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

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IT IS TIME FOR EVERY SLEEPING JONAH TO SHAKE OFF HIS LETHARGY,  
ARISE FROM THE BED OF COMPLACENCY,  
AND CALL UPON GOD THAT HE MAY THINK UPON US, THAT WE PERISH NOT.

# AWAKE, O SLEEPER!



By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT / *Assistant General Superintendent*

JONAH HAD BEEN CALLED OF GOD to go to Nineveh, to cry out against the sin of that great city, and to warn its inhabitants of the judgment which was coming. His message was to be a call to repentance.

When he received this assignment, however, he was not sure he wanted to accept it. To go to a pagan people and warn them of judgment and offer the mercy of Jehovah was hard for a Hebrew prophet to do. Instead of obeying, he decided to run away from his God-given assignment.

It is possible that, like some modern Jonahs, he decided to put out a fleece to see if God really wanted him to go to Nineveh. Perhaps it was to Tarshish that God intended him to go! At any rate, he would go to Joppa, the seaport. If there was a ship sailing for Tarshish with one stateroom left, he would accept that as the Lord's will for him. Such "fleeces" are dangerous!

As he arrived in Joppa, he hurried to the waterfront and found one ship taking its last load of cargo on board. He learned that this ship was sailing for Tarshish within the hour and there was room for one more passenger.

I can imagine Jonah, deep in the hold of the ship, resting on a mat of straw as the gentle swaying of the ship soothed his weary body. And as he relaxed he may have thought, "What a perfect dovetailing of circum-

stances. What remarkable timing. Certainly I must have been mistaken about going to Nineveh. God must have meant for me to go to Tarshish all the time; otherwise, He would not have had this ship ready to leave just as I arrived in Joppa." Then sweet slumber carried him off into oblivion.

While he slept, the Lord sent out a great wind over the sea. It blew up a mighty tempest, increasing in intensity until the sailors, filled with fear, began to cry unto their gods.

It was at this point that the captain of the vessel found Jonah, fast asleep, unaware of the situation which he had created. With stinging words the captain aroused the prophet from his slumber and reproachfully asked, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not" (Jonah 1:6).

The captain's reproof, directed to Jonah, could well be addressed to many people today. The world is threatened as never before. With nations in conflict, men and women dying, and lawlessness increasing, these are troubled times indeed. The unrest on college campuses and riots in the streets are but warnings of the kind of revolution that can break out unless there is a turning back to God. In spite of this, our generation sleeps on like Jonah, blithely ignoring the danger that is threatening.



As world tempests increase, involving moral, economic, and political storms, I hear the Captain of our salvation saying to the sleeping Church, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise and call upon thy God." It is time for the Church to shake off her lethargy and neglect, to arise from her sleep of indifference and complacent smugness, and call upon her God, that He may think upon her, that she perish not.

We would do well to take our place at the altar of prayer with Hezekiah and Israel and confess as they did "that this is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy . . ." (Isaiah 37:3). We would do well to "call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them . . ." (Joel 2:15-17).

Only the Holy Spirit moving upon us in His divine power can arouse from the paralyzing indifference which causes our prayer meetings to be forgotten, our Sunday evening evangelistic services to be neglected, so that we become a Sunday morning church. If this condition continues the church will find itself bogged down in the wilderness of ineffectiveness, preaching about a God of

dynamite, but living firecracker lives, while the devil laughs at our frustrations.

It is only as sleeping Jonahs awake and call upon their God with all the intensity of their souls that the men and women and youth of our day (who are presently turning to the cults, to atheism, to communism) will be turned to seek the living God. God help us Pentecostal people to awake and call upon our God until we are filled anew with the Holy Spirit and enabled to inject the penicillin of holiness into the bloodstream of the Church. We need to neutralize the toxins of sin which are sapping the strength and causing spiritual defeat to many whose lives once burned with a holy fervor.

While we live in a time of threatening judgment which could break at any moment, I am also reminded that the Scriptures abound in instances where God postponed judgment when people repented and sought the Lord. Confession of sin and personal faults is a forgotten practice, for the most part, even though the teachings of the Bible enjoin it upon the Christian. When Daniel confessed the sins of his people, the land was restored. When Isaiah confessed his own shortcomings, he was cleansed by a living coal from off the altar of God. When David confessed his transgression, he was forgiven.

A confession meeting in many of our churches would prepare the way for God to move among us. Many of us, like the church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7) are guilty of having left our first love. Even though they abounded in works, in labor, in patience, in high standards, and even endured suffering for Christ, still He said to the Ephesians, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." The Laodicean characteristic also is a prevailing danger to the Church today; it is easy to allow neglect, worldliness, and compromise to smother the intense love which God looks for in His Church.

Lack of tears might be the basis for another confession meeting among us. Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "For three and a half years, I have not ceased to warn you day and night with tears. . . ." Tears express concern. Anxiety for others is often accentuated by tears. *Our altars will never be stained with the tears of sinners weeping their way through to God, until they are first bathed with the tears of the saints weeping over the erring ones and bringing them in love to Christ.*

Many of God's children have suffered alienation of their affections. Paul said, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth . . ." (Colossians 3:2). Esau lost his birthright when he surrendered the spiritual for the material, the eternal for the temporal, the invisible for things he could see, smell, and taste.

It is time for the Church to rebuild her altars of prayer. This is an individual matter. It begins with the reconstruction of our private altars and our family altars, as well as the church altar. Let us not be guilty of merely talking about prayer without actually entering into the fellowship of prayer. Only prayer can change the world and the destinies of mankind.

Let us accept the challenge of the Captain of our salvation to shake off all lethargy and spiritual indifference; for it is time, O sleeping Christian, "to arise and call upon thy God, if so be that God will look upon us, that we perish not." 

## When the Spirit Is Sovereign

THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES to dwell among His people and to exercise His sovereignty. When we permit Him to do this, He works out the divine purposes for us, both as individuals and as a church, in a beautiful way. All is well when the Spirit is sovereign.

This point was brought out very clearly by Eric C. Dando in the chairman's address to the 1968 general conference of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland. His entire address was reported in *Redemption Tidings* but we shall quote only excerpts.

Where the Holy Ghost is sovereign, Brother Dando said, there is devotion, direction, discipline, demonstration and dedication.

(a) *True devotion*. "For there were in the church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers [who] ministered unto the Lord" (Acts 13:1, 2). In their waiting meetings they did not wait *for* Him, or they might have waited forever. They waited *upon* Him.

(b) *True direction*. "As they ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said. . . ." The important thing is not how it was said—whether by prophecy, the word of wisdom, or some other exercise of the Spirit—but the fact He spoke.

"It should be a concern of us all that we have divine direction in our lives and churches. . . . Is it not a fact that almost all our decisions emerge from the ballot box, and we have almost accepted the philosophy that a two-thirds majority is a sure indication of the will of God? There are minorities in Scripture that we would do well to observe. While we want to protect the interests and give place for expression to all concerned in the affairs of the church, we must watch against being overcharged with what is called democratic procedure. . . . It is not so much democratic guidance that is required, but theocratic; not government by the throng, but direction from the Throne—which will be accepted, for where He is ruling it is not only 'good to the Holy Ghost,' but also 'to us.'"

(c) *True discipline*. The Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul. . . ." We recall the case of Ananias and Sapphira whom the Lord also separated but in a different sense. Have we forgotten what it means "to bind and loose"?

(d) *True demonstration*. We long to see God move in the supernatural realm. When the Spirit of God is sovereign we shall see divine demonstration, as in the Book of Acts and as in the early days of the Pentecostal Movement—not only in mass crusades, but also in our local churches. It will be known around that Jesus Christ is still alive.

(e) *True dedication*. "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed . . ." (Acts 13:4).

"There is a sweet assurance in the hearts of those who are called when the sovereignty of the Holy Ghost is present. There are no questions too difficult to answer; there is a happy surrender to the claims of God, whether it is to carry the gospel into the next street, or the next town, or across the waters. The sense of real dedication is a matter of grave concern and will only be fully realized when the Spirit of God is Lord in our Assemblies and our lives."

"It was in Antioch that these events occurred. It was in Antioch that the disciples first were called Christians. This was a wonderful example of a local church. I believe God is calling us back to these first things."

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# THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN REVIVAL

By T. E. GANNON / Executive Director, Christ's Ambassadors Department

**T**HE GREATEST NEED at this hour is revival. This became apparent from a self-study made by the Assemblies of God through the Committee on Advance. Never before has any church organization undertaken a heart-searching study of itself such as this which led up to the Council on Evangelism, held in August, and the Five-Year Plan of Advance which began this month.

As an outgrowth of hundreds of hours of research and study by the 15-member committee, some broad guidelines came into focus. 1969 was designated the Year of Revival. It is evident that we must have revival if we are to accomplish our God-given mission in today's world.

Assemblies of God youth must play a key role in this Year of Revival. Young people want to know: "What does this mean to me?" "In what way does this involve me?" "What can I do to help reach my generation?" The sessions of the Council on Evangelism, the new "Statement of Purpose" which clearly articulates our mission, and the information shared in the youth seminars all indicate a heavy responsibility for the present generation of our youth.

Realizing how slowly changes take place, Martin Luther said, "What is to be done by the church needs to be begun by young people."

It is noteworthy that God places youth in a distinctive role in the work of church in the last days: "And your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Acts 2:17). This happens after receiving the Holy Spirit. Youth are asking, "What does this mean to me?" It means that you must seek God until you have received a new and fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your own life.

God uses youth in times of revival. Some of the greatest revivals in the church first began among the youth. Charles G. Finney said, "Revival is no more a miracle than is a crop of wheat. Revivals come from heaven when heroic souls enter into conflict determined to win or die—or if need be, to win *and* die!" Youth can be an integral part of that kind of determination.

## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

"What can I do to help reach my generation for Christ?" is a proper question. First of all, revival must start in your own heart. Revivals do not come to movements; they come to people. We can engage ourselves in generalities and religious exercises and miss the key. You are the key!

What would happen in the church, on the college campus, in the military, and throughout our nation if every born-again young person would seek God in private devotions as well as in public services; if those who have not received the fullness of the Holy Spirit would be filled; if those who have received the Holy Spirit would become so endued with spiritual power that a new dimension of dynamic faith would be evident in their lives?

We dare not stop here, for we should move out into the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit and see these manifestations become a part of our worship services. Isn't it logical to assume that these ministries are tailored for young people as well as adults? Surely, some manifestation of the Spirit should become a part of each individual's life and testimony.

Such a life does not come to us by wishful thinking nor is it forced upon us. We are told in 1 Corinthians 12:31: "But covet earnestly the best gifts." Phillips translation reads: "You should set your hearts on the best gifts." While God sets various ministries in the church (1 Corinthians 12:28), we are encouraged to pursue the gifts.

It is they that wait upon the Lord whose strength is renewed (Isaiah 40:31). "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1). "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

## UNITED EFFORT

The second thing we can do is to unite with others in seeking God. "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19).

Dr. A. T. Pierson said: "From the Day of Pentecost there has not been one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer though only among two or three; and no such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings declined."

This desire for a revival must become the format of every service and should be expressed through our singing, testimonies, prayers, conversation, and personal ambitions. Let us not be content to just receive a blessing, but continue to seek God until something happens in our hearts and lives. Be determined to be an instrument as well as a channel. When the altar calls are given in the local church, CA rallies, youth camps, let the young people be the first to the altar and the last to leave.

Revival is God's plan to meet the need of this generation. It is effective, or He would not permit it. We cannot wait until some great event appears on the horizon and then hope to see revival.

Neither can we wait to see if other churches or groups have a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We must set our own hearts on revival.

God knows the nature of youth, the needs of youth, the language of youth, the weaknesses of youth, their temptations and limitations, conflicts and frustrations. He can give them a supernatural enablement whereby they shall be able to reach their generation.



# HE FOUND CHRIST IN VIETNAM

The Story of **BOB BLUM** as Told to **DORSEY SHORT**

**I**T TOOK A WAR . . . people dying in my arms while the bombs burst in the air . . . to bring me to Christ."

That's the testimony of Bob Blum, 20-year-old veteran of Vietnam who found Jesus as his Saviour on the battlefield. The faithful lives and testimonies of two Pentecostal soldiers serving in Vietnam were the tools God used in bringing Bob to Himself.

Bob exemplified the fact that sin at its worst is not confined to the slums. His middle-class associates had him smoking "pot" at the age of 14. As he grew older, marijuana was not potent enough for his appetite, so he began taking codeine at 16. With others in his gang he dropped out of school at 17.

Bob joined the Army in 1965 and was assigned to the Medical Corps as a specialist four. He served his final year in Vietnam with the Third Surgical Hospital in the Mekong Delta. Drugs were plentiful, and Bob kept his supply handy. He took them as a way out when he had a day off.

It was on one of his days off that Bob first saw two men reading their Bibles.

"I went to them and asked what they were reading," Bob recalls. "One of them replied he was reading about the future. They began to tell what the Bible has to say about the signs of the times and the return of the Lord.

"They also talked to me about my future and told of the peace they had in the midst of war through trusting and serving Jesus."

Bob was interested in the testimony, and though he didn't know it, the Spirit of God was beginning to work in his life.

Two weeks later he had the afternoon off and once more passed the same two men; again reading their Bibles.

