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

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# BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

By NORMAN E. SCHLARBAUM

*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost . . . (Acts 1:5).*

**W**E TWENTIETH-CENTURY CHRISTIANS need the teaching of God's Word concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, just as did the devout Jews who had assembled in Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Pentecost.

Their worship was disturbed by reports that in an upper room the disciples of Jesus Christ had received the promise of the Father. The Comforter promised by Jesus had been sent to them in answer to His prayer (John 14:16). God had poured out the Holy Spirit in the fullness of time and He came accompanied by "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other women were among those present. Upon investigation these devout Jews heard the Spirit-filled disciples speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. In their amazement they doubtingly enquired, "What meaneth this?" The once fearful Peter, now clothed with the power of the Spirit, boldly declared that this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh."

Peter's answer meant that Pentecost was to be no longer merely a memorial feast but a glorious experience to be entered into and enjoyed. The experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is distinct from regeneration, even as the Feast of Pentecost was distinct from the Passover Feast. Christ's command, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," was given to saved disciples (Luke 24:49). Previous to Pentecost, their names were written in heaven; they were clean through the Word; Christ had already breathed upon them saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Consider the time when Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ to the Samaritans. God confirmed His Word with miracles and healings until there was great joy in that city. Despite all this evidence of God's presence and blessing, the apostles at Jerusalem sent Peter and John to Samaria to pray for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, for as yet He was fallen upon none of them (Acts 8:5-25).

Later Paul arrives in Ephesus and asks Apollos' twelve

disciples the question, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2). Or as the American Standard Version translates it, "Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?" Both versions imply that these were believing disciples, but they had not heard about the Holy Ghost. So the Ephesian believers were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus; and after this Paul "laid his hands upon them," and "the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6). Thus we have three witnesses to the baptism of the Holy Spirit as an experience taking place subsequent to salvation. Do we need more evidence? At the mouth of *two* witnesses a truth shall be established.

In Acts 10 we find Peter obeying the heavenly vision



that God gave to him—preaching Christ and the forgiveness of sins to Cornelius and his household. “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God” (Acts 10:44-46). Those at Cornelius’ household were saved and filled in one gracious operation of the Spirit of God. This example illustrates the truth that some get saved and filled with the Spirit at the same time. However, as witnessed earlier, this is not usually the case.

In all these accounts there is a common denominator in that they all spoke with tongues as the Spirit of God gave them utterance. The mighty rushing wind, the tongues as of cloven fire, and even the prophecy were not repeated in every case. Yet on the day of Pentecost, and at Ephesus, as well as at the house of Cornelius, they spoke with other tongues by the enablement of the Holy Spirit.

Further proof of this is inferred from the bestowal of the Spirit in Samaria at the apostles’ hands, and also from Paul’s own experience when he was filled with the Spirit. There must have been a time in Paul’s life when he spoke in tongues for the first time, because he later wrote to the Corinthians, “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all” (1 Corinthians 14:18). This is a remarkable statement because the Corinthians were exercising the gift of tongues to excess. Some may despise speaking in other tongues, but with Paul I would say, “I thank my God, I speak with tongues.”

The Baptism or infilling of the Holy Spirit is not for the world. The world cannot receive Him because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him (John 14:17). This experience is for you, if you have obeyed Peter’s admonition, “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” Peter made the promise very personal when he concluded with the words, “Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you” (Acts 2:38, 39). The promise of the Father is *for you*.

This blessing is bestowed upon us for a purpose; namely, to make us a blessing to needy people. We are to be God’s witnesses whereby He can speak to a sin-sick world. God’s provision for our need is contained in the last words that Christ uttered upon earth, “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Can you say with Micah of old: “Truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord”? (Micah 3:8). If not, pray until you are endued with power from on high. May we indeed make Isaac Watts’ hymn our prayer:

“Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.  
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad our Saviour’s love  
And that shall kindle ours.”



## A MIRACULOUS MESSAGE IN VIETNAM

**G**EORGE WAS DIFFERENT. Some of the other marines professed Christianity, but George lived it. His sergeant, John McElhannon, a Navaho Indian, did not claim to believe anything. However, he saw in George a man to be respected and admired, and they soon became good friends.

One day their company was attacked by the Viet Cong and George was critically wounded. John rushed to where the stricken George lay and encouraged him, “You’re going to be all right; take it easy and save your strength.”

In his very weakened condition, George could only say a few words—“John, you need God.” *But he said them in the Navaho language!*

Sgt. McElhannon was astounded. He had often tried to teach George words and phrases in his native tongue, but to no avail. Now, in flawless Navaho came these startling words—which proved to be the last George would ever speak in this life.

Soon afterwards John also was struck down in battle and had to return to the States to recuperate. As he lay in the hospital the dying words of his fallen comrade went through his mind and he couldn’t forget them—*John, you need God*. He determined that he must find “George’s God.”

After a futile visit to at least one church in San Francisco, John went to Fresno, California, to visit his mother. There he again took up his quest to find the God whom George had known and loved so ardently. He tried one church but found nothing to satisfy the longing in his heart. Then, just as he was planning to leave the city, he decided to try once more. He picked up the phone book to scan its pages, and the name “Bethel Temple” attracted his attention. A call to the pastor finally led him to a Saturday night young people’s meeting in a home.

It took only a few moments in the warmth and love of that home meeting to convince John that these young people knew George’s God. He became so excited that at first the group grew alarmed. However, as he unburdened his heart and told them about George, they explained that it was the Holy Spirit who caused George to speak to John in a language he had never learned.

With their eager prayers and help the young soldier soon put his faith in Jesus Christ and found George’s God to be *his own God*. The quest was ended, and today 1st Lt. John McElhannon of the U.S. Marines has his own inspiring testimony.



## The Happy Vacationists

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a man who said to his family, "Lo, the season for vacationing is upon us, and we are weary from the labors of a busy year. Let us pack our camping gear, drive to a beautiful lake, and relax for a week or two."

So they filled the trunk of their car with blankets, fishing tackle, cooking utensils, and other necessary equipment and happily made their way to the water's edge. There they pitched their tent in a quiet spot and began to indulge in the various healthful pleasures of outdoor living.

On Saturday night the eldest son remarked, "Verily, verily, this is the life for me. Would that we could stay here all year, many miles from church. Tomorrow will be one Sunday I can enjoy to my heart's content."

But the father wisely answered and said, "My son, though we may wander far from home we must never wander from the Lord. Worship is as needful in summer as in winter. Let us arise on Sunday morning at the usual hour and wend our way to the little church down the road. There we will be blessed, and perchance we even may be a blessing to someone; for there are sinners to be led to Christ in summer as well as winter."

The youth replied, "But Dad, I can worship the Lord as I fish, or while I swim. The outdoors makes me think of God."

