing home.

The Junior Missionettes club has 22 members and has been very active in community and church projects. One day this group delivered over 200 cupcakes to a nursing home. While there they were asked to sing so many times their voices were literally worn out.

For the second consecutive year this group of Junior Missionettes was honored by *Parents' Magazine* for outstanding service to the community. The magazine's Youth Group Achievement Award was given for the club's work in nursing homes, in hospitals, and in church extension activities.

The Junior Missionettes have been a great blessing to

Junior and Senior Missionettes of Westwego Assembly presented the program for the New Orleans sectional Missionettes rally.



For Halloween the Prims made and delivered 55 favors to the residents of a Westwego nursing home.





Junior Missionettes were honored by "Parents' Magazine" for outstanding community service. Mayor Ernest Tassin presents the award to Mrs. Kinsey, sponsor. At her left is Mrs. Mitchell.

the church. They are graded on Sunday school attendance and on bringing visitors. They helped the Junior Department reach its attendance goal. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Frank Kinsey. She is aided by Mrs. Wayne Mitchell, cosponsor, and five other women called "Missionettes Moms."

The Senior Missionettes club with 10 members is sponsored by Mrs. Herbert Trahan. Mrs. Paul Radke

Senior Missionettes made favors for residents of a nursing home and held services there. Pastor Radke stands with them.



The newly-organized YWMC group (four absent) with their advisers and Pastor and Mrs. Paul Radke.

is cosponsor. These girls made hat corsages and pin-cushions for their mothers and other guests at a very successful and enjoyable mother-daughter banquet. They are very excited about the new Missionettes handbooks and are looking forward to working on the various badge achievements. For Halloween they made jack-o'-lanterns out of oranges for 95 members of another local nursing home. They enjoy holding services, too, for these elderly people.

The Senior Missionettes also made 10 dresses for a girl they have adopted in the Adriel Orphanage in Louisiana.

The first Missionettes rally of the New Orleans sec-

tion was held during Missionettes Week at the Westwego Assembly. Over 200 girls and their guests were present. After the program refreshments were served. This afforded a wonderful opportunity to promote the Missionettes program to many churches.

The most recently organized group in the church is the 10-member YWMC group. The advisers are Mrs. Joe Mathieu and Mrs. Ray Mobley. The Y's have been making stuffed toys for a local hospital.

The two WMC groups are also very busy with various projects. The group, of which Mrs. J. D. Savoie is president, made 12 quilts last year and also shipped several barrels of clothing to the American Indians. The other WMC group, of which Mrs. Vesta Dufrene is president, purchased toys for all the boys and girls of the Adriel Orphanage at Christmastime. They also packed boxes of special treats for servicemen overseas. They too conduct services in hospitals and nursing homes of the city.

One night in September these six groups met together for a candlelight service at which time the officers of each group were installed. At that service the birthday of Etta Calhoun (the founder of WMC) was also observed, each member contributing something to the Etta Calhoun Fund. This special fund provides indoor equipment for missions and benevolence institutions around the world.

Pastor Radke and his wonderful group of helpers are to be congratulated for the very effective outreach ministry of the girls and women at Westwego Assembly.

WMC group number 1 examines quilts made for Indian missions.



The second WMC group packs boxes for servicemen.

SECOND Y CONVENTION A SUCCESS

GIRLS FROM ALL OVER the Northern California-Nevada District gathered in Sacramento, California, on September 28 for their second annual Y convention. Following the theme, "Happiness Is," the program showed how girls can find excitement and contentment in every phase of their lives by putting Jesus Christ first.

During the day Miss Lois Kiker, a Y from Santa Rosa, California, was honored for her winning essay on the theme, "What Happiness Is to Me." She wrote:

"In this advanced age of Peanuts and Webster, happiness has been defined as 'A friend, an act of kindness, or *being in.*' These are superficial things that last only a short time; then the search for something more begins. The only answer is knowing the Lord as a personal friend and Saviour.

"Happiness means a lot to me. First of all, it means having a clean heart every second, every hour of the day; knowing the Lord is with me and in me, guiding each step and answering each plea.

"Happiness to me isn't necessarily a state of excitement or thrill. It's



Lois Kiker, Y from Santa Rosa, Calif., was honored for winning the essay contest, "What Happiness Is to Me."

a deep settled peace that comes in a constant, steady flow, regardless of the situation or mood. Sure, depression and trouble come, but the happiness deep inside never leaves.

"Also, happiness is being able to go to bed at night and know for sure that every sin has been forgiven and even though I may fail, Christ still loves me.

"But most important, happiness in its truest and best sense is being able to shout within my heart with every breath and ounce of sincerity I have, 'Lord Jesus, I love You!'"

As the day drew to a close, the girls realized that whether it be in dating, competing, music, dining, or spiritual matters, God can be an integral part of their lives. And only when He occupies the central position can they truly know what happiness is.



The Y convention concluded with a banquet. While the girls dined, Gary Vian entertained them with violin music.



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COUNTING THE COST OF COMMITMENT

Sunday School Lesson for January 19, 1969

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 14:25-33

THE GALILEAN MULTITUDES were highly enthusiastic over the idea that the Messiah would march into Jerusalem, set up His throne, and overthrow the power of Rome. So Christ found it necessary—especially since the time of His death was near—to let them know that discipleship was a rugged business that called for unreserved dedication and loyalty to Him.

COMMITMENT COMMANDED (Luke 14:25-27)

“If any man come to me, and hate not his father. . . .” For the sake of emphasis Christ used the hyperbole—an exaggeration—a favorite custom of speech among orientals. Christ did not encourage malice and hatred toward relatives. On the contrary, He frequently stressed the importance of fulfilling obligations to parents, children, husbands, and wives. But He pointed out emphatically that loyalty to Him must come before *any* earthly tie, however dear.

His words suggest many practical considerations:

1. *The temptation to evade one's responsibility to God*

HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE



JESUS SAID, "WHOSOEVER DOTH NOT BEAR HIS CROSS, AND COME AFTER ME, CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE." LUKE 14:27

Family

is especially subtle when it relates to those we love the most. Failure to reserve one's highest loyalty for Christ can only mean ultimate loss both to self and to society.

2. *Selfish interests cannot come before the interest of God's will and kingdom.* A nation of self-centered people becomes eventually a self-destroying nation. On the other hand, loyalty to God may mean immediate and temporal loss to one's self or family, but in the end it may mean the preservation of that family and society!

3. *Putting God first in our affections does not destroy other affections,* as for a wife or husband. Rather it is a means of deepening and perpetuating those affections.

“And whosoever doth not bear his cross. . . .” The Christian's cross has no reference to those trials and burdens which are the common lot of all men, sinners as well as saints. It is the symbol of those hardships and humiliations which result particularly from following Christ.

COMMITMENT CONSIDERED (Luke 14:28-33)

To stress the importance of counting the cost of discipleship, Jesus used two very down-to-earth similes:

1. *The uncompleted tower.* Just as a builder, failing to weigh the cost, may leave a partially built structure and subject himself to scorn, ridicule, or pity, so a prospective follower of Christ may fail to give due consideration to the cost involved in building the kind of life and character Christ desires!

This man began to build and was not able to finish. What a sad epitaph for any life! Many respond enthusiastically to the challenge of Christian service, but when they discover that such service involves time, effort, and difficulties, they lose their zeal and leave their work uncompleted.

One needs to consider not only what he wants to do, or what he will do if unhindered, but what he will do when the powers of darkness assail him.

Some who begin to build are unable to finish because (1) they are unreasonably ambitious and attempt too much; (2) they do not lay a strong foundation; (3) they try to do too many other things at the same time.