When he saw the earnestness of Bob Biggie and Steve Miller in reading the Word of God, he became curious to find out for himself what was in it.

Taking a Bible with him, Bob went off by himself to read. The more he read, the more fascinated he became.

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In fact, he was so fascinated that he read steadily for two days.

At last he came to the passage, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Bob pictured Jesus standing at the door of his heart, knocking. A strange feeling enveloped him. He felt that unless he let Christ come in as his Saviour he would not go home from the war.

He hurried back to Biggie and Miller, and the three of them knelt and prayed as Bob surrendered his heart and life to the Lord Jesus. The peace of God and the joy of salvation quickly settled in his soul. He needed no one to tell him what to do first. He went to his quarters, took the drugs and cigarettes from their hiding place and burned them.

Bob felt increasing joy and peace in the Lord as he grew in Christ. Realizing what the message of the Bible meant to him and to a lost world, he felt the urgent need to give the message to others.

Meanwhile Biggie and Miller told him of water baptism as a public confession of his salvation, and of the baptism in the Holy Spirit for the power he needed to work for Christ. Bob soon followed the Lord in water baptism in a river in Vietnam.

Praying in the woods alone one night, Bob received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. "While I prayed, I could look up and see the stars above me," he relates. "It seemed to me they were gathered in the shape of a cross. As I saw this phenomenon and prayed aloud, I fell to the ground. I began speaking in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance. I needed no one to tell me I had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I knew it. I had the evidence both in tongues and in my heart."

From that time forward Bob Blum preached every chance he got, and the Vietnamese gathered in the streets to listen.

Once while he was preaching, some youngsters shouted, "The V.C. are coming!" The warning that the enemy was near scattered the crowd. Later it was discovered that one of the men standing nearby had a grenade to throw at

Bob but was stopped by the shouts of the children.

Bob remembers that "among others to whom I testified was a backslider who started reading his Bible again. He went into the woods at night to pray and soon returned to the Lord.

"Sometime later this man was sent out on assignment in a Jeep. He was driving with another man at his side when suddenly he threw up his hands and said, 'Here I am!' The Jeep crashed, and the driver was killed, but the passenger escaped injury. No one will ever know exactly what happened, but we do know he was restored to grace before he died."

Since returning to the States in May 1968, Bob has become a member of the Bethlehem Church (Assembly of God) of Richmond Hill, New York. He is active in the Christ's Ambassadors and has been elected treasurer.

Amid the bursting of shells and the rattle of gunfire, Bob Blum heard the still, small voice of God calling him to the ministry, but he also has a leaning toward medicine. Within the Lord's will, he feels both could be combined on a mission field. Whatever the future holds for him, Bob is convinced that the Christ who came into his heart on the battlefield will guide him through the battles of life and enable him to rescue souls from sin.

## ***SAVED AND DELIVERED FROM SMOKING***

"HE IS ABLE TO DELIVER THEE." These blessed words became real to me on a Sunday night in April 1967. At that time I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour. Later that night God delivered me from the tobacco habit.

Many times I had tried to quit smoking by myself. Each time I failed as I became extremely nervous and nauseated to the point of vomiting. My physical symptoms told me I should quit: nervousness, coughing fits, lumps in the throat, loss of appetite, etc.

The pastor prayed that Sunday night for the Lord to take the taste for tobacco away from me. But it didn't happen quite that way.

I left the church exhilarated in spirit but I still craved tobacco. The craving was so strong I concluded it wasn't God's will for me to quit smoking. I lit a cigarette and smoked and prayed until I retired for the night.

Then I had a strange dream. A huge pack of cigarettes was chasing me! A man was standing watching; in his hands was a shotgun. I couldn't see his face but I shouted, "Don't just stand there; shoot it." He replied, "Stop and fight, and we'll lick this thing together." That was the end of my dream.

As soon as I awoke I fell on my knees and prayed. I asked the Lord to keep my head clear and keep my body from becoming ill so I could do my work; and promised that with His help I would resist the temptation to smoke.

That is exactly what happened. At times the desire for a cigarette was so strong I thought I couldn't fight it. But never once did I become ill. Now 18 months have passed since I've used tobacco. The physical and spiritual benefits are too numerous to list. The Lord works in my life constantly now. I love Him and thank Him for His divine blessings which are ours for the asking.—Carl M. Crowe, Pataskala, Ohio.

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# YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*The Bible says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14). Does this mean that a Christian wife should leave her unsaved husband?*

It does not. Read 1 Corinthians 7. Note verse 13, "And the woman which hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him." See also verse 14.

*Some people boast that they "have the mind of Christ" as if they are divinely taught and need no teacher (1 Corinthians 2:16). But Romans 11:34 says, "For who hath known the mind of the Lord?" Just what does it mean to have the mind of Christ?*

Perhaps the best answer is found in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The mind of Christ is willingness to do the will of God at any cost. It certainly does not mean that we know everything.

*If memory will survive death, how can we be happy in eternity remembering all the heartaches we have passed through? And what if we know our loved ones have gone to hell?*

There is much we do not yet know concerning eternity, for "now we see through a glass, darkly." When we are with God, "then shall [we] know even as also [we are] known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Evidently the rich man in hell retained memory, for Abraham said to him, "Son, remember." People in heaven will remember; but everything will be seen with eternal vision. Even now, when we have passed through heavy trials, we often look back with a feeling of satisfaction in the fact that we kept the faith while suffering them. How much more satisfaction there will be when we see things in the light of eternity.

*Hebrews 10:26 says: "If we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Does this refer to all backsliding?*

It refers to apostasy. See Hebrews 6:4-6. It includes counting "the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and [doing] despite unto the Spirit of grace" (Hebrews 10:29).

All backsliding is serious. Let no one think he can play fast and loose with the grace of God. But for those who have erred from the way, but who have not rejected belief in the Atonement and the saving grace of Christ, there are these promises: "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:1, 2); and, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

*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.*



Col. Kleber Dadjo, representing the president of Togo, cut the ribbon to begin the dedication ceremonies as William Lovick (right) watched.

## *Stand Still and See...* A MIRACLE CHURCH!

**L**IKE MOST GREAT VICTORIES on the mission field, Lomé's miracle church began when a missionary caught a special insight into what God could help him accomplish, and set out to do it.

In 1963 William E. Lovick, missionary to Togo, West Africa, had a vision of a church on a particular plot of ground in Togo's capital city, Lomé. But from the first he had to battle against the forces of darkness, for at that time this property was the fetish headquarters of the Ewe tribal people.

Even after he succeeded in purchasing the property, Brother Lovick found it impossible to title it to the Assemblies of God because of certain laws. Only through the prayers of many people and a miracle of God did it happen that the current prime minister made a special decree for the Assemblies of God to possess the property to further its work in Togo.

But the battle was far from over.

Unable to keep the Lovicks from buying these fetish grounds, the devil then attacked the missionaries themselves. In an amazing parallel to the Old Testament story of Job, one accident after another began to happen.

First, the national pastor was in a truck collision that left him with a serious brain concussion. Shortly thereafter the Lovicks were returning to Togo from a conference in Natingou, Dahomey (a neighboring country), when they were involved in a near-fatal car accident.

William and Margaret Lovick and their five-year-old daughter, Marsha Ann, all were badly hurt. They were flown by Speed-the-Light plane 500 miles to the nearest hospital at Cotonou, Dahomey. It was discovered that Brother Lovick had 109 fractures in his chest; Sister Lovick had suffered eight breaks in the hip, a broken leg, and broken ribs; and little Marsha Ann had a fractured hip and leg. It looked as if their missionary career

was ended. The doctor gave Sister Lovick no hope of ever walking again.

When news of the tragedy reached America, the Foreign Missions Department authorized the Lovicks to return to the U.S. as soon as they had recovered sufficiently to travel. But the battle for the Lomé church was not over yet. God spoke to the Lovicks with the words, "*Stand still and see my salvation!*" With that message of encouragement and hope, the Lovicks decided to remain in Africa and see the battle through to victory.

After four months of tears and agony, they returned to the city of Lomé—the prayers of God's children had been answered. Even the pagan people of the neighborhood praised the missionaries' God when they saw Sister Lovick walking again. Amazingly, the missionaries found that the construction on the Lomé church had continued in spite of all the hindrances.

A few months later when the partially completed building could accommodate the crowds, the Lovicks invited Missionary-Evangelist Paul Olson for an all-out GOOD NEWS CRUSADE. The large, open-air campaign, held a few hundred yards from the church, saw many people responding to the anointed preaching of the Word of God. In all, 4,375 people moved forward when the call for sinners was given.

This GOOD NEWS CRUSADE had an evident impact on the city as excited people related the great things God was doing and distributed thousands of pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature. Lomé had never experienced anything like this before.

After three weeks outdoors, they moved into the new church for follow-up services to lead the new converts into the baptism in the Holy Spirit and to establish them in the church. Every night many were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit, while a church full of curious onlookers witnessed a large-scale Pentecostal outpouring for the first time in Lomé's history.

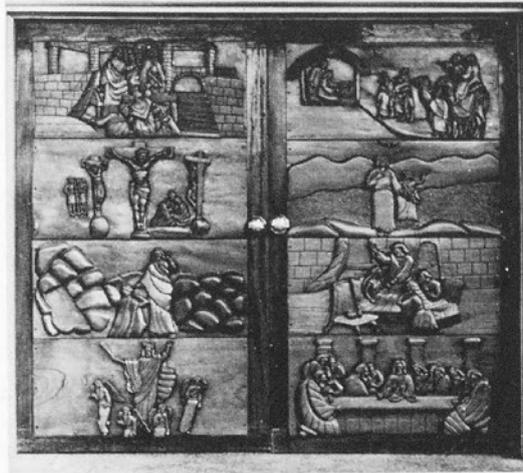
When all the details of construction at last were finished, the day arrived for the dedication of the miracle church—appropriately named Calvary Temple. A large gathering of people witnessed the joyous occasion and

praised God for His victory over all the opposition.

A great many special guests were there, including Col. Kleber Dadjo, the minister of justice. He officially represented the president of the Republic of Togo and cut the ribbon to begin the dedicatory ceremonies.

Other guests included U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Albert W. Sherer Jr., and three ministers from America—R. Stanley Berg of New York City, Ralph Wilkerson of Anaheim, California, and Don Wilkerson of Teen Challenge, Brooklyn, N. Y.

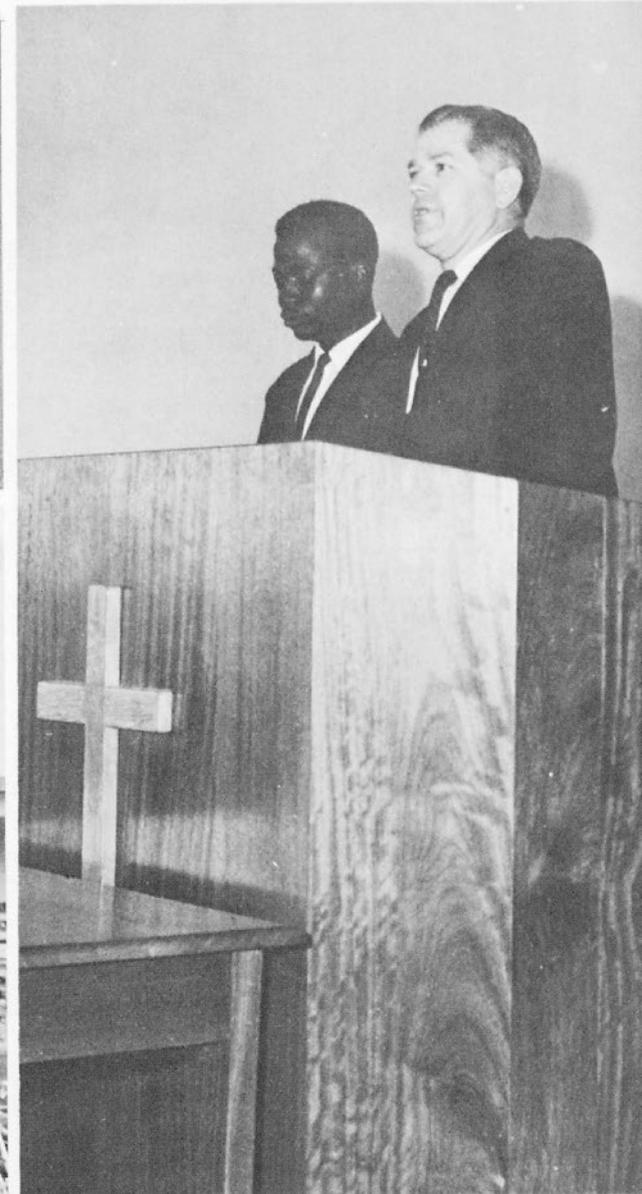
After Colonel Dadjo cut the ribbon, Mrs. Lovick unveiled the beautiful, handcarved doors which depict scenes from the life of Christ. Brother Berg brought the dedicatory message for the occasion.



Following the service at the church, Ambassador and Mrs. Sherer gave an official reception at the U.S. Embassy in honor of the occasion.