"That is well, my son," said the parent; "we should give glory to the Lord for His wonderful creation. It is true that one can worship on the lake, or under a tree, as well as in a church—but is he prone to do so? I find that either I relax so comfortably that my mind wanders in every other direction, or else I become engrossed in the beauties of nature itself rather than in Him who created it. I find I can worship better in a sanctuary among fellow-Christians of like precious faith."

So the family went to Sunday school and church, as their custom was. There in the house of God, shut away from material things and exposed to spiritual considerations, their spirits were drawn heavenward. The hymns, the prayer, the testimonies, the preaching, the fellowship of the saints all combined to stimulate a spirit of worship within them and strengthened their holy resolves. They returned to camp rejoicing in the love of Christ and giving thanks for the sweet anointing of the Holy Ghost upon their lives.

"My husband," said the wife, "thou art indeed a wise man to heed the Scripture which exhorts us to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, even while on vacation."

"Wife," he replied, "I have found that the war between the flesh and the spirit waxes doubly fierce in summer. One must keep his body under, by exercising himself unto godliness. As our faithful pastor told us, we need the tent revivals, the camp meetings, and other extra activities of summer to keep us busy for God, lest we give place to the enemy of our souls and grow soft."

And so the happy vacationers continued their holiday with full enjoyment, mindful of the Source of their blessings, and diligent in having family devotions each day.

Neither did their home church suffer financially by their absence; for they had given their tithes and offerings prior to their departure.

Verily such members are faithful stewards of the Lord, staunch pillars of the church, and they shall return home with no regrets to spoil the memories of a happy vacation.

—r.c.c.

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# GOD'S POVERTY PROGRAM

By M. M. JOHNSON

**P**OVERTY IS A RELATIVE MATTER. Many persons who are poor by American standards would be considered well-to-do if they lived in some foreign countries.

Similarly, there is a spiritual wealth that can be enjoyed by persons who are poor in this world's goods; and according to this standard many of the world's richest people are very poor.

Take the account of the rich man and Lazarus for an example. In giving this account, the Lord Jesus lifted the curtain which separates us from the life that is to come (Luke 16:19-31).

It reminds us how greatly a person's situation is suddenly changed when death calls. It cannot be compared with the changes that take place at birth.

When a new baby is born into the world, there is a marked change from its former state, but its faculties of perception are so undeveloped that it adjusts gradually to its new surroundings without shock or surprise.

Not so at death. When one passes from this life to the next, the fully developed faculties apprehend the differences, and the impact on the intellect and emotions is profound. For some there awaits the most ecstatic joy; for others, consternation and despair.

Notice what Jesus said about these two men. When Lazarus died he was "carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom." This was language the Jews could understand, for Abraham to them was the highest example of faith and righteousness. To be where he was, to the Jewish mind, was to be in heaven.

The rich man also died. He had a lavish funeral, but he did not see it. An expensive casket, but he could not enjoy it. A splendid eulogy, but he did not hear it. An imposing tomb, but actually *he* was not in it. Banks of flowers, but all he smelled was brimstone. He opened his eyes in hell and found that though he had been rich for a time, he would be a pauper for eternity. His first plea was for water, "for I am tormented in this flame."

What a contrast! What a change from the days when he had been a rich man and a lowly beggar waited hopefully for crumbs at his gate!

There is nothing said in the story about the righteousness of poverty or the wickedness of riches. Jesus put no premium on either wealth or want. The heart attitude is the important thing.

It is doubtful that Lazarus was especially noted in religious circles or that the rich man's name was in the local rouses' gallery, but their final destinations revealed their true spiritual state.

It is evident that at some time Lazarus had realized his spiritual poverty and turned for help to God, the



only One who could help him. Feeling condemnation for sin, he accepted God's mercy and forgiveness. Battling his weaknesses, he looked to God for power to live victoriously. He realized he was unable to prolong his own life and believed God for eternal life after death. His final destination proved that these things had taken place in his life. When the great change came, he welcomed it and entered into a more glorious life than he had ever known before.

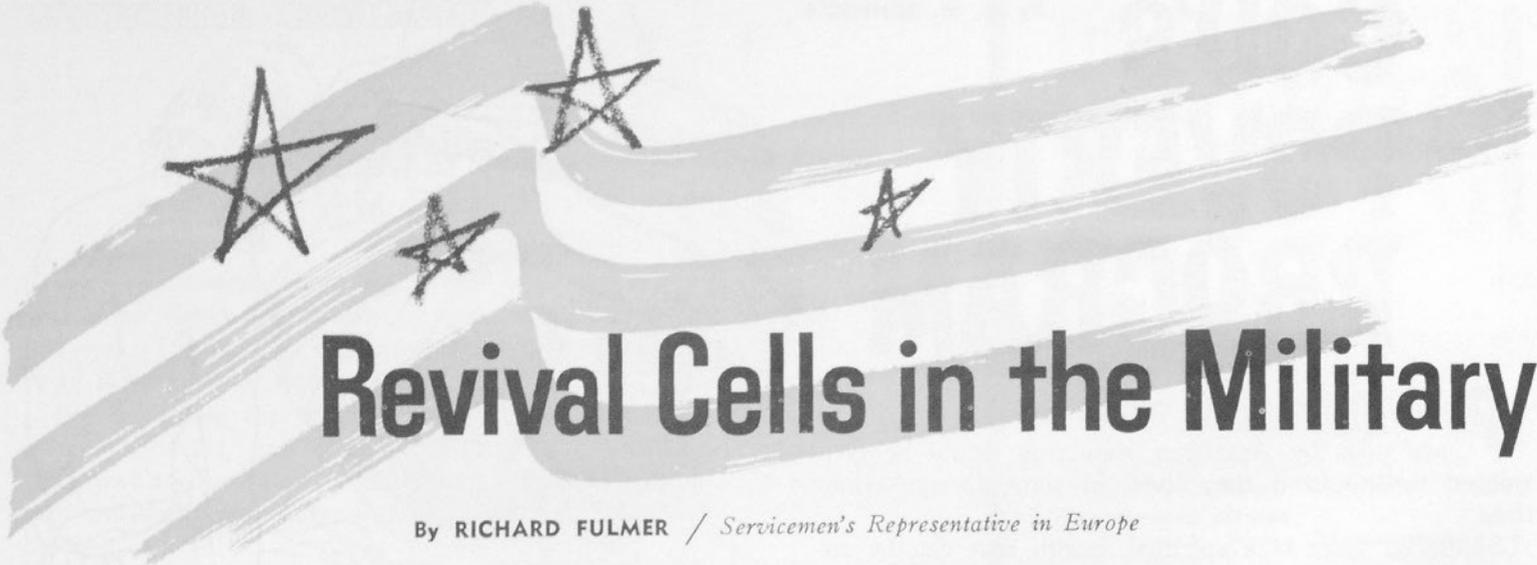
But the rich man, having all he could ever need or want in this life, may never have considered his spiritual poverty. If he did, he apparently put it aside and turned back to the enjoyment of temporal blessings. When the great change came for him, he realized with horror and anguish that he was an eternal pauper of the lowest class!