Building requires (1) constant reference to a plan; (2) continuous effort; (3) concentration upon the task.

Jesus did not mean to lead anyone to count the cost of building and leave them to conclude with, “I can't.” He meant for the would-be disciple to be well aware of all that is involved and then forsaking all self-confidence, forsaking all fear, and forsaking all doubt say, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

2. *The rash warfare.* The Christian must have no reservations in his all-out warfare against Satan, the world, and the flesh. He must think of no compromise but be assured that victory may be his only through using weapons which are not carnal but “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds” of Satan (2 Corinthians 10:4).



A MIRACLE OF GRACE IN ROOM 38

By MRS. S. E. MOONEY

IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY I could show my gratitude to God." These sincere words came from a 78-year-old man lying on his bed in Room 38 in a San Antonio (Texas) rest home. Sick in body, he was also sick in soul and spirit.

After a brief introduction we were soon engaged in conversation about the things of God. As the conversation progressed I learned that Mr. Drenon had once been a Christian—in fact, a Pentecostal Christian—and had been an evangelist in his youth. But that was 50 years ago.

With much grief and sorrow he related the story of how he had backslidden. Although he was sorry, he had the feeling that he had gone too far in sin for too long a time for God to forgive him.

"I appreciate how good God has been to me in spite of my meanness," he said, "but I couldn't expect Him to forgive me—not after all these years. That's asking too much of Him."

I reminded him of the story of the prodigal son and quoted to him scriptures such as, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37), and "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). He was moved, but still felt these did not include him, a backslidden preacher.

Then we began to talk of the goodness of God and the joys of salvation. He could only speak of joy as it had been so long ago. At this point the blessed Holy Spirit began to move on the scene.

The old man, mustering his waning strength said, "If there was only some way I could show my gratitude to God, it would make me feel better at least. But I don't think there is a way." Then he began to weep.

The Lord brought to my mind the scripture, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:12, 13). I emphasized that taking the cup of salvation was the step God wanted him to take in thanksgiving. If he accepted, this would be his greatest expression of gratitude to God.

Soon his tears were mingled with joy, and a holy light dawned upon his countenance. After a time of weeping and rejoicing, he became still. I thought perhaps he had fallen asleep; but he said, "No I haven't had peace like this in 50 years, and I was just enjoying it."

The following week we had another visit and prayer together. He was so happy to be in the Good Shepherd's fold again. Shortly afterward he was transferred to a veteran's hospital and I was unable to locate him. But I feel certain that he is still rejoicing in God's love and mercy.



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Kids were cross,
Food was scarce,
Shoes were lost.

I scaled no mountain high
But in the vale
My God was nigh:
Mid the toil,
Crabby spouse,
Fevered babe,
Cluttered house.

And yet no glorious sense
Of Jesus came.
But His presence
Calmed my nerves,
Made me smile.
God was near
All the while.

The day shall close with praise
For God is here!
So I raise my
Hallelujah anyway!
—From *Poems of Personal Experience*

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What did Jesus mean when He said we should turn the other cheek? (Matthew 5:39). Did He mean we should back down from a fight?

That is just what He meant. To turn the other cheek would demonstrate great victory over one's temper. In Matthew 5 Jesus is encouraging us to show His spirit, the true Christian spirit, under provocation and not to "return evil for evil."

Nathanael said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46). Why was Nazareth looked down upon?

Jews looked upon the seats of learning at Jerusalem as the intellectual centers, especially in the knowledge of the Law. This caused them to look upon the people of Nazareth as unlearned and inferior and without intellectual accomplishments.

That Jesus of Nazareth showed learning surprised them, causing them to say, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" (John 7:15). Jesus was divinely taught. Let us remember that in spiritual things this is the most effective learning.

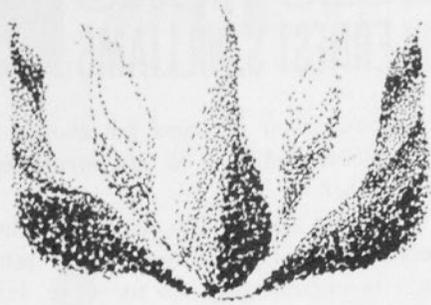
Please explain concerning Jesus going to the lower parts of the earth, then ascending and taking captivity captive (Ephesians 4:8-10).

Much ground is covered in this Scripture passage. We know Jesus died and rose again. It was prophesied of Him, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" (Psalm 16:10). The word translated *hell* is *sheol* in Hebrew, *hades* in Greek. Some teach it to be the grave. Many others believe *sheol* to be the place of departed spirits. Some even teach that while the body of Jesus lay in the sepulcher, His spirit was preaching "to the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:18-20).

In connection with the resurrection of Jesus, certain "graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose" (Matthew 27:52, 53). Jesus had spoken of His death as follows: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone" (John 12:24). The wave sheaf, which typified His resurrection, consisted of the firstfruits of the harvest (Leviticus 23:10). It is generally accepted that those who came forth from their graves when Jesus arose from the dead fulfilled the wave sheaf type, being "the firstfruits of them that slept." Thus captivity was taken captive as it says in Ephesians 4:8.

When Christ died He descended first into the lower parts of the earth. Rising from the dead, "when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive," or, as the margin reads, "a multitude of captives captive," thus fulfilling Psalm 68:18: "Thou has ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive."

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.



THE CLASSROOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By H. W. STEINBERG / *National Secretary, Department of Education*

PROBABLY EVERY BELIEVER at some time has wished he might have sat at the feet of Jesus to hear Him teach. While no one can go back almost two thousand years to have this experience, all may have the privilege of learning from the Holy Spirit who has been sent to teach God's people "all things" (John 14:26).

In his book, *Teaching for Christian Maturity*, George M. Flattery writes: "On the eve of His death, Jesus alluded to several of the teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit. He indicated that, after His departure, the Holy Spirit would teach, remind, and lead." In the process of being "conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29), it is comforting to know that every believer can enjoy the personal teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Recognizing the need of such teaching is probably one of the first qualities of a good student. There are many things in life which can be learned in the normal process of development, but some things can be learned only as the Holy Spirit reveals them. Paul was aware of this truth when he wrote: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). The more the believer becomes aware of the importance of divine truth, the more he will welcome the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Recognizing that the Bible is the textbook of the Holy Spirit is a second quality of the good student. Shortly before His crucifixion Jesus prepared the hearts of the disciples by telling them it was necessary for Him to leave so that the Holy Spirit might come (John 16:7). At this time Jesus also preauthenticated the New Testament by indicating that the Holy Spirit would teach the disciples all things and also bring to their remembrance what He told them (John 14:26).

Soon after Christ ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit began His work of teaching and reminding the writers of the New Testament books. Paul affirmed that Scripture is the Textbook of the Holy Spirit when he wrote: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God

may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

In the writing of the New Testament, the words of Christ were brought to remembrance and the "all things" were revealed (John 14:26). If the person striving for Christian maturity wishes to take advantage of the teaching of the Holy Spirit, he will regularly refer to the Textbook authored by the Holy Spirit.

Recognizing the human teachers to whom the Holy Spirit has given teaching ministries will also make the Spirit's teaching ministry more effective. Paul, one of the great teachers of the Early Church, wrote, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:12, 13).

Those from whom believers can learn are varied. Among the gifted ones whom God has set in the Church are people with teaching ministries (1 Corinthians 12:28). Paul recognized himself to be a teacher appointed by God (1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11). The aged women in the New Testament were also recognized as having a teaching ministry (Titus 2:3). Bishops, among other qualifications, were to have an aptness for teaching (1 Timothy 3:1, 2). The writer to the Hebrews also recognized that there is a sense in which all believers ought to be teachers. The Hebrew Christians were censured for not having developed their ability to teach (Hebrews 5:12).