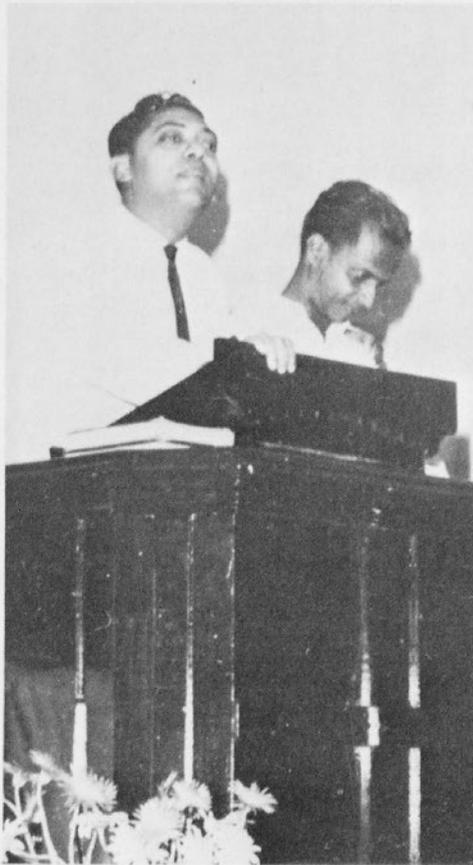
This was a day of rejoicing for the William Lovicks, as well as for the Lomé Christians. Considering the victory at Lomé, Missionary Lovick wrote: "We had prayed God would send us a revival at any cost. Sometimes God calls upon us to pay a higher price than we expected. What if we had failed and not heeded God's command to stand still and see His salvation?"

"The Lord healed our national pastor; the Lord healed us; and He sent us a wonderful revival. I'm sure the angels in heaven were rejoicing with us at the dedication of Calvary Temple." 



ABOVE: R. Stanley Berg of New York brought the dedicatory message. ABOVE LEFT: The carved doors into the chapel depict the life of Christ. LEFT: The dedication service of Calvary Temple, the miracle church, was attended by many Togolese.

Lloyd Perera, left, represents ICI.



# THE INGREDIENTS OF A DREAM

By **GEORGE M. FLATTERY**

*President, International Correspondence Institute*

**M**EN, MATERIALS, AND MEANS—these are the ingredients that will make the missionary outreach of International Correspondence Institute (ICI) possible. Without these ingredients, our dream of enrolling hundreds of thousands of students will be unrealized; but with them it will become a reality.

Believing that it is God's will for this dream to be implemented, we have stepped forward by faith, asking Him to provide the essential elements. To His praise, we can say that this is exactly what He is doing!

## SEVENTY-FIVE MEN

Our goal for the next two years is to enlist 75 of our missionaries to represent ICI. This would enable us to have an ICI representative in most of the countries where our missionaries are now laboring. Nothing is more important to our work than the appointment of these men.

Some of the new ICI representatives will be men who have been engaged in correspondence school ministry already. For example, in a recent letter Lloyd Perera of Ceylon made known his desire to join hands with ICI

when he stated: "My purpose in writing to you is to express our desire to affiliate ourselves directly with International Correspondence Institute." Because we recognize his burden, vision, and ability, we are delighted to announce that Brother Perera is our ICI representative in Ceylon. He has enrolled over 1,200 students already. Among them is a Buddhist boy who was converted after studying a correspondence course. Now he has been filled with the Spirit and is going to Southern Asia Bible College in India to prepare for the ministry.

Other ICI representatives will be starting their correspondence school ministries. Bill Williams, for example, is opening an ICI office in France very soon. Missionary Williams writes: "From the very beginning of our preparation to come to France, we have felt the burden for a Bible correspondence program. I am sure ICI will provide us with one of the most effective ways for making a deeper penetration of evangelism in modern France. One key to success is proper timing. France is ripe for this kind of program; the results could be amazing.

"ICI is the type of program that can augment the revival movement in France. It provides us with a meaningful tool for reaching the masses in this unique mission field."

## TWENTY-FIVE COURSES

The men who do the work of ICI must have the materials—the correspondence courses. We are now preparing these courses to help our representatives evangelize, teach, and train. Our goal is to produce 25 new courses within the next two years. All of these, including a new evangelistic course entitled *Know the Truth*, are now in various stages of production.

Some of the courses are designed to help young Christians grow in the Lord. Correspondence school workers receive many requests for such courses. One prospective student said: "It is my great pleasure to write and let you know that while I was reading *The Pentecostal Evangel*, my eyes were cast on the article about your wonderful study courses. Well, I am very interested in the Bible and in studying God's words. I am a young Christian, and so my heart's desire is to follow the correspondence courses."

## SUFFICIENT MEANS

We are thankful that God is using individuals and churches to provide the needed funds. Like the children of Israel, we must continually look to the Lord for our daily portion of "manna" to supply our needs so we can reach the multitudes for Him.

As the Lord leads, friends of world missions can play a significant part in extending the outreach of International Correspondence Institute by supporting it with prayers and gifts.

The Williamses work with ICI in France.



# Martyrdom IN GUATEMALA

**T**HE MEMBERS of the congregation bowed their heads as national Pastor Cristóbal López prepared to lead them in prayer. This was a usual occurrence at the Antioquía Assembly of God in Tiquisate, Guatemala; but while their eyes were closed the prayer was suddenly interrupted by a violent reminder of the danger of preaching the gospel in some areas.

The time was 7:35 p.m. Waiting in the back of the church were two brothers, Mario and Eleodoro González. If Pastor López saw them before he closed his eyes to begin his prayer, he was unaware of their plans and did not sense their mysterious fury.

"Here he is! He is the one we want!" cried Mario as he unsheathed his machete and rushed forward. Pastor López raised his right hand to shield himself, but a swish of the machete sent his Bible, still clutched by his severed right hand, flying 10 feet away.

In front of the stunned congregation the crazed González sent five more fatal machete blows against the head and body of the pastor.

Witnesses of the crime, including Mirtala López, wife of the pastor, heard the second killer shout furiously, "Leave him to me!" and saw him press a revolver against the chest of the convulsed and dying man and fire three shots.

He pointed the revolver menacingly

toward the congregation to hold them back as he and his brother made a running escape. The two were identified as the killers by relatives in the congregation. At last report, the vigorous search for the fugitives in the surrounding mountains and cities has been unproductive.

Although the exact motive for the murder is unknown, it appears that national pastors, along with our missionaries, face grave dangers like the cloud of martyred witnesses that through the centuries have planted the seed of the Church with their blood.

This happened on September 22, 1968. Five days later in the Guatemala newspaper *Impacto*, reporter Saúl David Oliva wrote, "As a picture that symbolizes the loss of all our moral values, one can see over our land the mutilated body of Mr. Cristóbal López, the human hand cut off but still clinging to a Bible—the Book that gathers together the wise teachings of Jesus Christ, who precisely in His preaching called for love for our neighbor and condemned crime." 

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## CALL TO ACTION

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## EASTERN EUROPEAN WITNESS

ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AREAS for the Church to show tangible progress is in the so-called Iron Curtain countries. There are two main attitudes held generally by the West.

One attitude is that all visible church activities allowed by the government are a compromise and are infiltrated by the Communist ideology. This viewpoint holds that the true Church is underground.

The opposite extreme is the attitude that there is freedom to worship God according to one's own conscience. This viewpoint is propagated by the true Communist himself.

The Foreign Missions Department holds that neither of the above opinions is entirely accurate. We have discovered that there does exist a visible, witnessing body of Jesus Christ in Communist lands. Beleaguered and limited, hindered and harassed, yet there is a visible and growing church behind the Iron Curtain.

We know, of course, that communism does not afford total liberty. We also know that all that is left of the true Church is not underground.

In recent years we have appointed keen, young, experienced missionaries to Eastern Europe. In many cases they cannot get resident permits, but they are afforded fairly liberal travel opportunities and are in constant contact with the churches.

One of our men who spends many months of every year in Communist lands wrote: "In a given country there is a rapid growth in the number of believers. Twenty-five years ago the Pentecostal churches had a total membership of 12,000. Today there are 120,000. Only recently 10,000 souls have been saved in that country and 1,000 have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Praise God! There is a real hunger for God. The Sunday morning services are lasting for six hours. Persecution and material needs have driven the people closer to God."

# WHY WERE THE EARLY CHRISTIANS INVINCIBLE?

By MELVIN B. HANSON

Pastor, Assembly of God, Sherburn, Minnesota

THE EARLY CHURCH, BORN IN THE FIRES of Spirit-breathed revival, fought a fierce battle with antagonistic religion, hostile governments, and frenzied mobs. But it stuck to its message, found reinforcement in prayer, and eventually left a tremendous impact upon the world. So aggressive were those early believers that by the fourth century they had won official recognition from the Roman emperor.

Many centuries later the Church is still embattled and the forces with which it struggles are in broad array. But even as the Early Church fought and conquered, the Church today can fight a winning battle if it is equipped with the same qualities.

1. *There was a fervency in their spirit.* "And being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord" (Acts 18:25).

Romans 12:11 challenges us to be "fervent in spirit." This could be stated as "serve the Lord enthusiastically," "be on fire with the Spirit," or "be glowing in Spirit."

James tells us how to make our prayer life acceptable. "The effectual *fervent* prayer of a righteous man avail-eth much" (James 5:16).

Invincible Christians are hot, glowing, burning people, "on fire" with the Holy Spirit. They live their lives with all the zeal and earnestness at their command.

If enthusiasm is an important quality in the world, it is even more important to the church of Jesus Christ. May we be stirred to serve the Lord with love and fervency of spirit.

2. *There was a fragrance in their conduct.* Old Testament worship called for a continuous succession of offerings to God. Among these was the burning of sweet-smelling incense, typifying the offering of prayers. In the New Testament Paul wrote, "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

*Living Letters* reads, "Wherever we go He uses us to tell others about the Lord and to spread the gospel like a sweet perfume. As far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us" (2 Corinthians 2:14, 15).

The Church will be victorious when every Christian lives so as to leave a sweet fragrance about him. This means that every attitude is under the control of the Holy Spirit. It is necessary to crucify those unchristlike attitudes that assert themselves in the natural, and ask the Holy Spirit to take complete control of our lives.

Too often the unsaved have lost interest in the gospel because someone who professed to be a Christian displayed an attitude or spirit which was repulsive rather than attractive.

Besides the attractiveness of fragrance, the Psalmist prayed, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" (Psalm 90:17). If we have the *beauty* of God upon us, and the *fragrance* of Christ within us, we will possess an attractiveness that will surely draw others to the Lord!

3. *There was a friendliness in their attitude.* Friendliness, as such, is not confined to any particular group of people, but Christians above all others should show forth a friendly spirit.

The early Christians had meaningful relationships with the unsaved or they could not have reached them with the gospel. Jesus was their Example. It was His friendliness, in a set of hostile circumstances, that led to the conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. Because His motives were pure, He was willing to brave censure and criticism and show a friendliness that led her to believe, and "many more believed because of his own word" (John 4:41).

Friendliness, kindness, a genuine interest in others, and a fragrant Christian spirit are attitudes that will always win souls to Christ.

4. *There was a faithfulness in their service.* The Early Church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). They were faithful in their service to God.

As Christians we are God's stewards in the world. We have been entrusted with the treasures of heaven to disperse to others, and "it is required in stewards, that a man be found *faithful*" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

Christian believers should be possessed with strong convictions of the truths embraced in the gospel. They should be so committed to the furtherance of that gospel that all their time and strength and ability is offered to the Lord in faithful service as opportunities arise.

In every church there is need for *faithfulness* in attendance at the services, in filling positions of responsibility, and in supporting the ministries of the church. No



# IT TOOK 16 YEARS FOR 'BUZZY'

By FRANK R. BASILE

**H**IS WILD PAST was marked by intrigue, danger, sinful pleasures—and God's protecting hand! My cousin, Russell "Buzzy" Basile, reveled in exciting living! And he certainly had more than his share of excitement and thrills!

He drank heavily and fought furiously in local bars. He managed to survive a headon collision which hospitalized seven. Also there was a 90 mph plunge through a cyclone fence. Another time a .22-caliber bullet parted his hair while he was hunting. Surely God's hand was upon him!

While I was in Bible school, we prayed earnestly for "Buzzy" who was now a sailor, running the gamut of worldly delights around the globe. In correspondence I challenged him to trust Christ for salvation. He in turn related his indulgence in sin, hunger for God, and narrow escapes from death.

Following an honorable discharge, "Buzzy" pursued self-improvement through barbell exercise, healthful diet, positive thinking, and karate. He approached a Mr. America physique, sharpened his reflexes, gained better attitudes, but *not* spiritual peace.

When he nearly crashed a light plane into the George Washington Bridge and narrowly escaped death after grabbing a 220-volt hot wire, he commented, "Cuz, God must be sparing my life for something!"

For three years after his marriage we engaged in lively discussions about God's power and faith. This inspired him to believe God for financial blessing. When

his new business enjoyed abundant prosperity, I suggested that he also believe Christ for spiritual blessing. Prior to this he had eyed the full gospel with skepticism and had stated, "Religion is all right, Frank, but it shouldn't be so emotional and fanatical." But now personal experience with God's material blessings allowed the Holy Spirit to alter his attitude. He would give it some thought.