Friend, the big question facing us today is not what our present economic or social status is, but rather, will we be rich or poor throughout eternity.

Fortunately for us, God has a poverty program. He sent His Son into the world to endow the spiritually poor with spiritual riches. It is written, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The Lord Jesus Christ took our debt of sin upon Himself. He settled our account and made us heirs to limitless spiritual riches.

Whether we remain poor or enjoy those spiritual riches depends on whether we accept Him as our personal Saviour.

Decide now. In eternity it will be too late.



# Revival Cells in the Military

By RICHARD FULMER / *Servicemen's Representative in Europe*

**M**Y DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND, a sergeant, are stationed in Frankfurt, Germany," a mother in Texas wrote. "They have an afflicted child and are very discouraged. Will you visit them?"

The reception was a bit cool when we first called on this family and invited them to the Frankfurt Assemblies of God servicemen's church. But we did our best to assure them of our interest and friendship.

A few months later Mother Taylor arrived, and with daughter and her husband attended our church. The couple accepted Christ. The sergeant was filled with the Holy Spirit at our retreat in Berchtesgaden last November. And the baby has made obvious progress and continues to improve. Recently this family rotated to the States, rejoicing in the Lord's goodness!

Transformations like this occur over and over in our servicemen's fellowship groups—they are growing cells!

Military personnel are an exciting lot! Many discover that being a witness is a rewarding Christian responsibility and find countless witnessing opportunities in the military and chapel community.

The American military establishment worldwide is a community composed of well-trained, disciplined officers, noncommissioned officers, and their families. They take many things with them to overseas assignments—their station wagon, their dog, and their charcoal grill. They either move into American housing on their bases or find homes in surrounding villages, as here in Germany. The children attend American schools with American schoolteachers. They buy their food in American commissaries (supermarkets) and clothing through the base exchange. Single men live in the barracks, but many visit regularly in an American home atmosphere and some go to church two or three times a week.

The general Protestant chapel is a community service. While the pattern of worship is more formal, it is here that one will find dedicated men and women. Those who love Christ sacrifice informal worship to identify with their fellow Christians. Opportunities for Christian service are unlimited through the Sunday school and men's, women's, and youth groups. Chaplains always welcome good workers, provided the workers understand they are

laboring with others in an interfaith relationship.

To the embarrassment of our own Assemblies of God and other fundamental chaplains, some of the younger people in the military avoid the base chapel when they come overseas, not realizing that this is an excellent place to identify.

Most chaplains are anxious to cooperate with the evangelicals and will, with the assistance of the Assemblies of God servicemen's representative, arrange special Sunday night or denominational services using Army or Air Force chapel facilities. Between 30 and 40 of these groups are now functioning here in Europe, most of which are in Germany where the larger U.S. military communities are located.

These Pentecostal fellowship groups become revival cells, for in them many service personnel are born again, others are reclaimed for Christ, and many are filled with the Holy Spirit.

While the rotation system keeps most of these revival cells small in number, it also brings in many new personnel. The opportunities are great. Instead of 30 or 40 groups, we could have a hundred if we just had one Spirit-filled layman with sufficient spiritual vision at each base. Where we do have such leadership, we see fantastic results!

Sometimes leadership in these groups is provided by younger, short-tour men, such as Paul Breithaupt who now attends LeTourneau College in Texas. "I will always cherish the opportunity of being a part of the program in Europe, especially being group leader in Kitzingen where I gained invaluable experience," he wrote recently. "It was a blessing to see the group grow—to watch the Lord work!" He went on to describe how a family, including three teen-agers, were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The secret of enjoying the Army is to become as involved as possible in the things of the Lord," Paul says. "The best people in the military will be found at the chapel. The highlight of my tour in Germany was the Pentecostal fellowship, the rallies at Erzhausen, and the retreat in Berchtesgaden where I received the Baptism."

Longer-tour men like Jerry Groom take on responsibility for more than one group. While stationed in Frankfurt, Jerry led the fellowship groups in Hanau

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This is another article in a series appearing in the *Evangel* this year showing the role of youth in revival.



**LEFT:** Fred Cottriel (second from left), missionary and business manager of Continental Bible College, Brussels, Belgium, receives a check for \$1,000 from Capt. Darrel Delozier, representing the Berean Missionary Fellowship. Dick Fulmer, Assemblies of God servicemen's representative for Europe, is at the right.



**At the left is 1st Lt. Paul Baker, representing the Frankfurt servicemen's group which gave the first offering. RIGHT: Rallies for servicemen are conducted regularly at the Bible school in Erzhausen, Germany. This photo was taken when General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman was guest speaker.**

and Aschaffenburg and assisted with the Frankfurt church.

Since returning to the States to attend Bible college, Jerry received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. The citation stated: "SP5 Jerry D. Groom distinguished himself by meritorious service as legal clerk and administrative specialist, Headquarters Special Troops, V Corps (provisional), during the period May 1966 to December 1968. By his high quality workmanship, he consistently produced outstanding results. . . . In addition to his normal military duties, he spent many hours counseling members of V Corps Special Troops on personal problems. As a minister in the church to which he belongs, Specialist Groom considered it his duty to assist in the rehabilitation of the maladjusted and disoriented. His efforts have borne fruit on numerous occasions. His professional competence, loyalty, and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself, V Corps, and the United States Army."

Men like these make a lasting contribution to the work of God in Europe! Their example illustrates the necessity of becoming involved in the Lord's work both in the chapel program and in the fellowship groups.

The Christian GI in the barracks also lives in a unique harvest field of witnessing opportunities. Through a spiritual discussion in the mess hall, Steve, a Lutheran, met Bob, an Assemblies of God fellow. At chapel Bob had become acquainted with an Air Force captain and his family and often enjoyed fellowship in their home. Bob shared this fellowship with Steve, and the family invited Steve to the Assemblies of God monthly and holiday rallies at Erzhausen and to the weekly meetings in Frankfurt.

Steve's hunger for a deeper experience with the Lord was met in a recent crusade with Bob Watters in Frankfurt: he was filled with the Holy Spirit! His joy overflows! He returns home this month—a happy, Spirit-filled Christian whose uppermost desire now is to enter full-time Christian service. *This is revival!*

Servicemen have discovered another great blessing through self-sacrificing missionary involvement. They are giving \$30,000 annually to missions through the Assemblies of God Berean Missionary Fellowship in Europe. Most of this goes to seven Bible schools here. In addition, they support the BMF office, including a full-time secretary.

Their latest thrust is to furnish the chapel of Continental Bible College in Brussels, Belgium. Through the Centurion Foundation, a revolving loan fund for church assistance, they have given over \$25,000 in four years.