As believers recognize that they can learn from all who are depending on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, they will strive to learn from every believer with whom they come in contact. This will further enhance their spiritual maturity.

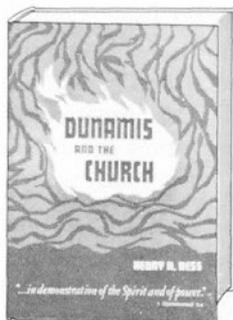
Scripture recognizes that there are some who will not receive the things of the Spirit of God. They are called "natural" men (1 Corinthians 2:14). John, however, wrote to people of the Early Church and said, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Revelation 2:7). Those who have the listening ear are the ones who will do everything possible to be in the classroom of the Holy Spirit to receive His instruction. As they are taught by Him, they become more like the Lord Jesus Christ whom the Spirit exalts (John 16:14). This is Christian maturity. 

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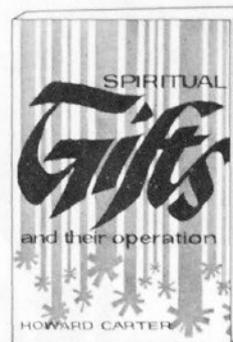
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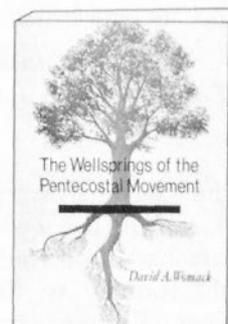


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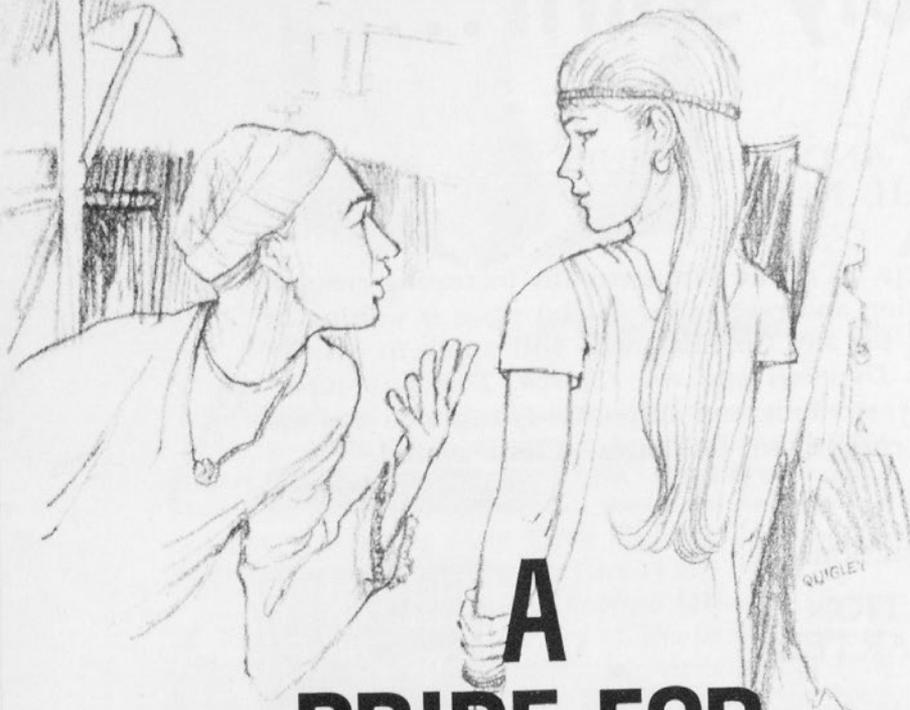
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IT WAS HER DECISION; WOULD SHE GO?



A BRIDE FOR ISAAC

By RICHARD ORCHARD

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THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL LOVE STORY in Genesis 24, and the key words are, "I will go."

Abraham had conceived the plan of sending a servant to the old country to find a bride for his son Isaac. The servant, Eliezer, faithfully carried out his part of the plan by going to the right place and speaking the right words. His job could scarcely have been done with better efficiency and grace.

Meanwhile, in the tents of Abraham the prospective bridegroom waited, prayed, watched the horizon, and momentarily expected the return of his father's servant.

The Bible story is a beautiful picture of the great plan of salvation. At present the heavenly Servant, the Holy Spirit, is here on His divine errand of finding a bride for Christ. The Bridegroom is spending His time in the heavenly tabernacle waiting, praying, looking for-

ward to the return of the Holy Spirit with the Bride.

But the overall success of the servant's journey depended on the decision of Rebekah. Would she accept the idea of going away to marry a man she had never seen? Would she rebel against the long toilsome journey? Could she be persuaded to break home ties, leave parents and friends, and start a brand-new life? *No one else could answer this for her.*

A member of her family said, "We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth." In the tense moments that followed, the question was put directly to her, "Wilt thou go with this man?"

Without hesitation she replied, "*I will go.*"

When an individual is asked by the Holy Spirit to leave the old patterns to start a new life, it is often a time of tremendous tension and soul-searching; for to be "born again" is an even greater drama than being born the first time.

This decision took C. T. Studd from the English cricket fields to the Orient. For Livingstone it meant going through Africa's steaming jungles. Daniel's decision led through a lions' den and a king's banquet hall. The decision to go led Paul from the Damascus road to the block of a Roman executioner.

What is the compelling force that has led millions to make this journey? What is it about God's plan of redemption that causes men to take up the cross, reverse the order of their lives, and follow the Holy Spirit into the unknown future?

Among the reasons we must consider first the work of the Holy Spirit. With each one of our hearts He has used the utmost tact, courtesy, and earnestness in persuading us to make the journey to the "tents of Isaac." He has faithfully carried out His mission of telling us about the Lord. He has not exalted Himself or sought any personal praise; His sole purpose has been to carry out the plan of the Father. And He has pledged to see us safely through if we will go with Him. This is the "earnest of our inheritance."

Another reason individuals decide to go is the enjoyment of the gifts and graces the Lord has sent as tokens of His love. We may enjoy these gifts while the journey progresses. Isaac had sent much jewelry and other beautiful things to Rebekah. Acceptance of these indicated her response to his love. Similarly, Jesus has instructed the Holy Spirit to adorn the Bride with spiritual gifts, grace of character, fruits of righteousness, and all that is needed to prepare her for the mighty events at the end of the journey.

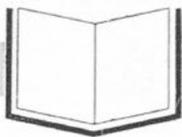
Finally, it is wise to remember that it is now evening. "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and behold, the camels were coming."

The years are passing rapidly, and every sign indicates that we are approaching the journey's end—we will soon be at the tents of our heavenly Isaac.

Remember this: the decision to go with the Holy Spirit is always a personal decision. No one can decide for another, and no one ever regretted making his decision for God.

"The road behind was rugged and the road ahead seems long—, But it leads at last to life's eternal goal; So I'll keep on pressing forward with a smile and with a song— For just o'er the next horizon I'll see Jesus."

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THE LORD, AN EVERLASTING LIGHT

By ARLO G. SWANSON

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11).

LOVE THIS VERSE because I have received assurance and rich blessings from the Lord through it many times in my Christian life. I think of how big God is, of all He has done and will do for me, when this scripture comes to my mind.

If I know Him, I have nothing to fear, for He goes before me, lighting and leading the way. I can have complete confidence in Him for His shield (the Holy Spirit) is around me. The Word assures me that the Lord shall be an everlasting light to me.

I have a right to claim His provisions for my needs according to His Word, and He gives me that which is beneficial.

God has richly blessed my family and me since I have known Him as Lord and Saviour. As long as I walk with Him and trust Him, He will give me what I need, for God blesses and prospers His own.