Then it happened! In March 1967 my phone rang at 2 a.m. "Buzzy's" bold enthusiasm told how God saved him while driving home on the New Jersey Turnpike. There Jesus became real, and he accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord.

His transformation was as remarkable as his spiritual growth has been dramatic. He avidly devoured the Bible with the Holy Spirit's revelatory guidance. Soon he hungered for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and sought with childlike faith. Two months later in his office he burst forth in tongues of praise!

"Buzzy" now attends the Assembly of God in Iselin, N. J., with his wife Janet, who also found Christ recently. His joy in the Lord is great, his faith outstanding, his encouragement to his church a blessing, and his witness for Christ enthusiastic. Recently he told me, "Cuz, this is the greatest thing that ever happened to me. Now I know what you've been so excited about all these years."

"Buzzy" is a paramount testimony that Christ saves and transforms the "impossible" cases, even if it does take 16 years.

church can fulfill its obligations to God and man without cooperative members.

We will be rewarded not only for the extent of the work we have done, but for our overall *faithfulness* to God and to our duties. "Be thou *faithful* unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

5. *There was a fruitfulness in their lives.* The Early Church saw results from their labors. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear *much fruit*; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8). "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth

*fruit*, and that your *fruit* should remain..." (John 15:16).

Paul prayed for the Christians at Colosse that they might be "fruitful in every good work..." (Colossians 1:10). In Galatians 5:22, 23 he listed a series of spiritual graces known as the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These qualities are evidenced in the life that is wholly committed to the dominion of the Holy Spirit.

If each Christian's life will demonstrate the qualities found in the Early Church, the power and effectiveness of the Church today will be limitless. These qualities are a must if the 20th-century Church is to be victorious in times like these.



# GOOD COMPANY FOR SUNDAY DISHWASHING

By E. S. CALDWELL

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT for any congregation's eyes—an entire family kneeling at the altar to accept Christ.

Marvin Larson knelt between his wife Marian and his 17-year-old son Ronnie. Dynce, only seven, prayed alongside her mother.

During the last chorus of the invitation hymn the pastor and three others quietly moved next to each member of the contrite family. Scripture verses were shared, questions were answered, and assistance in prayer was offered. There was weeping—first sobs of repentance; then tears of joy.

What circumstances brought the Larson family to the church in Dickinson, North Dakota, that wintry Sunday in 1959? After a lapse of 10 years *Revivaltime* learned the story.

It began about 9:30 one Sunday morning late in the summer of 1958. Marian stood at the kitchen sink washing the breakfast dishes. Through the window she could see brown-haired Dynce playing in the yard. With Ronnie

sleeping in and Marvin reading the Sunday paper, Marian switched on the radio for company.

Happy, youthful voices filled the kitchen:

*"Oh, joy! oh, delight! should we go without dying,  
No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying;  
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory,  
When Jesus receives 'His own.'*

*"O Lord Jesus, how long, how long  
Ere we shout the glad song,  
'Christ returneth! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Amen.'"*

In the rattle of cleaning the skillet the slender housewife missed the name of the radio preacher, but the insistent tone of his voice made her pause and listen.

"I want to say that the incentive to a holy life is the hope of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The warning of Luke 21:34-36 is clear: 'And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness—'"

In the next few moments it seemed the radio evangelist was reading her mind.

"Oh, you say, 'Brother Ward, I don't get drunk, and there is so little take-home pay left that I don't need this warning.' Yes, but don't speak so quickly. Listen while I read the rest of the verse: '*...and cares of this life*, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.'

"There is nothing in the world that dims the vision of the return of Jesus Christ like the cares and responsibilities and obligations of this life—the petty cares and anxieties, the home cares, the office responsibilities, the financial burdens. Therefore, we are warned. Our Lord tells us to beware lest He should come when we are so taken up with the burdens and the responsibilities and

the cares of this life that we are not ready to meet Him."

Marian frowned when she noticed that her hands trembled as she resumed her task. But the next week she made a point of tuning in again. "Good company for Sunday dishwashing," she told herself.

Week after week, even on days when the dishes were finished, she listened. Sometimes it seemed as though the *Revivaltime* preacher was addressing her personally. Like that morning when Marian wept as she heard him say:

"Lady, if God did not send His own 'Persuader'—the blessed Holy Spirit—who then could be saved? I love this 'Policeman' of the skies. My heart rejoices when I see Him at work in my audience. Only the Holy Spirit is sufficient to withstand the coercion of the past and urge the sinner toward mercy."

On many Sundays Marvin lingered at the breakfast table, on the pretext of wanting more coffee. Sometimes Ronnie hovered within hearing range of the radio.

One Sunday they were all at the table when the radio evangelist challenged his listeners:

"Are you afraid of the demands of Christ? 'Cold feet' have kept more people away from Christ than cold logic ever has. . . .

"It isn't true when you say, 'I can't be a Christian.' What you really mean is, 'I *won't* be a Christian.' You are not asking for proof, mister. You are asking for an excuse. It isn't your intellect. It's your pride."

When the broadcast ended, Mrs. Larson switched off the radio. "Well, what do you say to that?" she asked. Her husband's eyes shifted to the newspaper. Her husky son hesitated, then said, "That Ward sure makes a person think."

His mother nodded agreement. That night she wrote a letter to Brother Ward, asking him to pray for her and her family.

Then came that Sunday in February when words from the kitchen radio would cause the family to seek a full-gospel church before the day ended. An urgency charged the atmosphere of the home as the *Revivaltime* speaker preached:

"I want you to consider your soul as I talk to you. Ask yourself as I speak to you now, 'Can I afford to wait any longer before I make a decision for Christ?' Do you have a legitimate reason for further postponing this decision?"

"How much time do you need in order to make up your mind that heaven is better than hell, and righteousness than evil? Don't tell me that you haven't reached that kind of decision long ago! I'm not talking to men who deliberately want to be bad, or women who stubbornly want to do evil. In 30 years of preaching I've yet to meet the first person who wants to spend an eternity in darkness. Men don't choose to be lost. They simply go on neglecting a great salvation."

Ten years later Marian Larson wrote to tell *Revivaltime* her story. She concluded by saying:

"I thank the Lord for causing me to turn on the radio that first Sunday I heard *Revivaltime*. And I praise Him for letting me hear the messages and songs that led our family out of darkness into light.

"Now my prayer is that we will be drawn ever closer to the Lord, so He can use us for His glory in any way He sees fit."

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# MF CHURCH OF THE YEAR

## The church provides a full program of activities for men



**T**O ENCOURAGE ALL OUR CHURCHES TO PARTICIPATE in all areas of the Men's Fellowship program, each year a representative church is selected as the MF "Church of the Year."

For 1968 this honor went to the Assembly of God Pentecostal Church, Huntington Station, New York (Charles M. Shaffer, pastor). The men of the Huntington Station Assembly actively participate in all of the MF programs.

The power source of MF is prayer. The men have met for prayer on Saturday nights for 10 years. Some of the men have not missed a single service in that



**TOP LEFT:** Pastor Charles M. Shaffer and the Men's Fellowship committee composed of Howard George, secretary-treasurer; George Mechwart, vice-president; and Arthur Holmberg, president. **CENTER:** New York District Men's Fellowship Director A. G. Harris (extreme right) instructs a group of men in personal witnessing. **LOWER LEFT:** This team of men holds monthly services at the Bowers Mission. **BELOW:** The Men's Fellowship has taken an active interest in supporting the Light-for-the-Lost ministry.





LEFT: For more than 10 years a regular Saturday night Men's Fellowship prayer meeting has been held in the church. Some of the men have never missed this.

# Men's prayer meeting is backbone of success in church men's work.

time. Periodically these are all-night prayer sessions. The men of the Huntington Station Assembly hold monthly meetings at the Bowery Mission. In every meeting they have held there someone has surrendered his heart to Jesus Christ. To date more than 200 persons have been saved. The director of the well-known New York mission stated that no other group holding services there has such a record. Also, the group is unique in that it has never missed a service when its turn came.

Light-for-the-Lost giving for 1968 totaled \$900, almost doubling the goal of \$500 for this missionary outreach through literature.

The Action Crusades training in personal witnessing has resulted in a weekly house-to-house visitation program. The men go out two by two. During *Action Mandatory* the men distributed 3,000 copies of the special issue of *TEAM* magazine.

The MF of Huntington Station Assembly sponsors a very active group of Royal Rangers. At the last pow-wow 12 unsaved boys attended. When the invitation was given, during the campfire service 11 of the 12 boys accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

Bible studies, jail services, and banquet rallies are other ingredients that make this MF an aggressive witness for Christ in its community. The men are kept



Pastor Shaffer congratulates MF President Arthur Holmberg upon receiving the "MF Church of the Year" award.

informed about the activities of other Assemblies of God men through 20 subscriptions to *TEAM*, the men's magazine.

Present MF officers in the Huntington Station Assembly are: Arthur Holmberg, president; George Mechwart, vice-president; and Howard George, secretary-treasurer.



ABOVE: New York District Superintendent Joseph Flower congratulates Pastor Charles M. Shaffer upon the church's receiving national recognition for its active participation in all areas of Men's Fellowship. Arthur Holmberg and A. G. Harris look on. BELOW: A junior Royal Rangers commander is presented a scroll by District Commander Henry Aadahl.



LOWER: District Royal Rangers Commander Henry Aadahl meets with the Royal Rangers Outpost Council and with the Royal Rangers (photo at bottom) during a Bible study period.



# BGMC Follows the Spaniards to Cebu

By JANIE FAULKNER

**A**PPROXIMATELY 400 YEARS AGO a small fleet of Spanish galleons neared the shore of Cebu Island, then known as Sugbo. It was one of more than 7,000 islands—a large archipelago which the Spanish were to discover and to christen the Philippines, after King Philip.

Ferdinand Magellan was aboard one of these first Spanish ships to enter Philippine waters. Little did he know how soon his career as an explorer would come to an end in these islands.

The king of Sugbo, Humabon, was interested in becoming a Christian, so he and his wife were baptized and became the first Roman Catholics in the Philippines. His wife was given an image of the Christchild, known as the "Santo Niño."

Magellan joined a native battle between Humabon and the king of Mactan Island, Lapu Lapu. Lapu Lapu's men proved too strong for the invaders, and Magellan died on the beach of Mactan.

A few weeks later Humabon's "Christianity" wore off and he prepared a banquet for the Spaniards at which he planned to murder them. This plot was carried off smoothly, and the remaining Spaniards beat a quick retreat to Spain.

Forty years passed before Spain dared enter her new colony; but when she did, it was to stay for centuries.

The queen's image of the Santo Niño was discovered by the Spaniards who returned 40 years later. They felt it deserved special veneration, which it does receive to this day.

In 1965 the Philippines celebrated its fourth centennial of Christianity. This celebration was held appropriately in Cebu, where Magellan and his men first docked their Spanish galleons.

Cebu City was expected to host a million visitors for this occasion. Top hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church sent representatives from all over the world. Filipinos by the thousands were to find their way to Cebu—an important pilgrimage indeed. The image of the Santo Niño would be paraded through the crowded streets for all to see.

We prepared a tract entitled "The Finding of the Image of the Santo Niño" which urged readers to find the real Christ. On the cover of the tract was the image of Santo Niño, the patron saint of Cebu.

Printing hundreds of thousands of these tracts, some in English, some in the dialect, required funds. Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade paid for the printing and shipping of these tracts from Manila (Evangel Press).

They arrived in Cebu a few days before the big cele-



Christian Filipino distributes Santo Niño tract on one of the small islands near Cebu.

bration. The CA's from our city church, Bethel Temple, and the students from our Bible school, I.B.I., planned a distribution campaign and gave out 200,000 of these tracts.

These young people were at the airports, the docks, the bus stations. Every visitor was to receive a tract. They gave the tracts out on the streets, in the stores, on the crowded jeepneys. Because of the Santo Niño cover, people eagerly took the tracts and read them. Some begged for more copies. It has since been reprinted in other dialects for distribution all over the Philippines. This too has been made possible by BGMC.

BGMC also provided funds for literature which we used as we began our boat ministry to the small islands of the Philippines. Since this was near the time of the centennial celebration, the Santo Niño tract was used, along with other literature—all provided by BGMC.

The value of the printed page has never been overestimated. Communism uses it continuously, sparing nothing. Christians too must realize its importance. A tract may be the only messenger of the gospel some will ever know.

During an auto trip to the northern tip of Cebu, my husband and his fellow workers (Filipinos) were distributing tracts along the roadside in the many small barrios they passed through. They happened to pass a road grader (not a common sight in this area) and tossed a tract out the window of the car. It fluttered to the ground directly in front of the grader. The operator stopped the machine, climbed down, and picked it up.

A day later, there was an article in the Cebu paper about a road grader that had overturned while grading the incline along the highway. The operator had been killed. It was near the location where my husband had tossed out the tract.

Whose BGMC offering paid for that tract so the road grader operator could receive the gospel story before his death? We don't know; but it required the offerings of many contributors to pay for all these tracts.

If the events of 400 years ago in Cebu have any significance for us today, it may be this: BGMC provided hundreds of thousands of tracts so many people living in Cebu in this century could know about the *real* Christ—the One who can change their lives—and not trust in a little image called the Santo Niño. 