Revival touches every phase of a man's life—his family, his work, his neighbors, his giving! The tragedy is that many Assemblies of God people come into the military and never get involved. Many spend an entire overseas tour and never see a missionary, a Bible school, a chapel service, or a fellowship group.

In this sector of the American military establishment our fellowship extends from England to Turkey, from Bremerhaven in northern Germany to Wheelus Air Base in North Africa. We have an annual retreat at Berchtesgaden supported by the military for the spiritual well-being of all our men and their dependents. Facilities of the German Bible school in Erzhausen are used each month and on every American holiday to conduct Assemblies of God services for servicemen and dependents.

As this revival continues in the cells, retreats, and rallies, we feel burdened for those who need it most—the uninvolved.



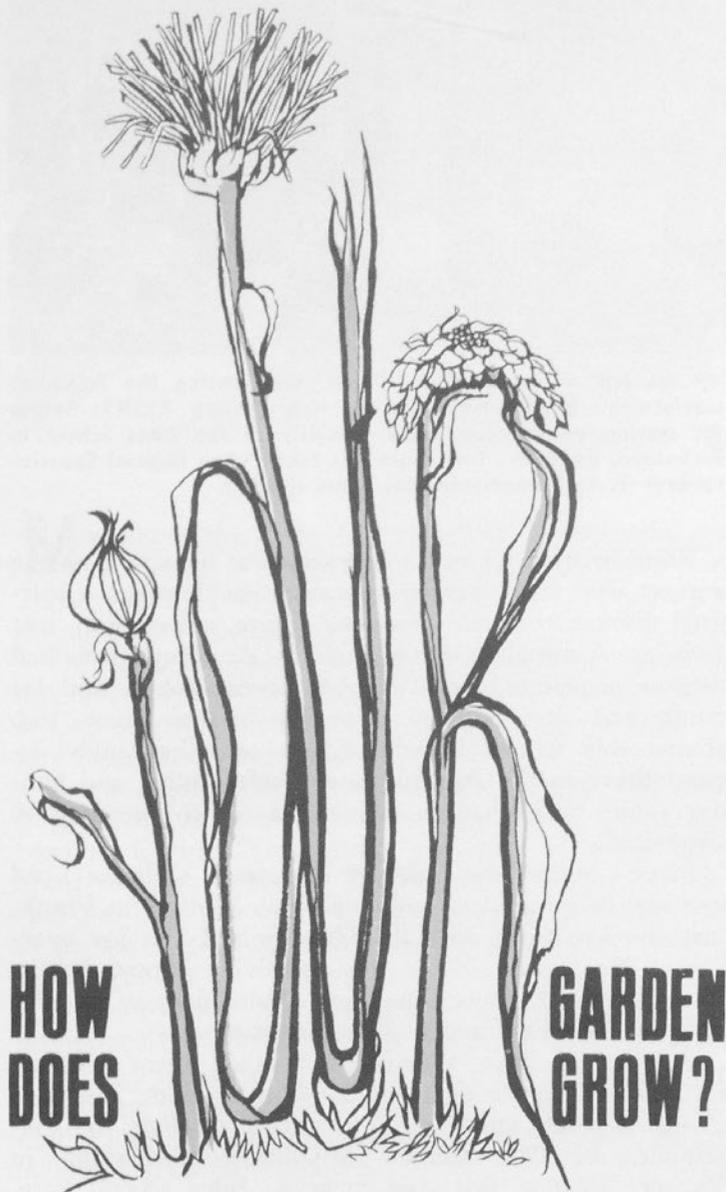
**SCRIPTURES  
TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR JULY 21-27**

Theme of the Week: **REDEEMING THE TIME**

Mon. .... Joshua 10:1-14	Thurs. .. Ecclesiastes 12:1-8
Tues. .... Psalm 90:1-17	Fri. .... Hosea 10:1-15
Wed. .. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Sat. .. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Sun. .... James 4:11-17	

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).



By MAXINE WILLIAMS

**D**ID YOU PLANT A GARDEN and watch over it week after week, only to end up eating canned corn instead of the roasting ears you had dreamed of?

If you will analyze your gardening methods, perhaps you will find you failed to keep the laws of the harvest. There are fixed laws for growing things. One cannot break those laws and still reap a good harvest.

Similarly, there are laws in the spiritual realm and we must follow them if we wish to reap a good spiritual harvest. The Bible says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6). Let us consider some of the laws attached to bringing in the sheaves.

#### GUIDELINES ON SOWING

*Seed must be sown before a crop can be harvested.* One does not have a harvest merely by owning a farm. A beautiful church and Christian education plant cannot guarantee a harvest of souls!

In the parable of the sower, Jesus made it clear that

seed must be put into the soil before there can be a harvest (Luke 8:4-15). To sow the soil of the unsaved requires diligence in getting them to church or reaching them in other ways.

Grain lay in the tomb of Tut-ankh-a-men for thousands of years, but there was no harvest. When the archaeologists found it and planted it centuries later, it germinated and yielded a harvest!

God's Word must be planted—not only in the soil of the sinner but also in the soil of Christians. Have we wondered why we keep records at Sunday school, why we urge faithful attendance, or why Bible reading is encouraged? The purpose is to sow the seed, for without the planting there can be no harvest of the fruit of the Spirit. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:8).

*A harvest requires a sower.* God is depending on men and women to sow the Seed. There is a popular saying: "If you can't go, you can send," but this is not entirely scriptural. We may both go and send, but every Christian bears a responsibility for making God known, wherever he is. Some of us may be allotted more time for sowing than others, and some may have more skill, but if all of us will be diligent to do all we can there will be a vast amount of seed sown.

*A good harvest depends on good seed.* In gospel work we have the best seed in the world—the Word of God which lives and lasts forever. The seed contains the germ of eternal life. The life is in the seed, not in the sower. Human ideas do not have life and cannot produce life. To sow something else than the Word of God is like sowing pebbles. The seed determines the nature of the harvest. Only the Word of Life can produce a harvest of redeemed souls having the life of God in them.

*An abundant harvest requires abundant sowing.* The Bible says, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly..." (2 Corinthians 9:6). My father once sent out his hired man to plant corn. He gave him instructions concerning the thickness of the planting, but the man thought he knew better and could save my father some money, so he planted the seed much more sparingly. The crop was so spotty that it amounted to a financial loss!

*To have an abundant harvest, one must take some risks.* Ecclesiastes 11:4 reminds us that "he that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." The one who waits and waits until everything is favorable will never have a harvest. It is inevitable that some seed will be lost; it will be affected by rocks, weeds, and pests. There may be floods, hail, erosion, and other problems but the farmer cannot let this stop him from planting. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall alike be good" (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

*The harvest may depend on whether the seed is sown at the right time.* "Right time" depends on the soil, the seed, and the weather. Seed sown on frozen ground will hardly sprout! My mother, in her garden in North Dakota, planted the corn and beans so they would not burst through the soil until after June 5, for we nearly always had a killing frost the first week of June.