As I walk in complete dedication to Him, my spiritual, physical, and financial needs are met.

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HEALED OF HEPATITIS AND OTHER AILMENTS

I THANK THE LORD that when I did what the Bible said for me to do, then He fulfilled His promise in my life: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14, 15).

It was almost two years ago when I became sick and was admitted to the hospital. The doctor told me I had hepatitis, diabetes, a nonfunctioning gall bladder, and a problem in the reproductive organs.

My pastor and his wife came and prayed for me. I only had to stay in the hospital six days.

After a checkup and more lab tests, the doctor told me to make an appointment with the gynecologist in the same clinic to have some repair work done.

On the Sunday evening before the appointment I asked my pastor to anoint me with oil and pray for me as the Bible directs. Then I thanked the Lord for the stripes Jesus bore in His body that I might be healed.

When the specialist examined me he was dumbfounded and said, "I know the other doctor thought you needed this treatment or he wouldn't have sent you to me. But there isn't a thing wrong with you." He checked my chart again to make sure there wasn't a mistake. The glucose tolerance test to see how my body could handle sugar was satisfactory.

The doctor had me return for a second test because he explained, "You have to learn to live with diabetes; there is no cure." I told my doctor that although I had faith in him as a doctor, I had faith in Someone above him too.

I feel so humble when I think of all the good things God has done for me. I am so unworthy—but He is so gracious. I thank and praise Him for healing my body.—Ethel Frost, Sulphur, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Richard Frye, First Assembly, Sulphur, Okla.)

YOUNG MAN HEALED OF NEARSIGHTEDNESS

IN 1965 I WAS INSTANTLY HEALED of a nearsighted condition I had from childhood. Even with glasses I always had to hold a book close to my eyes in order to read.

While attending camp meeting at Dry Creek, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Marvin E. Gorman was there as the evangelist and my eyes were prayed for at that time.

When I returned home I didn't want to wear my glasses. My mother kept insisting that I wear them, and I kept telling her I didn't need them.

Finally she took me to an eye specialist. He told me I didn't need glasses at all, so Mother was convinced that I was healed. Now I can read my Bible or anything else.

Please pray for me that I may have an opportunity to learn. I was mentally retarded and was unable to continue in public school after the age of 16. I am now 20 and I believe I could learn more if I had the chance.

I am thankful to God that I have the knowledge to tell people how to be saved. I want to work for God and my fellowman.—Sonny Riggs, Pineville, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor David Schultz, Alpine Assembly of God, Tioga, La.)

PASTOR'S BACK HEALED

LAST JULY THE LORD HEALED ME of a back condition which I had suffered for two and one-half years.

By spinal adjustments two or three times a week, the doctor helped me stay on my feet. But the relief was only temporary and I was in constant pain.

My church made it possible for me to attend the Oklahoma District camp meeting and from the time I left home I felt God was going to heal me.

Evangelist C. M. Ward preached and invited the congregation to come to the altar for whatever they might need. While I was kneeling at the altar one of the district presbyters laid his hand on my shoulder and said, "Lord, You healed me of back trouble a few weeks ago." Then he prayed for me. The presbyter did not even know what was wrong with me.

The Lord healed me in that meeting several months ago. Now I feel great. Praise the Lord.—Pastor Richard Frye, First Assembly, Sulphur, Okla.

CAMPUS COLUMN

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JAMES BROWN NAMED SEBC PRESIDENT

LAKELAND, FLA.—James D. Brown, an instructor for four years at North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., has been named president of South-Eastern Bible College here.



The new president assumed his responsibilities prior to the fall semester. He succeeds Arthur H. Graves who resigned last May because of poor health.

Brother Brown, a native of Excel, Ala., is an alumnus of Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. He received a master's degree and completed his residence requirements for a doctor's degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

He received ordination from the Alabama District in 1953. During

more than 10 years in the evangelistic field, he traveled in 48 states and four continents. He has been a popular camp-meeting speaker and has ministered at such conventions as the General Council, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, the 50th anniversary of the Assemblies of God, and the General Conference of the Assemblies of God of Great Britain and Ireland.

Since 1962 Brother Brown has been in the field of education. He was guest lecturer at CBC for one semester before taking a post at NCBC.

President Brown has recently been named to the board of education of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. He is also a consulting editor for *Paraclete*.

His articles have been published in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, *Advance*, and *Paraclete*.



Chaplain Linzey talks with Evangel student Bob Stone from St. Paul, Minn., in a counseling period.

SPIRIT OUTPOURED AT EVANGEL COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Twenty-one Evangel College students received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during Spiritual Emphasis Week, November 17-22.

The speaker was Commander Stanford E. Linzey Jr., an Assemblies of God chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

Chaplain Linzey met with the students in classes, discussion groups, and personal counseling sessions in addition to the morning and evening chapel services.

He went to the men's dormitory one evening at their request; two students were baptized in the Holy

Spirit. Another day, a women's residence invited Chaplain Linzey for devotions, and five students were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Brother Linzey had emphasized the fullness of the Holy Spirit in his messages, using as texts Joel 2:28; Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:4, 5; 1:8; 2:1-4; and chapters 8, 10, and 19 of the Book of Acts.

"I found the students of Evangel were alert, keen, and desirous of spiritual emphasis in their lives. They buzzed the messages around in coffee sessions and discussions. I will have a lot of fond memories of Evangel," Chaplain Linzey said.

SCC NAMES LIBRARY IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT BUDGE

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—The board of directors of Southern California College recently named its library in honor of Dr. O. Cope Budge. The formal announcement came at a convocation celebrating his 10th anniversary as president of the college.

Southern California District Superintendent William H. Robertson read the citation which concluded: "In recognition of your significant contributions to the strengthening and development of Southern California College, the board of directors wishes to honor

you as a capable administrator, reflective scholar, inspiring preacher, Christian gentleman, and friend by designating that the library of the college hereafter is to be known as 'The O. Cope Budge Library of Southern California College.'"

Brother Robertson recalled that the board of directors unanimously elected Brother Budge president. And each time his term of office has expired, he has been requested by unanimous vote to continue as president.

In further tribute Superintendent Robertson stated that they

had found in President Budge "a man with a sympathetic appreciation for and a deep commitment to the important spiritual and moral values which are basic to the purpose of SCC."

He continued, "That we found God's man...has certainly been borne out...by this decade of progress under your administration."

The enrollment at SCC has grown from 236 students in 1959 to 533 for the fall of 1968.

"When you were installed as president, this chapel was the only

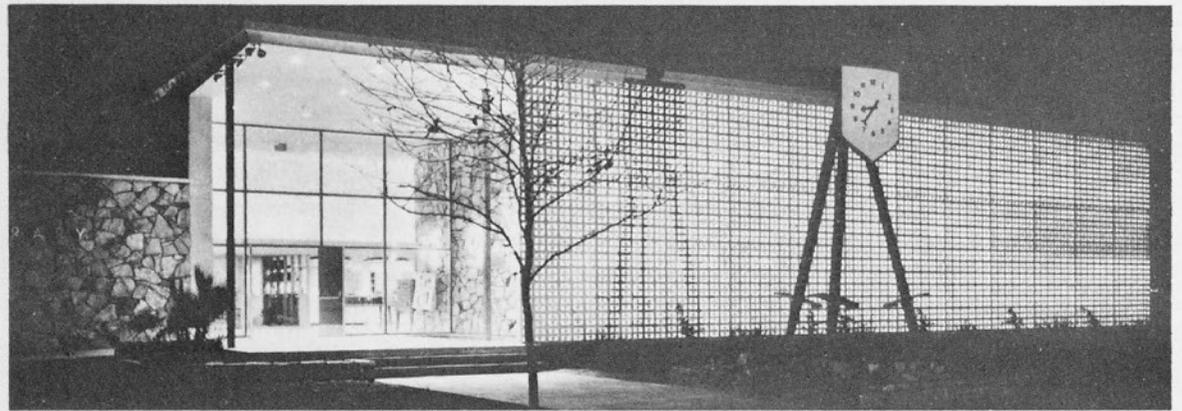
permanent building. Under your leadership five additional permanent structures have been completed and the campus improved.