# THE NETHERLANDS

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

**T**HE KINGDOM of The Netherlands, better known as Holland, is a compact European country of 12,978 square miles and 12,500,000 people.

The 17th century was known as the "Golden Age" in Holland. Trading and explorations led to the establishment of overseas settlements. Today only

Surinam (Dutch Guiana) and the Antilles remain as colonies.

One-third of the people in Holland live in cities with a population of over 100,000. Holland's three largest cities are Amsterdam, the capital (1,715,000 including suburbs); The Hague (830,000), seat of government and official residence of the Queen;

and Rotterdam (1,005,000), one of the world's busiest seaports. It was from Delfshaven, a part of Rotterdam, that the Pilgrim Fathers embarked for America in 1620.

Holland's head of state, Queen Juliana, is the only child of Queen Wilhelmina who abdicated in favor of her daughter after 58 years of rule.

A quarter of the country lies below sea level, making the famous dikes a requisite to use of the land. Even Holland's Schipol Airport, one of Europe's leading airports, is 13 feet below sea level.

Land that once lay under the sea has been reclaimed and turned into rich farmland. Though costly, these areas (called *polders*) provide new fertile land for one of the world's most densely populated countries. The people have a saying, "God made the earth, but we made Holland."

The country's farmers are highly skilled. Farm products account for one-third of Holland's foreign currency earnings. The culture of flowering bulbs brings commercial growers \$35,000,000 each year.

Most of the Dutch people speak at least one other language. The study of English, French, and German is required in all secondary schools.

Here and there, as in Marken and Volendam, picture-book regional costumes are worn to help maintain a flourishing tourist trade.

The people are basically religious and are about equally divided between Roman Catholic and Protestant





**ABOVE:** Roscoe Leach has served in Holland since 1965. **BELOW:** The public gathers for a conference.



churches. Some 10,000 steeped churches point skyward throughout the land.

During the 18th and 19th centuries missionaries carried the gospel to overseas colonies, mainly to Southeast Asia. Missionary Karl Gutzlaff performed the prodigious task of translating the entire Bible into Thai and portions of it into Lao and Cambodian.

Protestant groups in Holland include the Dutch Reformed Church, Reformed Church in the Netherlands, Christian Reformed Church, Evangelical Lutherans, Baptists, Mennonites, Adventists, Free Evangelical, Moravians, Salvation Army, and Pentecostals.

The Pentecostal message came to Holland about 1906 (at the time of the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in America and other parts of the world). A few congregations in Holland came into existence at that time, but for years the work was small and undeveloped.

After World War II the Spirit of God moved in Holland bringing conviction of sin and a great hunger for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The message of Divine Healing caused thousands to attend open-air meetings in pouring rain to listen to the preaching of American evangelists.

During this time of revival a group

of pastors became concerned about the condition of the Pentecostal Church in Holland and formed a ministerial alliance called The Brotherhood. Later a meeting took place between representatives of the U.S. Assemblies of God and the national ministerial alliance.

An initial step was to draw up a constitution and bylaws for a democratic fellowship of Pentecostal believers. When the first election of officers was held, there were 17 churches and 36 pastors and workers in the new organization known as The Brotherhood of Pentecostal Churches in The Netherlands. The work has since grown to more than 30 churches and approximately 60 pastors and Christian workers.

The U.S. Assemblies of God has cooperated with these national churches in three areas in particular.

The first area has been *evangelism*. During the past three years several campaigns have been held. One of the outstanding meetings was led by Evangelist Willard Cantelon. In this tent meeting many were saved, and since that time the people have purchased a church building in the center of Alkmaar. Pastor D. Voordewind (currently serving as national superintendent) is actively leading this work. Other meetings were held in Groningen, Den Haag, and Eindhoven.

A mass meeting was held with Teen Challenge director David Wilkerson as guest speaker. The total two-day attendance was over 5,000. Many young people who gave their hearts to the Lord in that meeting continue to serve Him. Today there is a Teen Challenge work established in The Netherlands, one of the first in Europe.

The second phase of cooperation is in *literature*. The literature outreach has touched many lives for Christ. Three books have been translated and published, besides various tracts and

several songs for choir and church work. Contributions from Light-for-the-Lost and the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade have helped to make the literature program possible.

The third major phase is in *Bible training*. In the fall of 1966 property was purchased in The Hague. This now serves as headquarters for the Assemblies of God and living quarters for its representatives. It also includes classrooms and chapel facilities for the *Centrale Pinkster Bijbelschool* (Central Pentecostal Bible School). In January 1967 Field Secretary Charles Greenaway and Evangelist Willard Cantelon joined speakers from The Netherlands in dedicating the property. Forty students are expected for the next semester. Roscoe Leach serves as director. Mr. and Mrs. Leach were appointed in 1965 for service in Holland.

Europe's Christian heritage does not rule out her present need for the gospel. Brother Leach writes, "While living in Europe one repeatedly asks himself, 'Why has Europe not responded in a greater way to the Pentecostal revival during the past 50 years?'"

In Holland, as in other European countries, the majority of the people have been baptized or confirmed in one of the established churches, but ceremonial religion cannot satisfy the soul's deep hunger for God. Many have a knowledge of God yet lack the reality of life in Christ.

Holland's conservative Christianity needs a revival of experimental faith. We believe God has called the Assemblies of God to have a part in His plan for this land.

Mr. and Mrs. Leach look forward to the arrival of the Howard Foltz and David Richards families who recently were appointed by the Foreign Missions Department to serve in The Netherlands. 

**Students and staff of the Holland Bible School (1967-68). Dwight McLaughlin, a non-resident executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God, was visiting when this photo was made. He is at the extreme right. Next to him is Roscoe Leach. Mrs. Leach is in the center.**



# REPENTING BRINGS REJOICING

Sunday School Lesson for January 26, 1969

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 15:11-24

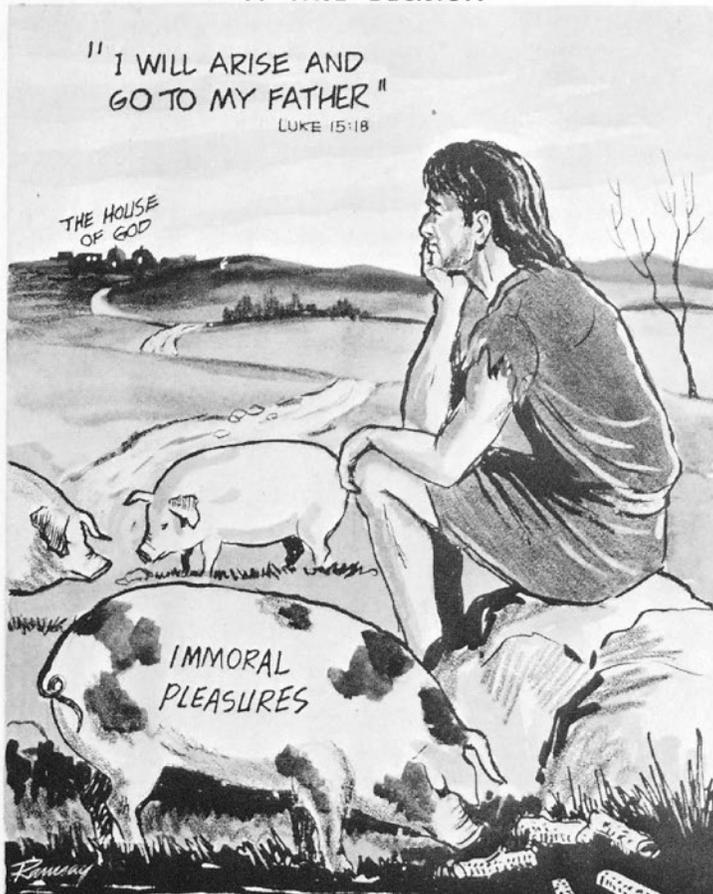
## THE REPENTANT SON (LUKE 15:11-20)

1. *His rebellion.* "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." So said the younger son, discontented with his home and desiring independence. The same spirit energizes every sinner—the spirit of pride and self-will. As the prodigal, the sinner desires the world and wants to "live his own life" independent of God.

"And he divided unto them his living." It would do no good to keep the boy home when his heart was elsewhere. The father granted the request so that the boy might learn through experience the error of his way. This is also the way God treats willful sinners.

"And not many days after, the younger son . . . took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living." Some time elapsed before the boy left home, but backsliding had already begun. What was in his heart eventually manifested itself in action. Gathering his fortune together he journeyed into "a far country"—the land of forgetting God, where every sinner and backslider lives. There his fortune was wasted, just as all money, time, talent, and effort not spent for the glory of God are wasted.

## A WISE DECISION



2. *His retribution.* "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want." The pleasures of sin are but "for a season"; emptiness is the end thereof. When the prodigal's money ran out, so did his friends. He was left alone with that abysmal loneliness which sooner or later comes to all who forsake God.

"And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him . . . to feed swine." So great was the prodigal's need that he, a Jew, became a servant of a Gentile and fed swine—an unclean animal to the Jew! The prodigal wanted the liberty of independence from God. He found it meant slavery to sin! Such is always the case.

"And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him." He might have returned home when he first began "to be in want." Instead he vainly tried to satisfy his hunger.

3. *His repentance.* Thus far the picture has been dark and gloomy. Now the day breaks!

"He said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" The prodigal now saw life in its true light. He contrasted the comfort he once knew at home with his present pitiful plight. He saw the folly of his way and longed for his father's house.

"I will arise and go to my father . . . and say . . . I have sinned." A good resolution! But resolutions will not suffice. "The road to destruction is paved with good intentions." The prodigal translated intention into action. That action was proof of the reality of his repentance.

## THE JOYFUL FATHER (LUKE 15:20-24)

Let us notice the action of the father, for in him we have an arresting revelation of God's attitude toward the sinner.

1. *His willingness to forgive.* "But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." What a reception the boy received! How it must have allayed his fears! In like manner God loves the sinner. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

2. *His loving action.* The son was not restored gradually. Reconciliation was instantaneous! So God also restores the sinner. He gives him the kiss of reconciliation, the robe of Christ's righteousness (Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 3:18), the ring of filial relationship and sealing (Esther 3:10, 12; Jeremiah 22:24; Ephesians 1:13, 14; 2 Corinthians 1:22), and shoes for strength in service (Zechariah 10:12; Ephesians 6:15).

3. *His joy over the penitent.* There was great rejoicing in the father's house. A great feast was prepared to celebrate the return of the prodigal. But who had the greatest joy? Was it not the father? The angels rejoice when sinners are saved, but most of all it is God Himself who rejoices when the sinner comes home!

"NOW I KNOW THERE IS A GOD BECAUSE HE SPEAKS ESKIMO."

# INUPIAT NEW TESTAMENT COMPLETED

By DARRELL REDFEARN / *Barrow, Alaska*



Dr. Dean Collins (left) of the American Bible Society staff thanks Donald H. Webster for his years of untiring labor on the Eskimo New Testament.

Eskimos are able to purchase the Inupiat Testament for only \$2. (It costs the American Bible Society \$5.81 to print it.)



**T**HE GREATEST STABILIZING FORCE in the life of any Christian is the regular use of God's Word.

We missionaries realize the importance of seeing those who are born again grow into strong workers for the Lord. We pray for our new converts and teach them, while trying to reach those who haven't received the good news. Many times it appears as if the situation is almost hopeless. Why? One discouraging factor is the lack of God's Word in the native language.

This has been a major problem in reaching the Eskimos of the north. They needed God's Word, but many of them couldn't read English.

God laid this burden upon the hearts of Brother and Sister D. H. Webster, who were working with the Wycliffe Translators. In January 1959 they moved into the village of Wainwright, Alaska, to begin the long and difficult task of reducing the Inupiat Eskimo language to written form, and then, after years of labor, translating the New Testament.

On October 13, 1968, almost 10 years later, they completed their work. The Inupiat New Testament, printed by the American Bible Society, was ready for distribution. This was a great day. Over 500 people assembled to hear Dr. Dean Collins of the Society as he spoke at the dedication service. The first Bibles were presented to Paul

Dr. Collins presents one of the first Inupiat New Testaments to Paul Patkotak, an Eskimo member of the Barrow Assembly. (Darrell Redfearn stands at the left.)



Patkotak, a member of the Inupiat Assembly of God, and to Samuel Simons, Eskimo pastor of the Presbyterian Mission in Barrow. The Bibles were given to these men as a token of thanks for their help in the translation work.

As the time came for the prayer of dedication, heads were bowed, eyes were filled with tears, and thankful hearts began to rejoice. One Eskimo man told Brother Webster, "Now I know there is a God because He speaks Eskimo."

We now have a new tool to use in reaching those of the frozen northland. May God help us to use it for the advancement of His Kingdom. May His Word become a fire in our souls.



Some of the Eskimo children who attend Inupiat Assembly Sunday school pose with a teacher in front of the church.



# MISSIONS IN ACTION

By RICHARD W. DORTCH / Secretary-Treasurer, Illinois District of the Assemblies of God

IT IS SAID that H. G. Wells once received a manuscript from a friend with a request that he evaluate it. The reply being delayed, the would-be author finally asked the historian outright what he thought of the manuscript. "You have a certain style, but no story," was the reluctant answer.