After the Sunday school class, a Junior boy said to

his teacher, "I wish I knew how to be saved." She let the opportunity go by. Afterward she said: "I didn't know how to tell him, so I just let him go on into the church service. He has never shown the same interest since that time. Now he's an adolescent, and no one has been able to reach him for Christ." There are right and wrong times for sowing.

#### TIPS ON CULTIVATION AND GROWTH

*Growing plants must be cultivated to produce a harvest.* Seeds which lie dormant for a long time may, with proper cultivation, moisture, and warmth, suddenly spring up. The poorer the soil, the harder it is to get a good crop, but work will do it. We are not responsible for the original condition of the soil, but we are responsible to do everything we can to get the soil to produce.

The farmer goes to great lengths. He practices crop rotation, lets land lie fallow, chooses rust resistant or hybrid seeds, picks rocks out of some areas, or clears trees and stumps from others. He spends money for fertilizer to improve the soil, invests in expensive equipment, goes to the cost of terracing or drainage, all for the sake of the harvest. Do we place enough value on a harvest of souls?

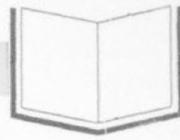
*The work is not done by God alone.* The apostle said that man may sow, and man may water, but God gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). Conversely, the Lord does not give the increase without man's help in sowing and watering. Sometimes we may be tempted to excuse our lack of effort by saying it is God's work and He will make sure there is a harvest. Or we may be tempted to wish we could do the reaping instead of the sowing and watering. It is more glamorous. When results are reported, the spotlight is on the reaping. But the sowing and watering are indispensable.

*Time is required for growth.* Seldom does the sowing and reaping occur the same day. It requires patient waiting. John Kolenda told us of a great revival he witnessed as a missionary in Brazil. He said the secret was that all the believers were continually talking about the Lord, not from a contrived effort to pressure others to accept Christ, but from hearts of abundant joy and gladness over their own salvation. This gospel seed eventually sprouted; the neighbors and friends came to church prepared to give their hearts to Christ. The pastor did not have to sow and reap the same day; he merely reaped the harvest from the seed that had been sown by the church members. We have need of patience. "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it..." (James 5:7).

*Understanding is required for proper cultivation.* Corn must be cultivated a while, and then "laid by." Beets are cultivated, then thinned. Celery and lettuce must be hilled or tied up. Wheat is neither hoed nor cultivated. Fruit requires spraying. Tomatoes are often started in the house and then transplanted. The Holy Spirit will give wisdom and understanding concerning the proper attention needed for those in whom the Word has been planted.

#### THE CERTAINTY OF A HARVEST

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:8). There will be a harvest. The nature of the harvest will be according to the seed we have sown, and the amount of the



# Sons of God

By GLENN M. HORST

*"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1).*

FROM THE MOMENT I WAS SAVED, I was uniquely aware that I was God's son. I knew I had been born into a family as a babe and that I was as much a son at that moment as I would be 20 years from then. There are no degrees in sonship!

Nearly 21 years ago, this text took on a new meaning for me. It was six minutes before midnight and I was standing in a hospital corridor in Gary, Indiana.

As a boy, I had always wanted a sister. To my horror, I had seen unwanted girl babies in the Far East thrown away. Now I was secretly hoping our addition would be a girl.

When I heard the nurse say, "It's a girl," my joy knew no bounds. I was wholly unprepared for the thrill of being a father. "Yea," I hollered in spite of the late hour. "I'm a dad!"

One of the nurses shook me and said, "Hush, it's late." I replied, "I know it's late, but I'm a dad."

Almost angry with me, she said, "You are not the first dad we've had around here."

I nearly shouted it as I replied, "I know I'm not the first dad you ever had around here, but after nearly 13 years of waiting, this is the first time I've been a dad."

Then I understood in a new way what the Bible means when it says there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. It means a new child has been born into the family of God. Just think, our relationship to the Father brings joy to His heart!

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harvest will be in proportion to the sowing and tending.

In the Christian life, sowing and harvesting occur concurrently, as we sow for the future, we simultaneously are reaping what we sowed in the past. We must never be content with today's crop, but keep sowing for tomorrow.

We want revival. We are praying for a harvest of souls. Let us remember that we only reap what we sow. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5). God is the great Husbandman and He longs for revival more fervently than we do. "The labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest..." (Luke 10:2). Let us pray for it, and let us also be diligent to sow the seed from which revival springs up.



# SEPARATION

Sunday School Lesson for July 27, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

OUR LESSON TEXT contains some of the most powerful, practical, and explicit teaching on victorious Christian living found anywhere in the New Testament. Paul first set forth the glorious principles of holy living and then described the application of those principles in the daily life of the believer.

### IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST (vv. 1-4)

"If then, ye were raised together with Christ" is the literal translation. Paul stated an absolute fact. When Christ died, not only did He die for the sinner, but the sinner died with Him. Dying with Christ and rising with Christ are inseparable. Observe that a past tense is used. It was an accomplished and completed fact—not only for the Christians at Colosse, but for every Christian since. Christ is thus our life.

"If then, ye were raised together with Christ, seek the

things . . . above" (Colossians 3:1, ASV). The believer is to recognize his resurrection life in Christ, to consider, prize, and appreciate it. We are to "set our affections" on these things; that is, to think on these things.

"When Christ . . . shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory." Because Christ is one with us and we are one with Him, He could not die without us nor rise without us. And now that He lives within us, He cannot appear in glory without us!

Paul has said our union with Christ now is *hidden*; that is, not recognizable in the fullest sense by the world. But when He comes again, His coming will make plain who His sons are, for the living and dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him and come with Him. (See 1 Peter 1:13; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Romans 8:19-23; John 17:22; 1 John 3:1-3.)

### DELIVERANCE FROM THE OLD LIFE (vv. 5-9)

In view of the unlimited power available to him through union with Christ, the believer may (and should) experience glorious freedom from past vices.

These vices fall into two general categories—sins of the flesh and sins of the disposition. Paul spoke of sins of impurity, such as fornication, uncleanness, "inordinate affection" (passion or desire contrary to God's Word), "evil concupiscence" (evil desire), and "covetousness" (equal to idolatry and probably the root of all the vices previously mentioned).

In verse 8 Paul listed sins of disposition as wicked as the first list and as much a part of the unregenerate life of the past. *Anger* means "a fixed state." *Wrath* probably refers to the manifestation or outburst of the settled feeling of anger. *Malice* means a disposition of mind to hurt others in one way or another. *Blasphemy* is slander, and *filthy communication* refers to slandering others in a filthy sort of way. Finally, Paul spoke against insincerity: "lie not" refers not only to untruthfulness, but to deception and flattery as well.