"The academic stature of the college has reflected careful building on your part. Wise selection of administrators and faculty to help you, thoughtful enlargement of the curriculum within the college's human and economic resources have strengthened the college's image in the academic world."

Brother Robertson also stressed the fact that in spite of the enlarged liberal arts emphasis at SCC, it "still continues...to challenge young men and women to enter church professions."



Southern California College President O. Cope Budge (left) receives citation from Southern California District Superintendent William H. Robertson in behalf of the board of directors of the college. At this 10th anniversary convocation of his presidency, the library was named in honor of Brother Budge.



CBC INTERN HAS MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN GHANA

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Lois Nissley, nurse and senior class secretary at Central Bible College, spent two months last summer at the Assemblies of God mission in Nakpanduri, Ghana, West Africa.

As one of the Campus Missions Fellowship interns and a prospective missionary, Lois "did everything from helping deliver twins to threading pipe for a new water tower."

Children walk with Lois from the primary school to the clinic. Abu is standing in front of Lois.



In relating the valuable experience she gained, Lois explained that Eloise Smith and Ruth Anderson (resident missionaries) "had me do many things they knew would be helpful later on."

She continued, "In addition to assisting in the clinic, I had opportunities to minister to the spiritual needs of the people. I spoke for the church services several times and taught 35 religious instruction classes."

These classes, similar to released-time classes in the U.S., were for pupils at the near-by primary and middle public schools. Ghana's military government requires that all students receive one-half hour of religious training daily.

Some of these children insisted on walking her home to the clinic. Lois recalls, "One of them gave me one of my two most rewarding experiences in Ghana."

"Abu was a pupil in primary school. Although his father was a Muslim, Abu didn't reject or make fun of any of the Christian teaching I gave him."

"During the religious instruction period at school I always invited the children to the story hours on Saturday. Abu came and listened and finally, one day when I gave the altar call, he accepted Christ as his Saviour. As far as I know he has remained faithful to the Lord."

Lois stated that her other most rewarding experience was the time she accompanied the daughter of missionaries in Tamale to visit an old chief who had never heard the gospel. He was very impressed when they told him of God's love for all men. He told them white people never came to him unless they had something very important to tell him.

"The days were long and often physically tiring," Lois recalled. "But how do you measure your labor for the Lord? Or how do you measure His payments to you? The personal good I received from my internship in Ghana was worth every penny I spent and every hour I worked... It was such a joy to be in a land where people readily accepted what I said about the gospel and begged for more. I know it was God's plan for me to spend those months in Ghana."

A/G COLLEGE ENROLLMENT EXCEEDS 5,000

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Assemblies of God college enrollment has passed the 5,000 mark for the first time in its history. The exact figure is 5,084 for the nine arts and sciences and Bible colleges for the fall of 1968. This is a gain of 224 or 4.6 percent over last year, according to the annual report prepared by the Department of Education.

Enrollment figures for individual schools are: Bethany Bible College, 496; Central Bible College, 684; Evangel College, 881; North Central Bible College, 445; Northeast Bible Institute, 284; Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, 547; South-Eastern Bible College, 594; Southern California College, 533; and Southwestern Assemblies of God College, 620.

An interesting and informative aspect of the annual report is summarized under "Student Ministry." According to figures received, 2,770 persons were saved and 263 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit last year through services in which students participated. Students gave more than \$65,700 to missions.

KOREAN RECEIVES DOCTORATE FROM BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Bethany Bible College recently honored Cho Yonggi, superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Korea, by conferring upon him a doctor of divinity degree. The investiture was made in a chapel service on the college campus.

Bethany President C. C. Burnett presided at the service in

which he cited Brother Cho as a "servant of God" and for his "great leadership and dedication to the cause of Christ."

Maynard Ketcham, field secretary of the Far East for the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department, was present to represent the denomination.

Brother Cho, who pastors the

7,500-member Assembly of God in Seoul (one of the world's largest Pentecostal churches), was concluding a business mission to the United States when he made his three-day stop at Bethany. He spoke to the combined student body four times and held numerous private interviews with faculty and students.

Born into a Buddhist home in Pusan in 1936, Brother Cho studied and completed his secondary education in 1955. Before contracting tuberculosis, he planned to enter the medical profession. His miraculous healing and salvation changed the course of his life. Later he was instrumental in winning his parents to Christ.

Upon graduation from a Korean Bible college in 1958, Brother Cho started a church at Bul Kwang Dong in Seoul. In three years it grew to 500 members.

Leaving this church in 1961, he became one of the founding pastors of the Full Gospel Central Church of Seoul. Two years later he was ordained and accepted the full pastorate. Under his leadership the church has continued to grow to its present status.

Brother Cho is an evangelist of international prominence having ministered in most of the major cities of Korea and in many foreign countries.

He continued his studies and in the spring of 1968 received the bachelor of law degree from Gook Meen College in Seoul.

In addition to his other responsibilities, Brother Cho is a teacher at the Assemblies of God Bible college, president of the Bible college board of the Day and Night Bible Colleges, and member of the board of the World Pentecostal Conference.

CBC HAS SUCCESSFUL "TITUS DAY"

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Forty-four churches of the Southern Missouri District opened their pulpits to Central Bible College students for its first Titus Day on November 3, 1968.

John Wilson, former director of Christian Service at CBC, introduced the idea of a Titus Day program which is sponsored jointly by the district and the college. It is designed to give ministerial students an opportunity to minister and to give the churches an opportunity to share the vision and zeal of the students.

The program bears the name of one of the proteges of the apostle Paul because his ministry was characterized by training young men for the ministry.

Titus Day brought many rewarding experiences. One married student had the joy of seeing his eight-year-old son accept Christ as a result of his ministry. Ten

additional conversions were reported, and two people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several testimonies of healing were also reported.

Pastors were enthusiastic. One said, "The Movement is in good hands if this is the kind of students CBC is producing."