Christians have the greatest story ever told: the facts concerning Christ and what He does for mankind. Sometimes the quality of their style in telling it dims the glory of their message. That is why we must seek the most effective and efficient methods possible under the Holy Spirit for sharing with all the world the knowledge of Christ.

## THROUGH MEN AND WOMEN

The supreme means for making Christ known is a dedicated individual. Perhaps there was never a missionary or pastor who was not tempted at least once to think there was no barrier to his work which a few million dollars would not remove. This is the ever-present fallacy in Christian work. More than money, the church needs men—the most manly leaders available.

## THROUGH CHURCHES

Jesus left only one institution behind Him—the Church. He said that not even the "gates of hell shall . . . prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Hell's gates cannot prevent the Church from entering any festering area of sin or pride in the world. It is the body of Christ and His Bride. The future of no other enterprise on earth is so fully assured.

The mission of the Church is clear. It is to witness to all humanity concerning Christ and supply a fellowship within which to nurture disciples toward maturity. Splitting hairs over the fine points of ecclesiology can cause otherwise capable Christians to miss the mission

of the Church. The Christians of the fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries tripped up in this area and the true Church was practically erased.

Organizational unity may lead to sinful compromise but brotherliness among genuine Christians at the personal level is contagious and irrepressible. Cooperating where possible without compromise of conviction is the privilege of each church and Christian.

## CHURCHES BEGET CHURCHES

Ideally a church should reproduce itself at least once in a generation. One church has given birth to no less than 16 new churches since 1939. Over 1,500 people have accepted Christ and some 5,000 have been touched directly by this extensive missions program. The mother church has invested \$250,000 in the buildings, while the missions have paid about two-thirds of their operating expenses to date. This far-sighted church has increased remarkably in fellowship and evangelistic compassion, and in all categories of statistics.

*Many new churches must be opened.* In a world of stunning space achievements, Christ must be presented as Lord of all.

What a moral dilemma we find ourselves in today. Noxious influences pour forth from so many areas of life. Christ is the answer. We must lift Him up! This is missions *in action!*

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# REDISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY AS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

By RONALD E. COTTLE

**C**HISTIANS TODAY are being confronted with questions which seemingly have no answers:

If the Bible is true, why is our religion not accomplishing more in the world?

Why isn't there a radical transformation of the human scene?

Why are our lives sometimes dissipated, disillusioned, defeated?

Why is the Church not aflame with fire, free from failure, full of faith?

Since the gospel was sent from God to redeem mankind, why are we not redeemed? Why are we still struggling through an age of blood and hate, riots and war?

God's eternal love expressed itself in the Incarnation, the compassion of Calvary, the triumph of the Resurrection. Why hasn't it done more for the world? Why is it largely ignored in the mainstream of today's society?

There is no lack of voices claiming to have the answers for these problems. There are those who tell us that what the Church needs most is a restatement of the faith in intelligible terms; a rethinking of doctrine in the light of current philosophical systems. And, of course, this is true. We do need to rethink our faith and restate it in contemporary language. This must be done by every generation, or faith will wither and die. But rethinking the faith in contemporary terms and restating the faith in contemporary language is not the deepest need of the Church today.

In fact, one of the gravest dangers facing Christianity is in overintellectualizing and overaccommodating the faith to make it more palatable to the unregenerated intellectual of our society. This has happened quite often in history.

The Reformation theologians who followed in Luther's wake, but who lacked the deep spiritual encounter with Christ that Luther had, so scholasticized and humanized the daring paradoxes of Luther's living faith that it became empty rationalism on a par with the papacy.

The existentialists of the 1950's were so determined to accommodate Christian faith to the scientific age that they

tore the very heart out of it, reduced Christ to a cipher, and offered no more than a "space-age shell" to the world.

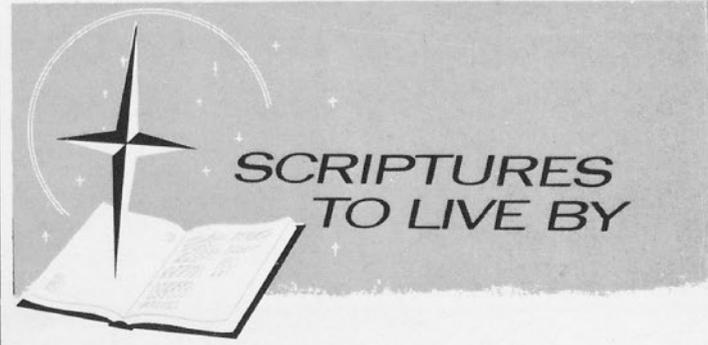
The death-of-God advocates were so intent on coming of age in a secular society that they made themselves and the Church the laughingstock of mankind.

MacNeile Dixon once said, "Balaam, though a man of high intelligence, could not see the Lord . . . but the ass upon which he rode did." It is still the childlike faith that opens the door to the mercy of God, not religious subtlety nor philosophical sophistication. No, intellectualizing the faith is not enough; we must have more.

There are others who feel the most urgent need of the Church is social emphasis. These people feel that the gospel is "social dynamite" and that religion is the lever for the regeneration and refashioning of society.

Church conferences of nearly every major denomination have struck two notes again and again in recent years. They cry, "Give us doctrine. We must know what we believe and we must understand why we believe it." They also say, "Give us action. We must integrate faith and life. We must outlive and outlove the Communists, the racists, and the opportunists of our world if we would bring them Christ."

Though social emphasis is important, this is not the deepest need in the Church. Indeed, there is a danger



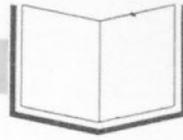
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TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY 20-26**  
Theme of the Week: **CURING WORRY**

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| Monday .. Matthew 6:25-34    | Thursday .... Luke 21:29-36 |
| Tuesday ..... Luke 8:4-15    | Friday ..... 1 Peter 5:6-11 |
| Wednesday Luke 10:38-42      | Saturday .... Psalm 56:1-13 |
| Sunday ..... Exodus 33:12-17 |                             |

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you"  
(1 Peter 5:7).

This article is abridged from an address delivered to the students of Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California. Ronald E. Cottle is pastor of Calvary Assembly, Inglewood, California.



## A WATERED GARDEN

By REBECCA M. BEISEL

*"Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isaiah 58:11).*

that we may come to value Christian faith as a means to an end, a contribution to some goal regarded as more important than itself. When this occurs, Christian faith is dead. And, as Bishop Lesslie Newbigin stated, "The church becomes a large social service organization with her center in a modern streamlined office, rather than 'God's Family' with her center in the apostle's doctrine, and fellowship, and breaking of bread, and prayer." No, social emphasis is not the answer. The deepest need of the Church today is a rediscovery of Christianity as a vital, personal relationship to a living Christ. There is nothing so fundamental as this. The indispensable center of Christianity is Christ. If our faith is centered elsewhere, then we are less than Christian.

Many times we have heard people discuss and define Christianity. They question it and criticize it; they approve it or patronize it. And all the time they have the idea that Christianity is a nice compendium of ethics, a lovely philosophy of life, a beautiful amalgam of virtues—all designed to make one happy, healthy, and holy! But this is a million miles from true Christianity. The Christian has more than a lovely philosophy to live by and beautiful virtues to live for. The Christian has a divine Person to live with! He is our living, eternal Lord who is with us always, even to the end of the age. This is the heart of Christian faith.

Christianity is not merely living for God or living by Christ's example. Christianity is living and moving and having our being in Jesus Christ. If Christians today would recapture this center of faith as a personal relationship to Christ, if somehow there could be a genuine encounter with the living Christ, the Church could contemporize its faith intellectually and socially and win the world.

The Church's worship will be revitalized as Christians find this personal relationship to Christ. The Church without vital worship has nothing. Jacob amassed a fortune in the land of Laban, but he forgot how to worship. Desperate, afraid, and empty, by the brook Jabbok in the midnight hours he learned again how to worship, and peace flooded his soul. He then faced his world unafraid.

Moses wandered in Midian's desert 40 years—guilty, discouraged, and alone. But when he heard God say, "Take off your shoes"—just what he had always done when he went to the house of worship—he found himself in God and brought deliverance to his people.

The prodigal son drank his wine and fed his swine, but when he came to himself and returned to his father's house, he heard the music and the laughter of forgiveness again.

Yes, when the Church rediscovers Christianity as a vital, personal relationship to the living Christ, worship will be vitalized and men will find hope and fulfillment at the altars of the Church.

A recapture of this center of faith will not only vitalize the Church's worship, but will also fulfill its mission.

Look at Paul. Over the mountains of Palestine, down the valleys of Asia, across the waves of the Mediterranean, to Corinth, Illyricum, Rome, Spain he journeyed—the Christ who lived in his heart was always yearning after those other sheep without a shepherd.

Those early disciples in the Upper Room argued about who was to be the greatest in the Kingdom until one morning He stood before them. They saw His hands and

**T**HE DAY AFTER A DYNAMIC BAPTISM in the Holy Spirit as a young teen-ager, I drew the above promise from a promise box. Right then I accepted the assurance that my Christian life should not be dry, formal, and lifeless.



On numerous occasions I have known the plow to dig deep, but this was needed to break up the fallow ground. A garden must continually be weeded and cared for if the crop is to assure a good harvest. It was at these times I learned the importance of self-discipline in the habits of daily life.

The wonderful provision of the Holy Spirit's constant indwelling and refreshing became a necessity for the garden to be well watered. My life has been devoted to the ministry of Christian education, and I have had the privilege of teaching youth in this field for many years. Frequently the subjects were technical, perhaps even mundane, but *always* God graciously allowed the refreshing of His presence as the Holy Spirit moved in the classes.

Since I am named for the Old Testament bride of Isaac, I too have found great joy and satisfaction in drawing water from the wells of salvation.

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feet, they caught a glimpse of the scars on His side and heard His lips—once parched and swollen and broken—say, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And that was all they needed. Through the impetus of that encounter they tore down the walls of that ghetto and invaded every hamlet and village of their world, giving their blood and singing their songs, and preaching their Saviour everywhere they went.

The same is true today. It is only as the Church passes beyond debating about Christ and begins to live in Him that it will fulfill its mission of evangelizing the world.

I challenge you to discover and experience Christianity as a vital, personal relationship to the living Christ, and there will be nothing you cannot do in the kingdom of God.

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## Special Ministry for Women

I appreciate the articles on Person-to-Person Evangelism. For a long time I have wondered why more women in our Pentecostal churches do not have a burden to serve God in this way that is so singularly suited to women—personal work.

Some women find it necessary to earn an income by teaching school or doing other work; but where it is possible, why not take advantage of the time we have on our hands to work for God? When one has time to give out the gospel either door to door, or in hospitals, by witnessing and literature distribution, the opportunities are endless.

I was raised by a mother who was, and still is, a personal worker. She has won souls to the Lord who remain to this day firm members of our Assembly churches in several countries. And with her I have participated in this wonderful work of soul winning. Later I have gone out alone and found a satisfaction nothing else can give. There is great and lasting joy in personal evangelism and I pray more of our women will taste this joy—for the world is waiting.

MRS. LEROY ATWOOD  
San Antonio, Texas

## Fellowship in Korea

While serving in the U.S. Army here in Korea I have met a Korean Christian brother, Moon Koon Sook, of the R.O.K. Army. It is grand to have this Christian fellowship in a strange land.

I attend a Korean church with him. This church believes very strongly in prayer. We gather at the church to pray every morning, beginning at four o'clock and continuing until the people feel God has met their needs. We have another meeting every Wednesday evening.

Customs are different here. When we walk into the church, we remove our shoes and seat ourselves on the floor. After every-



one is there, the service starts. However, the pastor is a real man of God, and the Lord's presence is very real in every service.

Some of our buddies poke fun at us for going to church and praying, but they don't know what they're missing.

PFC. KENNETH WEBB,  
APO, San Francisco, Calif.

## Author Identified

I was interested to read in the *Evangel* (October 27, 1968) the article entitled, "The Mountain Fell Today," by Tom Watson, Jr. Can you tell me if the author is the son of Thomas Watson, founder of IBM?

Reader in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

EDITOR'S NOTE: No, he is not. The author is editor of "Horizons," published by TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission).

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## Church Created in Two Months

We enjoy reading the stories of answered prayer that appear in the *Evangel*. These encourage faith, and I am glad to report God has answered prayer for us many times.

The church in Warner, Oklahoma stands as a definite answer to prayer. Several attempts to establish an Assembly of God in this little town had failed. Wife and I decided to make an effort.

At a called prayer meeting eight were present and all expressed a desire for an Assembly church. We prayed and God gave us an abandoned church building which was up for sale. We had no treasury. Two bids had been offered by other parties, but both were in the same amount. Rather than wait for a higher bid, the group which owned the building voted to let us have it gratis. This was God's doing.

Next we needed a piece of land on which to put the building. A trustee of another church told us

their people wanted the Assembly of God to have the property they owned, and they deeded it to us free of charge. We found the property consisted of six 25-foot lots, all free of debt.

Our first prayer meeting in which we decided to start an Assembly church was on June 8, 1961. By July 19 the property was signed over to us. Suddenly we had a church building with pews, piano, pulpit, everything we needed, without a cent of money. It was truly "from rags to riches" in less than two months.