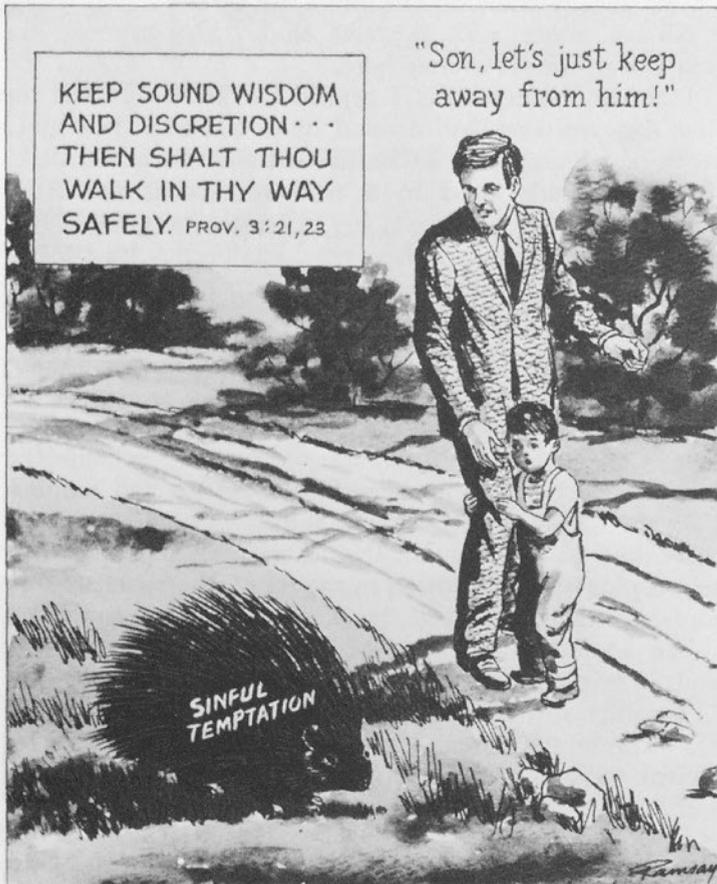
Throughout this section Paul told *how* these temptations to sin should be dealt with—"mortify" them, put them to death. They are to be "put off," like a garment. Paul was speaking of drastic, definite, and immediate action. And he took for granted the believer's power to obey—not by virtue of human strength, but by the power of Christ's resurrection life within.

### THE TRIUMPH OF THE NEW LIFE (vv. 9-17)

Christian living is more positive than negative. The life of Christ in the believer will manifest itself in various ways: (1) "Bowels of mercies"—deep interest in others and compassion for them; (2) "kindness"—treating others with consideration, thoughtfulness, and benevolence; (3) "humbleness of mind"—the opposite of pride, arrogance, and conceit; (4) "meekness"—the opposite of rudeness, self-vindication, self-assertiveness; the outgrowth of humbleness of mind; (5) "longsuffering"—patience with others; (6) "forbearance and forgiveness"; and (7) the grace which includes all others, or the grace from which all the others flow—"love."

Next, Paul suggested some habits which help maintain and develop further the new life in Christ: (1) Let the peace of God rule; (2) form the habit of thankfulness; (3) feed on the Word; (4) minister to others; (5) possess a singing heart; and (6) let everything you do or say have the authority of Christ behind it!

### BEST WAY NOT TO GET HURT





# When I Make My Last Move

**S**WELTERING! THAT WAS THE WORD for the weather as the old Rock Island rolled into Topeka and came to a bumpy stop. Windows and doors were all open on the ancient coach as the Buffum evangelistic party stood with their luggage, ready to detrain.

Through the window, I saw the heat waves rising from the bricks of the station platform as we gathered our things. When we stepped off the train the heat rose to meet us as from a hot grill. Dad glanced around for a quick check, then led the way to the streetcar stop a half block away. With the sleeves of his damp shirt rolled up, he carried a suitcase in each hand and one under each arm. Mother, carrying my little sister, hurried to keep pace. Ruth and Naomi followed with bags and boxes, and I brought up the rear with a nine-year-old's share of the load.

Dad was miserable in this kind of weather, and yet he insisted he was called to work in Kansas. I hated the winters. I wondered if it was some sort of penalty for past sins!

Loaded like a mule train, we reached Kansas Avenue and stopped to wait for the streetcar. As we stood there in the shade of an awning, a friend of Dad's came along and stopped. Dad shook hands with him and mopped the perspiration. "Brother," he said, "would you believe it? I've just been figuring, and I calculate I have moved on the average of once every five weeks for the last 15 years. That's a lot of moving for a family of six. But one of these days, *I'm going to make my last move*, and I won't have to be eternally hopping around and hunting a place to live in every dinky old town."

We had a nice little home on Grand Avenue for a while. It was a cozy white bungalow with a nice green lawn, and we all loved it, but the finance company kept insisting that we pay for it—so we gave it back to them.

So we made our way to a rooming house. It wasn't nice, but it was cheap, and there were always rooms available.

We climbed one set of dingy stairs, walked to the rear through a dim corridor, and deposited our luggage in the stuffy living room of an apartment. Dad tossed his hat on the closet shelf, and while Mother and the girls unpacked, he sat down at the kitchen table and

By HERBERT BUFFUM JR.

scribbled the lyrics of a song. "I've been traveling for Jesus so much of my life. . . ."

It wasn't easy, this business of traveling for the Lord. Always on the move; a little wife and mother always trying to find a place to live in those "one-horse towns"—scrounging up furniture or improvising out of dry goods boxes and discarded stoves. But there was a job to do, and we were averaging about a hundred converts per revival—and for Dad, that was compensation enough. There was nothing to do but keep preaching and keep moving. He wrote rapidly:

"When I move to the sky—up  
to heaven on high—  
What a wonderful trip that will be.  
I'm all ready to go—washed  
in Calvary's flow;  
That will be the last move for me."

It was a simple gospel song, but it was destined to go out from that humble apartment into the homes and hearts of millions of Americans. It was to be sung to the dying, and *by* the dying; it was to be sung to vast audiences packed into camp meeting tents, and sung until the glory of God would make the people rise to their feet in praise. It was to be recorded for RCA Victor by the Blackwood Brothers, and by the Governor, the Honorable Jimmie Davis, for Decca. It was to be sung by a choir of Negro men from a regiment fighting the Japanese in the Solomon Islands.

"Here I'm constantly saying farewell to my friends. . . ." Music from a tape recorder filled a recording studio in Nashville, where I was copying the song on a demonstration record. The technician in the studio was 90 percent blind. Presently his wife walked in from an adjacent room; she was totally blind from birth. "That is the song," she said, "that I used to sing to my grand-

mother when I was only 10 years old. She was sick . . . dying with cancer, I used to come home from school and sit on her bed and sing to her, and that was her favorite song."

I was seated a bit to one side, as the blind lady stood near the center of the room, facing where she knew her husband was working. There was a wistful and reminiscent note in her voice as she related the story. "I had two little brothers, and we all loved Grandma, because she used to take care of us while Mother worked. We had an old-fashioned cookstove, and she used to bake the most wonderful bread and apple pies. So as soon as I would come home, I would go in the bedroom and see how she was.