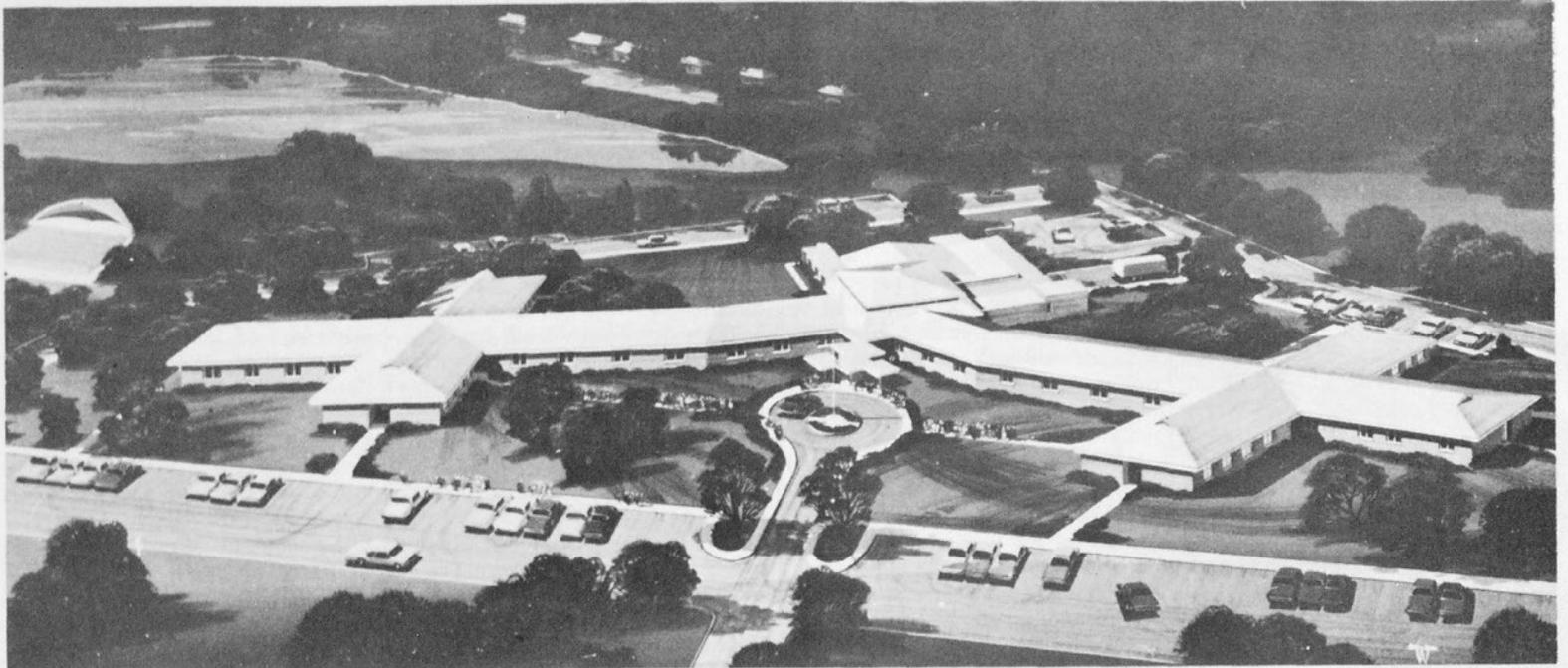
Most of the students preached in both services on Sunday, and a few preached at Saturday night rallies. They also brought glowing reports. They said it was a "wonderful experience"; they appreciated very much the opportunities to minister. They learned much by the experience and were greatly encouraged.

Titus Day will be a continuing program, planned generally for the first Sunday of November, according to Edmund L. Tedeschi, present director of Christian Service at CBC.

Bethany Bible College President C. C. Burnett reads the citation conferring a doctorate upon Cho Yonggi. Elmer Kirsch (left), dean, and Kenneth Haystead, chairman of the board, assisted.



NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Architect's concept of the new Assemblies of God nursing home, with retirement village in background.

CONSTRUCTION SOON TO BEGIN ON NURSING HOME AND RETIREMENT VILLAGE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Construction of a nursing home and retirement village here by the General Council of the Assemblies of God is to begin very soon.

Plans for the project were approved by the General Presbytery last August, at which time construction was authorized. They envisage a 120-bed nursing home and a series of retirement struc-

tures, each of which will contain four or more one-bedroom apartments.

A 45-acre tract adjoining Central Bible College on the east has been purchased as the site. It is anticipated that the nursing home and some of the retirement structures will be completed in 1969.

The village promises to be one of the most modern and adequate

facilities of its kind in the Midwest. Retired Assemblies of God ministers, missionaries, and lay members, as well as others who meet the basic qualifications for occupancy, will be the residents for this complex.

Rates for residents will be based on the costs of construction and furnishings, which are not yet known. Rates are expected to

compare favorably with those for similar accommodations in the general area.

Inquiries from persons who may be interested in living in the new facilities are invited. Requests for information should be addressed to: Bert Webb, Chairman, Nursing Home and Retirement Village Committee, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



WARREN, OHIO—First Assembly here recently experienced an outstanding time of refreshing during special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin.

The prayer and preparation of the congregation was rewarded by the move of God in the meeting. Over 70 came forward for salvation, including 24 on the last Sunday morning.

The final service, which emphasized missions, concluded with about 50 young people coming forward to dedicate their lives to the Lord.

Brother Eskelin's appearances on TV and radio contributed to the excellent attendance.

—Philip Wannemacher, pastor

During the final service with Ernie Eskelin, over 50 young people came forward to dedicate themselves for the ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25th ANNIVERSARY—Assembly of God, Anoka, Minnesota, January 26. Guest speakers: Paul M. Cardiff and L. G. Tandberg. Guest speaker for fellowship meeting on Monday, January 27, will be Bartlett Peterson, general secretary of the Assemblies of God.

—Wilbur Mandigo, pastor.

DEDICATION SERVICES — First Assembly, Battle Creek, Mich., January 19. Guest speakers: Assistant General Superintendent Charles W. H. Scott, and District Superintendent E. D. Cooley.—Herbert E. Eicher, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

LELA FRANCES BROWN, 75, of Black Rock, Ark., went to be forever with Jesus on November 1, 1968. Sister Brown was licensed in 1951 by the Arkansas District. She is survived by two sons and one daughter.



(Left) The California Training Camp was held at Shaver Lake, Calif. Johnnie Barnes (center front) is the National Commander of the Royal Rangers Program. (Right) The trainees in the Missouri Training Camp set up their own tents before the camp began.



NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS HELD FOR ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

RECOGNIZING THE VITAL NEED for trained leaders in the Royal Rangers program, the Royal Rangers division of the national MF department conducted four National Training Camps in 1968. These were held in Missouri, Colorado, California, and New York.

Each camp was organized into a large outpost with the camp director becoming the outpost commander and camp instructors becoming lieutenant commanders. The trainees were organized into patrols, and for three exciting days they lived in tents, cooked over campfires, and received around-the-clock training.

The opportunity of fellowshiping with other Christian men from various parts of the country added to the excitement and enthusiasm of participating in patrol compe-

tion, projects, and activities. Many of the men discovered why boys enjoy Royal Rangers so much, as lasting friendships were made among the commanders.

Joe Pottle of Massachusetts commented, "This experience was unique in that I saw the Royal Rangers program from a boy's viewpoint."

An overnight hike, a backpack trip, and colorful council fires were among the events that made NTC an outdoor adventure the men will never forget. "I have received training in the U.S. Maritime Service and in the Boy Scouts," stated Raleigh Johnson of New Jersey, "but this is the greatest training experience I have ever had."

Training classes were held in winning boys to Christ, the problems of boys, conducting council fires, ropecraft, toolcraft, firecraft,

compass and map, lashing, first aid, camp safety, nature study, conducting outpost meetings, and tips on leadership training. The men not only received instructions but were also required to demonstrate their knowledge of these subjects.

In the toolcraft class, for example, they were required to sharpen an ax. In ropecraft they each spliced a rope; in firecraft they started a fire with flint and steel; and in the compass class they followed several compass courses specified by the instructor. Ed White of Florida feels this was a "rugged experience to be remembered for a lifetime."

In addition to the outstanding training, the men received a spiritual refreshing as the Holy Spirit moved in the camps. Many were broken and weeping before God as they dedicated themselves anew for

service to Him. In the words of Jerry Longwell of Texas, "This has been the greatest experience in my Royal Rangers career. I praise God for the opportunity of rededicating my life to Christian leadership of boys."

At the end of the camps, the men who had completed the training program received a certificate and a blue beret with the NTC patch on it as marks of their achievement.

The words of Don Franklin of Texas sum up the National Training Camps very well: "The administration was excellent, the program was wonderful, food was very good, devotionals inspiring, the organization superior, setting superb, the subject materials highly informative, and the quality of instruction excellent. I was greatly pleased with every aspect of NTC."



NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS FOR 1969
TEXAS—Fort Hood Reservation, Belton, Tex.—April 10-13, 1969.
OZARK—Camp Arrowhead, Marshfield, Mo.—May 22-25, 1969.
WEST COAST—Shaver Lake, Calif.—July 16-27, 1969.
ADIRONDACK—Adirondack Wilderness, Newcomb, N. Y.—August 7-10, 1969.



Training classes (above left) were a part of each camp. Here Instructor Paul Johnson (Calif.) teaches the class. (Left) Overnight backpack hikes added to the outdoor adventures of each camp, as did cooking all meals over an open campfire (right). These camps were structured so around-the-clock training was received by all trainees.



REMODELED WASHINGTON CHURCH DEDICATED IN HOMECOMING SERVICES

SEQUIM, WASH.—The Assembly of God here recently held two days of special dedication-homecoming services for its newly remodeled and refurbished sanctuary. The five former pastors were present for these services.

Frank McAllister, assistant superintendent of the Northwest District, led the congregation in the morning dedicatory service, and A. R. Mattson, first pastor of the church, was guest speaker for the evening service.

Three of the five persons who attended the first service held in 1939 were present.

In the major remodeling program just completed, the sanctuary was repainted and expanded to seat 200. New seats, upholstered in turquoise blue, were installed as was red carpeting. The A-frame roof emphasizes a white stone wall background with a walnut cross at the front of the sanctuary.

A new choir area is centrally located, with a fiberglass baptistry to one side. A new walnut pulpit and communion table completed the appointments in the sanctuary. An electrical heating system was also installed.

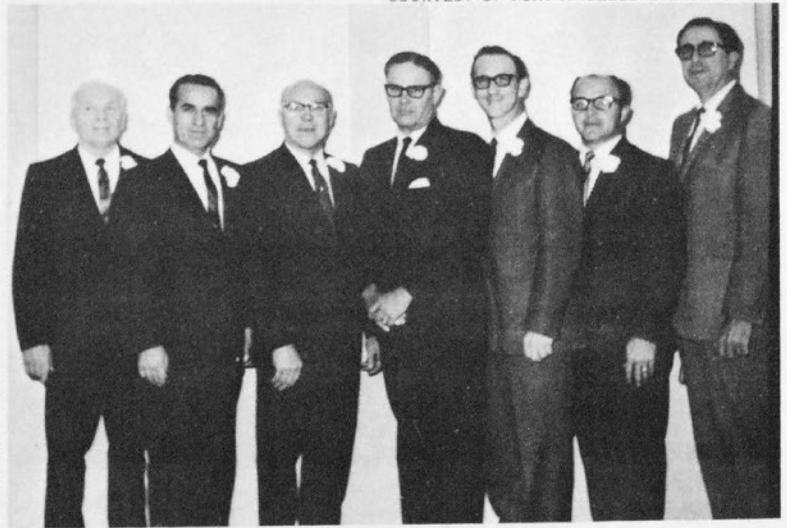
Valued at over \$11,000, the remodeling project cost only \$6,000 and is paid for in full. A large part of the labor was donated by the men of the church.

During the past 29 years this church has been a witness for the cause of Christ in the Sequim area. There has been a continual

growth numerically, financially, and spiritually.

Pastor Kenneth Lindgren states, "These have been days definitely blessed of the Lord during which His divine purpose has unfolded for this assembly."

All former pastors were present for the dedication services. Left to right: A. R. Mattson, John Tapero, Ernest Welk, Alfred Olsen, Frank Cole, Kenneth Lindgren, and Frank McAllister, assistant superintendent of Northwest District.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Coden	A/G	Jan. 17-26	S. P. Bostic Jr.	J. C. Moore
	Enterprise	First	Jan. 13-26	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Howard Trawick
Ark.	Greenwood	A/G	Jan. 12-19	Edward Swartout	Everett Hogan
Calif.	Alhambra	Bethany Ch.	Jan. 5—	Arne Vick	Kenneth Haystead
	Bell Gardens	First	Jan. 14—	Arne Vick	Oran Duncan
	Carpinteria	Calvary Chapel	Jan. 1-12	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Max E. Applegate
	Chula Vista	First	Jan. 15-26	Keetah Jones	Howard Ryan
	Coalinga	A/G	Jan. 7-19	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Lyle D. Field
	Hayward	Bethel Temple	Jan. 5-19	Bob Watters	William Thomton
	McKinleyville	¹ A/G	Jan. 12-17	Charles Senechal	George Alcorn
	Napa	Bethel	Jan. 14-26	James & Beulah Pepper	Joseph Ferrante
	Salida	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Robert & John Stephens	Hugo Williams
	Ventura	A/G	Jan. 15-26	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Dwight McLaughlin
	Vista	A/G	Jan. 15-26	Kenneth & Theda Wright	James E. White
	Watsonville	Pajaro First	Jan. 19-26	George Holmes	E. L. Klinsky
Colo.	Pueblo	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Jim Mackey	Clarence Lambert
Fla.	Cape Canaveral	Palm Chapel	Jan. 1-13	Ernie Eskelin	T. G. Sutton
	Ft. Myers	Northside	Jan. 6-19	Randall A. Walker	V. L. Clark
	Miami	Sunset Chapel	Jan. 15-27	Ernie Eskelin	E. E. Mosher
	Okeechobee	Trinity	Jan. 8-12	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Robert McNew
	Palm Harbor	First	Jan. 14-19	Doug & Judy Maners	W. Gary Chapin
	Plant City	Faith Temple	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Doug & Judy Maners	Ernest Holbrook
	St. Petersburg	First	Jan. 15-26	The Singing Lunsfords	Don Rippey
	W. Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Jan. 14-26	Bob Larson	Glen Horst
Ga.	Columbus	N. Highland	Jan. 1-12	Harold Davis	Clarence Cope
Ill.	Clinton	A/G Tab.	Jan. 13-26	Howard & Barbara Young	Clifford DePrenger
	Danville	First	Jan. 5-12	Phil Hastie Team	Gordon Nelson
	Mattoon	First	Jan. 15-26	Winferd Mack	Truman E. Smith
Ind.	Edinburg	A/G	Jan. 15-26	Charles E. Crank	Richard Sandbach
Iowa	Ft. Dodge	First	Jan. 14-26	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Dean Underwood
	Knoxville	A/G	Jan. 14-26	Larry & Coleen Griswold	M. H. Mooberry
	Oskaloosa	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Larry & Coleen Griswold	C. Max Johnson
Ky.	Murray	First	Jan. 12—	Frank & Connie Sanders	Doyle M. Webb
La.	Shreveport	Linwood	Jan. 13-26	Darrell & Mrs. Pileher	Frank Andrews
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Tab.	Jan. 14-26	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Ralph Campbell
Mich.	Kalamazoo	First	Jan. 14-26	E. A. Manley	Charles Green
Minn.	Little Falls	A/G	Jan. 5-12	O. E. Carter	Robert Abbott
Miss.	Canton	First	Jan. 1-12	Thomas R. Calk	Jerry Weems
	Morton	Holmes	Jan. 13—	Thomas R. Calk	Edgar Jenkins
Mo.	Potosi	A/G	Jan. 6-19	C. G. Rose	Roy Bennett
	St. James	A/G	Jan. 14-26	Wallace & Carol Joice	T. Bluford Conway
Nebr.	Columbus	A/G	Jan. 19-Feb. 2	Knott-Olson Team	Dale K. Eden
N. J.	Rockaway	First	Jan. 8-19	George & Evelyn Butrin	Levi Storms
N. Y.	Endicott	A/G	Jan. 4-12	James L. Snyder	Robert Bressette
N. C.	Durham	Bible Revival Cntr.	Jan. 5-19	August A. Anderson	Louie Shultz
Ohio	Columbus	Trinity	Jan. 14-19	Richard J. Pasquale	William T. Dick
	New Philadelphia	First	Jan. 8-19	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Kenneth Shaffer
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Richard J. Pasquale	Boyd McClellan
Okla.	Collinsville	A/G	Jan. 15-26	Ervin Asiatico	C. H. Miller
	Miami	Northwest	Jan. 14-26	Milo Harmon	Charles Long
Tex.	Bridgeport	A/G	Jan. 1—	Travis & Mrs. Corder	M. L. Milton
	Big Spring	Evangel Temple	Dec. 29—	Chas. & Judy McKnight	Melvin McKnight
	Dayton	First	Jan. 7-19	Mike & Linda Murdock	H. J. Weaver
	Ft. Worth	First	Jan. 15-19	Glen Shinn Family	Eugene Perrault
	Houston	Shady Oaks	Jan. 13—	Morris & Mrs. Lefkovitz	Billy Sanders
	Jasper	First	Jan. 12-19	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	J. C. Durham
	Odessa	Southside	Jan. 13-19	J. D. & Patsy Rogers	William Bozeman
	Paris	First	Jan. 5-19	Dennis Thrasher	D. Ray Decker
	San Augustine	First	Jan. 12-19	L. G. Flowers	Forrest Helton
Va.	Chesapeake	² Bethel	Dec. 29-Jan. 19	David & Mary Dean	Hugh Mason
Wash.	Port Angeles	A/G	Jan. 15-26	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Frank E. Cole
	Moses Lake	Berean	Jan. 8-19	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Ernest Welk
W. Va.	Dorothy	A/G	Jan. 1—	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Homer Peterson Sr.
Wyo.	Rawlins	Trinity	Jan. 12-24	Ken Krivohlavek	Dave Griffen