The Lord has answered our prayers so many times. He helped us to open several churches in Oklahoma and a couple in southern California. At present we are trying to build a church on the west side of Muskogee, mostly by faith.

We are not great preachers but we love God and He has been good to us. Looks like we will die with a saw and hammer in our hands; and the time may not be far off for wife and I are in our mid-80's.

DAVE HARRIS  
Muskogee, Oklahoma

## From Beyond the Walls

On behalf of the population of this institution I wish to express how very much our hearts were stirred when we read the article, "God's Man on Death Row," and the editorial entitled, "Going Beyond the Walls." There were tears on the cheeks not only of saved men but of some unsaved too.

The reason many men are here behind the walls is that they were brought up in homes where there was not enough love, where the Bible was only a dust collector, where there were no Christian parents setting a proper example. Children are great imitators. They may not do what their parents tell them to do but they will copy the parents' example. If Mom and Dad read the Bible and have family prayers after supper, the kids will follow in their footsteps. So I have a great burden of prayer for the Moms and Dads of today, and I hope the young people will learn to follow Christ and never be sent to a place like this.

—JUST ANOTHER NUMBER  
New Jersey State Prison

## Working Mothers

I have always enjoyed the high quality of the *Evangel*. Your editorials have been soul lifting, and I have received a blessing from the many stories and articles. However, I would like to comment concerning a recent article. A mother of three children testified that when she needed a job, God gave her one and prospered her in it. I can't understand what she

meant when she said it was necessary for her to go to work. Her husband was working. Isn't the Lord still providing for His own?

The Lord has promised to meet our needs if we keep His commandments, and He commands a wife and mother to stay home and take care of her family. Psalms 113:9; 128:3; Proverbs 31:27; 1 Timothy 5:14; and Titus 2:5, all show that the wife and mother is to be a "keeper at home."

I have to believe, because God's Word says so, that if a Christian wife and mother will believe God for the family needs, and stay home with her husband and children, God will give them more than the wife will ever receive by working.

KENNETH L. STOLIKER  
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# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS



## Church Dedicated in SIERRA LEONE

KENEMA, Sierra Leone—On October 6 Missionaries Betty Savage and Katie Jean Jones dedicated the new Assemblies of God church they established in Kenema. The late B. J. Manley, visiting pastor from Texas, preached the dedicatory message, and Simon Grant, superintendent of the Sierra Leone Assemblies of God, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Sierra Leone missionaries and national pastors were among the 300 who attended. Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Pettey were presented gifts for their work in building the church, and special music was provided by them and Miss Jones.

Brother Manley, pastor of Miss Jones' home church, and the late J. E. Parsons, presbyter from her home district, visited Africa to dedicate the Kenema church. They were to tour other African fields before returning to the States, but were killed in Liberia when the Speed-the-Light plane piloted by Missionary Kenneth Waggoner crashed off the Cape Palmas coast on October 10. (Reported in December 1, 1968, issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.)

The Kenema church started when Misses Savage and Jones moved there in September 1966 to minister to the Mendes, the country's largest tribe.

"When we moved to Kenema," says Miss Savage, "we knew no one, and none there knew the words *Assembly of God*."

The missionary ladies began the church in their house and continued services there until September 19, 1968.

The work advanced as the result of a vacation Bible school for chil-

dren and three extensive literature campaigns. In March 1968 the Billy Burrs, missionaries to Liberia, and Paula Flower, a worker from the North Texas District, conducted a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Kenema. Since that time God has manifested His power in changing people's lives and filling some with the Holy Spirit.

The Al Trotters had previously held a crusade for the church; and when they returned to the States, they sought help from the North Texas District for a suitable building.

In March 1968 the O. N. Petteys from Miss Jones' home church felt led of God to go to Sierra Leone to help the two missionary ladies with their building program. The church was completed the last of September, and the congregation held services in it for two weeks before the dedication.

The first Sunday, 157 attended Sunday school, and the church received its first 11 members. The following Sunday was their first water baptismal service with 13



The church auditorium was crowded for the dedication service.

## Crisis Exists in Good News Crusades

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The GOOD NEWS CRUSADES program has become one of the most effective arms of Assemblies of God foreign missions. Since its 1965 birth out of the former Global Conquest program, it has grown constantly both in the extent of its operation and in its effectiveness.

Today, however, GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is facing serious difficulty—not because of any failure, but because of its very success. The program has gained such widespread acceptance among our missionaries, missionary-evangelists, and national ministers that there is hardly a country of the free world where such crusades are not now being planned.

The problem is that our missionaries are so enthusiastic over this effective means of mass evangelism that they have scheduled more crusades than the program's funds can support.

The Foreign Missions Department

being baptized. Missionary Jonathan Glover was the guest speaker.

The morning of the dedication 179 were present in Sunday school. The Lord especially moved during the evening service.

"It was a blessed experience to climax a wonderful day," says Miss Savage. "God had done what seemed impossible two years ago. He has given us not only a beautiful church house, but many born-again believers. God has truly worked a miracle in this strong Muslim center."

ment now faces the undesirable possibility that, unless the support of U.S. churches increases substantially, it will have to tell missionaries to limit their mass-evangelism activities. Already some missionaries have been informed that GOOD NEWS CRUSADES funds are not available.

What has happened to cause such a crisis? The basic problem is that enthusiasm overseas, where the missionaries view the positive results firsthand, has increased more rapidly than it has in America, where church people only receive written reports, often several months after a successful crusade occurs.

Another contributing factor is that American believers tend to interpret the effectiveness of mass evangelism by their own experiences with tent meetings, not realizing that GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is a whole new concept in reaching the heathen peoples.

The fact is that this method of well-planned mass evangelism is the most effective means of gaining large numbers of converts ever used by the Assemblies of God. More than 50 years of accumulated experience have gone into the formation of this successful program.

While others search for ways to reach the lost, our foreign missionaries have found a program that really works. What a tragedy it would be to find the key to worldwide evangelism, only to have it limited by lack of financial support!

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES not only gains converts by the thousands but continues on to establish those converts in the churches and lead them to a deep spiritual experience.

In view of the expanding need for GOOD NEWS CRUSADES support, the Foreign Missions Department has initiated a stepped-up informational campaign to convey to Assemblies of God believers the optimistic excitement over mass evangelism that now pervades our foreign missionary family.

## T. F. Zimmerman Visits Europe

EUROPE—General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman ministered in Europe during September.

Brother Zimmerman attended a conference held in London to make plans for the 1970 Pentecostal World Conference. He then traveled to the continent where his itinerary included a servicemen's rally at Erzhausen and evening services in Frankfurt, Liege, Paris, Naples, Rome, and The Hague.

His main theme for these meetings was the Five-Year Plan of Advance in America which began January 1969 with the *Year of Revival*.

Intense interest was shown as it was realized that the increased evangelistic emphasis in the United States could be of far-reaching blessing and inspiration in many countries.

## With Christ

GEORGE C. SLAGER, superannuated missionary to China, went to be with the Lord on July 29, 1968.



Brother Slager, a native of The Netherlands, first went to China in 1910, where he served as an independent missionary.

After the Assemblies of God was formed, he received appointment and represented our organization in China until July, 1946. He was a member of the Executive Presbytery of the North China Assemblies of God.

The Japanese interned Mr. Slager during World War II.

He ministered for a few years in Holland after he left China, and later settled in Vancouver, B.C., where he spent the remainder of his life. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth.

MARTHA M. KUCERA, 68, superannuated missionary to South India, went to be with the Lord on November 22, 1968.



Miss Kucera received her missionary appointment April 20, 1928. She labored in India until her retirement in 1962.

Part of her missionary duties included assisting with the Home Study Division of the Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore.

Sister Kucera graduated from Bethel Bible School in Newark, N.J., and had additional training in dress-making and nursing before her missionary appointment.



Leslie Martin family



Robert Bowden family



Richard Ellis family



Donald McMurrays



The Bobby Herndons



Warren Newberry family



William Lasley family

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Richard Ellis family** (Argentina); **E. Charlese Spencer** (reappointed to Ghana); the **Donald McMurrays** (Thailand); **Arline Crompton** (N. India); and the **William Lasleys** (Senegal).

**Kenneth Ware** (France) has returned to the field. His family returned earlier.

Newly appointed missionaries going to the field are: the **Leslie Martins** (Malaysia); the **Warren Newberrys** (Malawi); **Melba Ann**

**Fisher** (Ghana); and the **Donald Smiths** (Japan). The **Bobby Herndons** (Senegal), the **Gene Andersons** (Spain), and the **Robert Bowdens** (Chile), all newly appointed, have left the U.S. to engage in language study.

Missionaries returning to the U.S. on furlough are: **Rosa Reineker** (Germany); **Thelma Tate** (N. India); the **Tom Graziosos** (Italy); the **Harold Carpenters** (Bolivia); **Mr. and Mrs. Louie Stokes** (Argentina); the **Lawrence Larsons** (Fiji); the

**John Weidmans** (Upper Volta); the **Bruce Mannings** (Chile); **Pansy Blossom** (Argentina); **Rose Klob** (Liberia); the **Carl Malz family** (Lebanon); **Louise Davis** (Liberia); the **Eugene Grams family** (S. Africa); and the **Norman Campbells** (Argentina); and **Don Coleman** (S. Africa). (Mrs. Coleman and their son arrived in the U.S. earlier.)

**Mrs. Mary Waggoner** (Liberia) and children are now in the U.S.

The following missionaries are transferring to different fields: the **Joseph Judahs** from Liberia to the Bahamas; the **Raymond Stawinskis** from Paraguay to Uruguay; and the **Richard Larsons** from Costa Rica to Panama.



Gene Anderson family



Kenneth Ware family



Donald Smith family



Arline Crompton

## Theological Association Formed in Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil (NIB)—Alleviation of the chronic shortage of trained leaders for the Protestant churches in Brazil was the primary objective behind the formation of AETTE (*Associacao Evangelica Teologica para Treinamento por Extensao*) in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on October 12. Forty-three delegates, representing 27 seminaries and Bible institutes, took the initial organizational step toward preparation of basic programmed texts in Portuguese for use in the proposed all-Brazil extension project.

Richard Sturz, professor of theology at the *Faculdade Teologica Batista de Sao Paulo*, was elected executive secretary of AETTE. The following were elected for one-year terms to AETTE's board of directors: Norman Anderson, president (Assemblies of God); Thurmon Bryant, vice-president (Southern Baptist); Zefanias Lima, secretary (Congregational); George Hansen, treasurer (Conservative Baptist); Henrique Lara (Presbyterian); Donald Kaller (Southern Presbyterian); and James Kratz (Nazarene).

During the first week of April 1969, AETTE will hold a seminar on curriculum and the use of programmed material. Later in the



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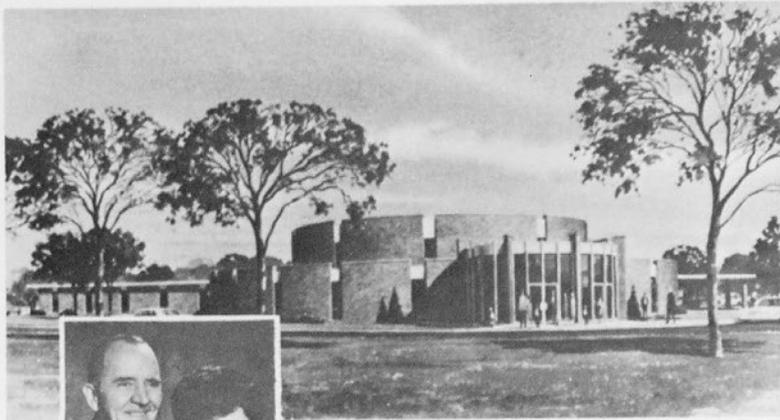


Ann Fisher

year a seminar lasting a full week will be given for those actually producing the programmed texts in Portuguese.

Membership in AETTE is open to the more than 80 seminaries and Bible institutes presently training men and women for leadership in the Brazilian churches.

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Lighthouse Tabernacle in Indianapolis recently dedicated its new building to the Lord. Pastor and Mrs. William Totman (inset) pioneered the church in 1940. Thomas F. Zimmerman (right) was the dedicatory speaker.



## INDIANA CONGREGATION DEDICATES \$500,000 CHURCH

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Lighthouse Tabernacle here recently dedicated its new facilities to the Lord with Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, as the dedicatory speaker. William Van Winkle, Indiana District superintendent, together with Marshall Calloway and Gordon Matheny, district officers, participated in the service.

Prededication services were held with *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward, and a revival campaign with Joe Peterson following the dedication.

Located on five acres near a main highway in North Indianapolis, the new building has over 17,

000 square feet of floor space. The sanctuary, with seating for 500, is decorated in gold and royal blue. The opera-type seats are in a semi-circular arrangement. The platform wall of walnut paneling bears the scripture, "By my Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6), printed in gold.

An upper platform contains the baptistry and dressing rooms. The sanctuary has a balcony with additional seating for 200.

Surrounding the sanctuary are 28 classrooms, two nurseries, library, pastor's study, three offices, and evangelists' apartment. New equipment is housed in the educational facilities. There is a kitchen in the basement.

Stained-glass windows enhance the brick exterior. The new building is valued at one-half million dollars.