"One time I came home and she said, 'Honey, come and sit beside me and sing my song, about *the last move*. They are taking me to the hospital tomorrow.' So I sat down on the bed and sang it for her. Next day when I came home she was gone. She died a week or so after that."

She finished, and the music continued, "I'm all ready to go, washed in Calvary's flow; that will be the last move for me." That last move is the all-important one. We need to be washed in the precious Blood and ready to go. 

## "I WANTED TO TELL YOU . . ."

A BOY LOOKED INTENTLY at the picture in the art store window—a picture of the crucifixion of Christ. A man stopped and was also admiring the well-known painting.

Seeing the man's interest, the boy said to him: "That's Jesus."

The man made no reply, so the boy continued: "Them's Roman soldiers."

Then, after a minute: "They killed Him."

"Where did you learn this?" the man asked.

"In Sunday school."

The man turned and walked thoughtfully away. He hadn't gone far when he heard the boy call out: "Say, Mister." He paused while the boy ran to where he was. "Say, Mister, I wanted to tell you that He rose again."

That message—almost forgotten by the boy—is the message which has been coming down through the ages. It is the Resurrection message—the story of the eternal triumph of life over death; the promise and pledge of man's immortality.

What does this message mean? The Resurrection means that the perfect plan of salvation has been provided. To God it means that He is pleased with the work of His Son. To the believer it is a pledge of eternal life.

What does it mean to the unbeliever? The Resurrection is the assurance of judgment to come (Acts 17:30, 31). But it is more than that: it is a challenge to believe on the Lord and be saved.

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

The apostle wrote: "For 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). 

# YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*James 2:17 says: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." What are the good works?*

The good works are everything we do that is right. We are saved by faith; right living and good works are the results of salvation. It might be summed up in these words: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

*Why do we find the word "Lord" written all in capital letters in the Scripture, while "Lord," when used concerning Christ, uses a capital only for the initial letter?*

LORD stands for Jehovah, the great I Am (Exodus 3:14), the God of Israel and our God. *Lord* is used when referring to Jesus Christ, our divine Master. Sometimes *lord* is used (no capital); it refers to a human master; it is also used in respect by a wife for her husband: "Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord" (1 Peter 3:6).

*The Lord said to Moses, "Who maketh the dumb, or deaf, . . . have not I the Lord?" Exodus 4:11. What does this mean?*

God is the Creator of all. He is the Creator of those who cannot speak or hear, as well as those who can. Therefore God knew that Moses by nature was not a gifted speaker. Nevertheless, God called him and said, "Therefore go" (v. 12).

Many who suffered infirmities have been called of God and have been made a great blessing.

*My husband is a Christian Scientist. For years I have prayed that he might be saved. What more can I do?*

Perhaps the time has come for you to stop worrying and just commit him to God for Him to deal with.

Christian Science is anti-Christian in that it denies existence of sin. It claims what is called *sin* is only the error of mortal mind. It substitutes mental science for the Holy Spirit, claiming it has the key to the Scriptures, while denying that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Thus it denies that all are in need of a Saviour.

The Bible recognizes the power of the mind and the value of good thoughts, saying, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure . . . think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Wrong thinking works injuriously; right thinking vitalizes a man's entire being. But to deny there is sin to be repented of, and to substitute so-called divine science for the working of the Holy Ghost, is to deny the whole plan of redemption as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

*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.*

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ABOVE: Calvin Zeissler, Loren Triplett, and David Womack discuss the importance of overseas literature. LEFT: Editorial Vida publications go to many countries.

# ○ A MINISTRY IN

## MISSIONARIES LOREN TRIPLETT AND CALVIN ZESSLER EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OVERSEAS LITERATURE

While attending the Intercultural Communications Literature Seminar sponsored by Evangelical Literature Overseas at Green Lake, Wisconsin, Foreign Missions Editor David A. Womack interviewed Missionary Loren Triplett, who serves as coordinator of Editorial Vida (the Assemblies of God Spanish Literature Division, located in Miami, Florida), and Missionary Calvin Zeissler, who directs our literature program in Manila, Philippines.

WOMACK: What attracted you to the field of missionary literature?

TRIPLETT: Frankly, I was never so excited about anything in my life. I personally feel that God has chosen in paper and ink a special means for extending the gospel in our time. I've been thinking lately of the Bible verse that says, "He sent his word and healed them." Literature allows us to send God's Word for the healing of the nations.

ZESSLER: I feel that the Philippine

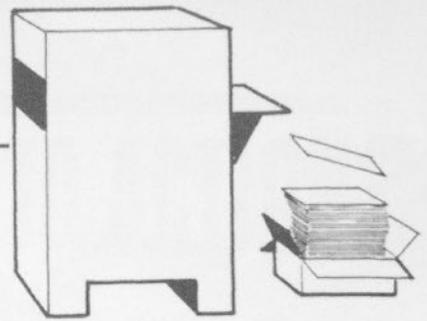
Islands present one of the world's greatest challenges. In 1964 when I returned to the Philippines as director of the literature program, Psalm 68:11 really challenged me: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."

WOMACK: How important is literature to our missionary work?

TRIPLETT: We believe that literature is an important factor in the marvelous revival God has brought to Latin America. It is an awesome thing to sense responsibility in the nurturing of something so sacred as a heaven-sent revival.

ZESSLER: This is also true of the Philippines. During the past several years we have seen a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit in this country. Literature has played a vital part in helping to reach the many converts. With over 400 Assemblies of God churches and 600 ministers in the Philippines all crying for literature, we have come to the place where

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we *must* advance in this area of ministry.

WOMACK: *Brother Zeissler, why did you locate your press in Manila?*

ZEISSLER: Manila is the capital city, and the Philippines Assemblies of God headquarters is there. Also this is the center of transportation and communication. It is ideally located as far as the general geographic area of the Philippines is concerned.

WOMACK: *How wide an area do you serve with your literature?*

ZEISSLER: We are reaching the entire country of the Philippines, made up of over 7,000 islands. There are many different tribal groups, so we are producing literature in five different languages besides English. We have done some work in English for other Far East countries as well.

WOMACK: *In contrast to a press established on the mission field, Editorial Vida is in the United States. Brother Triplett, why did you locate in Miami?*

TRIPLETT: There are 265 printing establishments in southern Florida, making it easy for us to get any type of printing job done, and prices are competitive. No matter where we might choose to locate in Latin America we would still be providing literature in Spanish on an international basis.

Another factor is that of distribution. It happens to be easier to contact any point of Latin America through Miami than through international postal services between any of the countries.