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TEENS DESTROY THEIR ROCK 'N' ROLL RECORDS AT CHURCH ALTAR

DETROIT, MICH.—In a concerted effort to help adults and teens “bridge the generation gap,” Brightmoor Tabernacle here recently conducted special services with Evangelist Bob Larson.

A rock ‘n’ roll singer prior to his conversion in 1963, Evangelist Larson draws on a wealth of knowledge of today’s youth in his ministry.

Author of the book, *Rock ‘n’ Roll, the Devil’s Diversion*, he speaks the language of the younger generation as he points out from personal experience the evils of rock ‘n’ roll.

While in Detroit, Brother Larson was interviewed on a local TV station and lectured at one of the junior high schools.

He believes one of the reasons churches have difficulty in reaching young people is because many of the ministers are not informed of the everyday problems facing today’s youth.

Pastor Bond Bowman stated, “The final night of the meeting was a time we will never forget. It was impossible to seat the people, and scores were turned away. At the close of the service 53 teens and young adults came forward for salvation or reconsecration.

Over 200 made a profession of salvation during this meeting, and hundreds of dollars’ worth of rock ‘n’ roll records were broken before the altar. Many of these records came from the homes of church members.

Pastor Bowman feels that rock ‘n’ roll music “corrupts and is a subtle intrusion into Christian homes under the guise of harmless music.”

“But Bob Larson exposed this delusion,” he continued, “and has helped us build a bridge across the generation gap. By God’s grace, we shall maintain it by watching and prayer until our Lord shall come.”

CABINS, W. VA.—Churches in the Petersburg, W. Va., area joined with the Assembly of God here for a union camp meeting.

God greatly used the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don Parker of Baxter, W. Va., who were the camp speakers.

Thirty-three young people made decisions for Christ, 50 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 24 were refilled. Forty-six persons followed the Lord in water baptism.

The revival spirit is being felt in each church. New families are being added.

—Joseph D. Eversole, pastor

ANDERSON, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. Star Thomas of Modesto, Calif., recently concluded

two weeks of special services at First Assembly here.

A spirit of revival was present even before the meeting began. Attendance at the revival services was far above average. Eight persons were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Three new members have joined the church.

—Jim Logan, pastor

DODGE CITY, KANS.—First Assembly here has recently concluded a profitable crusade with Evangelist Paul Morris of Hutchinson, Kans.

The attendance was very good with 120 visitors present during the two-week meeting.

Eight persons were saved, four

were reclaimed, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and six were refilled as the Lord moved.

Brother Morris’ promotion of the Sunday school brought a new enthusiasm to the congregation. There were 192 present on the last Sunday.

—Lloyd R. Bilhimer, pastor

EWING, VA.—The youth of the Assembly of God here recently sponsored a booth at the Lee County Fair.

Over 1,500 “Chicken” tracts were distributed as well as several hundred other tracts. Copies of *The Cross and the Switchblade*, written by David Wilkerson, were sold also.

—H. F. Gerber, pastor

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—A witness invasion was launched here when over 50 Christians received a charge to evangelize their city by presenting Christ door to door.

Each had been instructed by Evangelist Harold Conant of Pittsburgh, Pa., who directed the invasion. It was sponsored by University Assembly where R. L. Davis is pastor, and by First Assembly where L. W. Dollar is pastor.

Every team was assigned an area of the city with the specific goal to confront each home there with the gospel. Enthusiasm was high, and each worker received a blessing.

The program is being continued because it is a workable plan to reach the city for Christ.

SUMMERDALE, ALA.—God’s presence was felt in each service during the meeting held in the Assembly of God here by Evangelist B. D. Smith, Auburn, Ala.

Four were saved, and 10 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Silas Maulden, pastor

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY?

By ALICE MUSE

I ENTERED THE POST OFFICE and said to the postal clerk, "How are you today?"

She replied, "I don't know; with world events the way they are, I don't even know *who* I am."

If you accept the world's estimate of who you are, you may have a low opinion of yourself.

To the commercial world you are just another potential customer. The advertisers try to make you feel guilty if you do not conform and choose certain brands of goods.

To the biologist you are but the product of certain types of genes and environment. Your behavior is but the reflection of your mental and physical stimuli—it is programmed like a computer.

To the politicians you are a voter. To government bureaus you are a number. You are deprived of your individuality, deprived of the name given you at birth. The sociologists depersonalize you, the psychiatrists dehumanize you, and it is not surprising if you say, "I don't even know who I am."

Don't let the world tell you who you are. It has twisted God's truth and turned everything backwards. It says that wrong is only relative, chastity is unimportant, fidelity is foolish, the abnormal is normal, obscenity is literary honesty, ugliness is art, punishment is a crime, and the children are the ruling class.

No wonder you are confused! You need to crawl out from under all the world's abuse, turn your back on it, and consider who you are in God's sight. You are a person whom He loves. He is concerned about you as an individual. You can bring Him joy. You have the potential to be a blessing in the world—to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

But it depends on whether you are "born again" by the Holy Spirit and thereby are His spiritual child. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). You must decide for yourself who you will be—whether you will be a member of God's family, or not.

Who do you think you are, anyway? A victim of circumstances? A helpless human, enslaved by bad habits? A lost soul? Or a child of God beloved of the Heavenly Father, destined to have an honorable and productive life on this earth and afterward to live forever with God in His eternal home?

Which will it be? The answer lies with you. Christ died for the lost—He died for you—and He will save you if you let Him.

When asked who you are, you may reply: "I am one of those average Americans who pays taxes honestly and on time, gets a license for the dog according to regulations, does what he can for his family's material needs, supports the church of his choice, contributes to the local community needs, salutes the flag with a lump in his throat, casts a ballot in every election, and helps his neighbor all he can."

But your *true* identity depends on your relationship to God and to His Son.