The educational wing of the church houses a preschool nursery which is licensed by the State of Indiana. There are 45 pupils enrolled in the first year of operation.

Pastor and Mrs. William Totman pioneered this church in 1940. At that time there were 40 in attendance. Today attendance averages 336. David Totman serves as associate pastor.

Pastor Totman states, "Revival fires continue to burn and we have had a harvest of new souls following the dedication of the church."

enjoyed a five percent increase in the last year. The auditorium is now filled to capacity for Sunday morning services.

—J. L. Jeffrey, pastor

LOVELAND, COLO.—Evangelist Paul Morris of Hutchinson, Kans., recently conducted a successful meeting in the Assembly of God here.

At least 12 persons were saved, and six were reclaimed. One was filled with the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled.

There was a gain of 26 in Sunday school after the one-week meeting.

—Leon P. Mitchell, pastor

## WITH CHRIST

SOLEA A. MORAN, 59, of Austin, Tex., went to be with the Lord on September 30, 1968. Ordained by the North Texas District in 1954, Brother Moran held pastorates in Smithville, Bastrop, Taylorsville, Edinburg, and Austin, Tex. He also served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Jane.

LAURA STEELE, 92, of Richmond, Calif., went to be with the Lord on September 9, 1968. Sister Steele was ordained in 1930 by the Northern California-Nevada District and was active as an evangelist until her retirement in 1947. She is survived by one son.

MATTIE L. McDANIEL, 79, of San Antonio, Tex., went to be forever with Jesus on October 14, 1968. Licensed more than 30 years ago by the New Mexico District, she served the Lord as evangelist and copastor with A. C. McDaniel, her late husband. She is survived by two daughters.

ESTHER H. DRAPER, 76, of Fresno, Calif., went to be with Christ on July 23, 1968. An ordained minister of the Southern California District, Sister Draper served the Lord as an assistant pastor and evangelist up to the time of her retirement in 1953. She is survived by one daughter.

MARCEL R. COLAS, 81, of Santa Cruz, Calif., went to be with the Lord on October 27, 1968. Brother Colas was ordained by the Texas-New Mexico District in 1929. He served the Lord as a pastor in Texas, New Mexico, and Arkansas. He is survived by his wife Isabel and six children.



This mobile unit was used for broadcasting C. M. Ward's meetings in Portage, Wisconsin. Mr. Hutchings, station manager of WPDR, donated time and effort in promoting these meetings.

PORTAGE, WIS.—Radio station WPDR here uniquely assisted

C. M. Ward. Mr. Hutchings, station manager of WPDR, became interested in the *Revivaltime* ministry when he attended the 1967

World Prayermeeting broadcast in Milwaukee.

When plans were finalized for Brother Ward to come to Portage, Mr. Hutchings donated time on WPDR for several spot announcements of the meeting. He also placed the announcement of the meeting on the wire services in June, and it was carried in all area newspapers.

During the meetings, the radio station carried the services live through the use of a mobile unit.

Attendance at the meetings was good, and the church is greatly encouraged.—Harley Hansel, pastor

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SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here praises the Lord for recent growth and a spiritual awakening.

Five new families have been attending, and the Sunday school has



### IOWA CHURCH GROWS, REMODELS FACILITIES

DES MOINES, IOWA—The Berean Assembly here recently dedicated its newly remodeled church to the Lord.

Pastor David Houghton conducted the morning dedicatory service, and Evangelist and Sister Wesley Morton participated in the evening service.

The church has been air-con-

ditioned throughout. Stained plexo-glass windows have been installed in the main sanctuary.

Two new Dodge Carry-alls have been purchased to furnish transportation to church for those who have none.

Berean Assembly has gained over 45 in attendance the past year and now averages 344.

REPUBLIC, WASH.—The Assembly of God here moved forward spiritually during recent services with Evangelist Forest E. Hill of Grants Pass, Ore.

Two persons were saved, and six were reclaimed. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled as God moved in every service.

—Claude L. Bowers, pastor

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E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.—First Assembly here rejoices for the blessings received during a recent meeting with Evangelist L. C. Ramsey of Marshfield, Mo.

Several souls were saved, and a revival spirit continues among the people.

—T. C. Whitener, pastor

### ANNOUNCEMENT

NORTHWEST COLLEGE ALUMNI HOMECOMING—Friday, January 31. Activities include morning chapel, alumni luncheon, dedication of new Learning Center, alumni banquet, and homecoming basketball game at 9 p.m.—W. A. Buck, president, Alumni Association.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

| STATE   | CITY              | ASSEMBLY                | DATE           | EVANGELIST                   | PASTOR              |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ala.    | Birmingham        | Norwood                 | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | August A. Anderson           | Leonard E. Page     |
|         | Chickasaw         | First                   | Jan. 19-Feb. 2 | John & Faith Stallings       | W. D. Thomas        |
| Ariz.   | Kingman           | First                   | Jan. 15-26     | Charles O. Hudspeth          | Gene Geesey         |
| Ark.    | Hot Springs       | First                   | Jan. 22—       | Glen Shinn                   | G. E. Chambers      |
|         | North Little Rock | Glad Tidings            | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | J. C. & Mrs. Nichols         | Doyle L. Johnson    |
| Calif.  | Escondido         | Faith Chapel            | Jan. 16-26     | Kenneth & Theda Wright       | J. W. Knighton      |
|         | Eureka            | Bethel                  | Jan. 22-Feb. 2 | Bob Watters                  | F. K. Mapes         |
|         | Fresno            | Ashlan Park             | Jan. 26-Feb. 9 | Ward & Mary Popejoy          | A. J. Burk          |
|         | Pomona            | First                   | Jan. 12—       | Sara E. Sharp                | R. Dwight Brown     |
|         | Weott             | <sup>1</sup> A/G        | Jan. 19-24     | Charles Senechal             | Gene Huffman        |
| Colo.   | Grand Junction    | First                   | Jan. 19—       | Tommy & Esther Lance         | Robert Northrop     |
| D. C.   | Washington        | Trinity                 | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | H. B. Kelchner               | Frank C. Mays       |
| Fla.    | Inverness         | First                   | Jan. 19-26     | J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass      | Johnnie T. Powell   |
|         | Lake Worth        | Bethel Temple           | Jan. 22-26     | Dave & Jan Olshevski         | William C. Wynn     |
|         | Port Charlotte    | Calvary                 | Jan. 14-26     | Irving & Mary Lou Howard     | Lloyd Beverly       |
|         | Tampa             | Glad Tidings            | Jan. 12-19     | D. N. Asbury Jr.             | P. D. Creel         |
|         | Venice            | A/G                     | Jan. 20-26     | Randall A. Walker            | Wilmont McCrary     |
| Ga.     | Cairo             | First                   | Jan. 26-29     | Nettie Parham                | Alvie Hart          |
| Ill.    | East St. Louis    | Washington Park         | Jan. 20-26     | Eddie Swartout               | Irvin Beard         |
|         | Mitchell          | A/G                     | Jan. 19-Feb. 2 | G. Leman McKinney            | Kenneth Marshall    |
| Ind.    | Mishawaka         | First                   | Jan. 22-Feb. 2 | "Little Joe" Peterson Team   | W. James Shivers    |
| Kans.   | Wichita           | New Hope                | Jan. 14-19     | Moses Copeland               | Jack Covert         |
| Ky.     | Lexington         | First                   | Jan. 17-19     | Fairfield Evangelistic Party | Paul B. Tinlin      |
| La.     | Arabi             | A/G                     | Jan. 22-Feb. 2 | Don & Sharon Parker          | Carey Robertson     |
|         | Lake Providence   | First                   | Jan. 26-Feb. 9 | Danny & Patsy Rogers         | Loyd Singley        |
| Mich.   | Boyne City        | A/G                     | Jan. 5-19      | Ray C. Eskelin               | J. Harold Evans     |
|         | Wyandotte         | A/G                     | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | Wesley Wibley                | Warren B. Tyler     |
| Minn.   | St. Paul          | Summit Avenue           | Jan. 22-26     | The Tanner Team              | Richard Dresselhaus |
| Mo.     | Trenton           | A/G                     | Jan. 14-26     | Loyd & Rebecca Middleton     | Odis Virgin         |
|         | Vulcan            | A/G                     | Jan. 20-Feb. 2 | C. G. Rose                   | R. E. Bettis        |
| Nebr.   | Oshkosh           | A/G                     | Jan. 19-Feb. 2 | M. W. & Mrs. Roll            | Lowell Yung         |
| N. Mex. | Farmington        | First                   | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | I. D. Rayborn                | D. E. Stover        |
| N. Y.   | Alcove            | Full Gospel             | Jan. 19-24     | James L. Snyder              | Harold Harding Jr.  |
| N. C.   | Wilmington        | First                   | Jan. 19-26     | Charles Heath                | Wayne Barkley       |
| Ohio    | Celina            | A/G                     | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | W. W. & Mrs. Martin          | C. E. Dewlen        |
|         | Fostoria          | A/G                     | Jan. 22-Feb. 2 | R. J. Pasquale               | Dale E. Neller      |
| Okla.   | Collinsville      | A/G                     | Jan. 15-26     | Ervin Asiatico               | Clifford Miller     |
|         | Webbers Falls     | A/G                     | Jan. 19-Feb. 2 | Fred Carrington              | R. C. Higginbottom  |
| Oreg.   | Coquille          | First                   | Jan. 21-26     | Paul Clark Team              | Claude Malan        |
|         | Hillsboro         | First                   | Jan. 14—       | Harry Blakkolb               | Bennie R. Harris    |
| Tenn.   | Dyersburg         | First                   | Jan. 19-24     | Joe Williams                 | E. Jerald Ogg       |
|         | Memphis           | Sherwood                | Jan. 19—       | Tony Minick                  | Wesley Payne        |
| Tex.    | Cooper            | First                   | Jan. 19—       | H. A. & Mrs. Strange         | M. E. Green         |
|         | Portland          | A/G                     | Jan. 21-Feb. 2 | Mike & Linda Murdock         | Glynn Freeman       |
| Va.     | Windsor           | <sup>2</sup> Pine Grove | Jan. 21-26     | David & Mary Dean            | William Swaim       |
| Wash.   | Kittitas          | A/G                     | Jan. 14-26     | Dan & Marty Womack           | Wesley A. Nelson    |
|         | Seattle           | Evangel Temple          | Jan. 22-26     | Roy & Arlene Brewer          | Walter Buck         |

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

<sup>2</sup>Deeper Life Crusade

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HE SEEMED SO GOOD. HE WAS HELPFUL. BUT HE WAS A—

# COUNTERFEIT DOCTOR

By PATRICIA LEALI

**F**OR FOUR YEARS a doctor we'll call Dr. John Smith (although that is not his name) served his patients in a Michigan city well. Those he treated remarked that he was cheerful, nicely young, always available for house calls, and won the children over easily. There were only words of praise for young Dr. Smith by the 2,000 patients he saw in one year.

Imagine their amazement when they learned one day that their doctor was a fake!

It was discovered that John Smith had indeed gone to classes at two large universities in Michigan. He had done all the work, but he had never registered at either university, nor had he acquired a degree.

Both schools were so large that he could blend into the student body, use the labs, hear the lectures, and still remain anonymous.

By self-denial and sacrifice (many days he had only one meal) he completed seven years of college. He bought all the books a doctor needs. He secured equipment for practicing medicine. Then he hung out his shingle and quickly acquired a good number of patients.

He was sincere, he was competent, he was kind, he was understanding... but he was wrong. What he had done was outside the law, and he paid for his error by spending a year in prison.

I think you know someone like John Smith. In fact, it may even be you. No, they're not pretending to be doctors; they're pretending to be Christians.

They're a good counterfeit. Even when they're held up to the light it's difficult to discern whether or not they're genuine.

They're regular church attenders. Perhaps they believe that church attendance will gain them heaven.

They're good people. They're honest and kind. They believe in helping others, lending a hand.

And what's most difficult, they know the language. "If you have a problem, the best place to be is church," they'll say. Or, "All you can do about that is pray."

They're sincere. But they're sincerely wrong. Unless they repent and get saved, they will pay for their error—not with a year in prison, but with eternity in hell.

Does that sound like a terribly harsh judgment? Why would such good people go to hell? Haven't they been good church members, good moral people?

Yes, but they don't know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Like John Smith, they lack what is required. He had the knowledge, he had the experience, but he didn't have what it takes to make a doctor.

Neither do going to church and being a good person make a Christian. The Bible says in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The key words are, "Whosoever believeth in him."

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9). By his death He opened the door to heaven that was not only closed, but barred—barred by your sin and my sin.

Our goodness won't get us in. It is Christ's goodness, His death, His resurrection that saves us. It is when we claim Him as our personal Saviour that Jesus comes into our hearts and assures us of a home in heaven.

Acts 4:12 tells us, referring to Jesus: "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Our good name, no matter how renowned, will not open heaven's doors.

The rich man in Luke 12 thought he had a good name. He was very proud of his success. He made his fortune and then he said to himself, "Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

God gave him a new name. He called him "fool."

John Smith was proud of the title *Doctor* for he had gone to great lengths to gain it. But you can earn the title *Christian* very simply. The Bible tells us, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Are you a counterfeit Christian? You can change that right now. Just ask Jesus to come into your heart. He'll make you the real thing. 