WOMACK: *How about the Philippines? Is it really possible for a missionary to prepare literature that relates to the Filipinos?*

ZEISSLER: As a missionary, I don't actually do the work of translating. We have well-qualified translators who work in the various dialects. In our Bible schools we are training young people in journalism, so we now receive articles, tracts, and other literature written by the people themselves.

WOMACK: *How would your litera-*

*ture differ from that used in gospel work in this country?*

TRIPLETT: Our literature is quite similar to that being used in the United States, although the appearance of our materials is designed to appeal to readers of another culture. We are translating and adapting a full line of graded Sunday school literature for Latin America. We published 110 million pages of Spanish literature last year—a little more than a ton of paper each day for the whole year!

ZEISSLER: We also adapt the American Sunday school materials. I might add that in the Philippines we are having a tremendous response to gospel literature. We are now designing our literature to reach the masses, and we have come up with a plan to reach into every home in places where GOOD NEWS CRUSADES are scheduled.

We have prepared a packet of literature to leave in homes. It was recently reported that 80 percent of the people in the Philippines are now literate. Because of this the people want something to read, and we have the best to give them. Through the distribution of these packets of gospel literature we are able to reach thousands upon thousands of people.

WOMACK: *How can you support such a literature program?*

ZEISSLER: We receive help from the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade and Light-for-the-Lost. When it comes to equipment, we receive all our printing presses, paper cutters, folders, typewriters, and other printing equipment from Speed-the-Light. We also receive help from churches and indi-

viduals who have pledged monthly support for this ministry.

TRIPLETT: Latin America also has been helped by these programs. If it were not for the regular support received from friends in the U.S. who see literature as a meaningful tool, we could never hope to keep pace with what God has laid on our hearts.

Of course, much of our literature is not given away in Latin America. Only strictly evangelistic materials are in the free category. Our Bible study courses and Sunday school literature are sold to the churches and institutions involved—but often at greatly subsidized prices.

ZEISSLER: This is true in the Philippines too. Most of our literature is paid for by the churches.

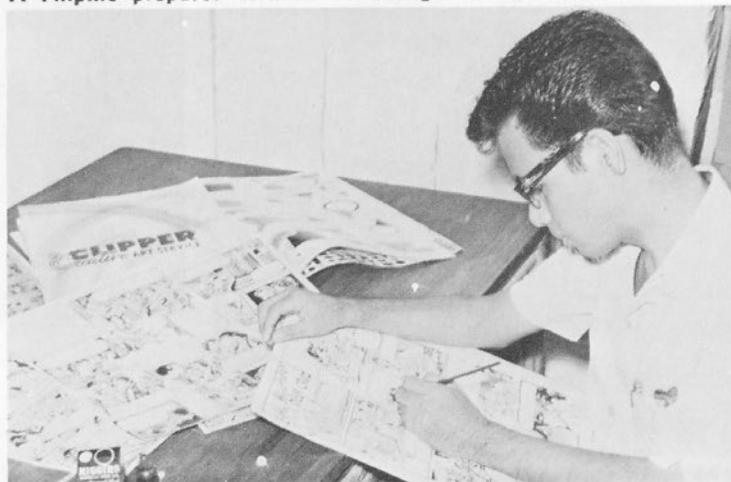
WOMACK: *Is there an opportunity for young people to go into missionary literature?*

TRIPLETT: Yes, we're praying that many young people will hear the voice of God and enter literature evangelism. Do you realize that when Moses came out of the presence of God after 40 days and 40 nights, he had a manuscript in his hand? I feel quite sure that the Holy Spirit wants the Church to go into the presence of God again and come out with His message in written form.

ZEISSLER: I pray that God will speak to the hearts of young people and give them a vision for this literature ministry.

WOMACK: Thanks to both of you for this enlightening view of the two largest Assemblies of God printing operations for overseas literature.

A Filipino prepares artwork at Evangel Press, Manila.



# A BIBLE SCHOOL FOR YUGOSLAVIA

By PAUL WILLISCROFT / *Missionary to Germany*

**W**E WERE SNOWED IN for a few days, confined to the city of Osijek and the neighboring villages. We were in northern Yugoslavia where the second short-term Bible school was being held.

But the snow and cold did not matter much, for the warmth of God's blessing prevailed in every session. About 55 Yugoslavian brethren were there to receive daily instruction in God's Word to assist them in their task of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to their countrymen.

The need of more advanced Bible training has long been recognized by the leaders of Yugoslavia's *Pentekostna Crkva* (Pentecostal Church). Very few pastors have any formal training. The churches have many consecrated young people who are willing to give their lives for the work of the Lord, but they need to be trained.

About two years ago the matter of theological education was discussed at length among the leaders of our church at Zagreb, but it seemed there was nothing that could be done. Then the idea came—start with a short-term Bible school! Would there be problems in finding an acceptable place to meet? Would there be restrictions? Would we be able to meet the cost of more than \$500? God honored this step of faith, and now two schools have become history.

What earnestness! What interest! What enthusiasm! Now at last after many, many years they are receiving



**TOP LEFT:** Zagreb, Yugoslavia, is the capital of Croatia. **CENTER:** About 55 Yugoslavian believers gathered for the short-term Bible school. **LEFT AND BELOW:** The Pentecostal believers in Yugoslavia are anxious to learn more about God's Word so that they may be effective workers for Christ. **RIGHT:** Paul Williscroft speaks to the students. Dragutin Volf, left, is interpreting for him.



# SLAVIA

Bible teaching. Most of the ministering brethren have been able to attend.

In addition a very fine correspondence course for ministers is being directed by Dragutin Volf, secretary of the Yugoslavian church.

The short-term Bible school is a valuable program as a temporary solution to ministerial training, but the need can best be met by establishing a permanent Bible school where Yugoslavian pastors may receive their theological education. Already plans are underway to open a permanent school in Zagreb.

The pacesetter for this project is First Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee. Pastor James Hamill visited Yugoslavia some months ago, and now his church has taken on a major part of the cost of purchasing the property on which the school will be built.

The cost of this permanent Bible school program will be large, but God, who has guided and provided so far, will continue to help. 

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## CALL TO ACTION

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## A CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM

SOME CREPE-HANGING COPYWRITERS are predicting that we are entering a Post-Christian Era. They predict that by the end of this century the Church and its influence will be well-nigh forgotten.

Generally speaking, the people who are the most pessimistic have a wrong and unscriptural view of eschatology. If I believed the church of Jesus Christ was in the world to produce a better human society and that eventually all the problems and woes of mankind would be solved and healed through the ministry of the Church, then I would be pessimistic too. However, I hold the view that it is the Church's business to witness this gospel to its generation so that men and women everywhere might have an opportunity to accept or deny the claims of Jesus Christ. The latter view offers much to be optimistic about today.

The fastest-growing Christian church in the world today is in Latin America. It is said, and reliably so, that in this area the ratio of church growth over expanding populations is the highest in the world. Taking Latin America as a whole, the best demographers say that the Christian church is growing at least three times faster than the population. The population increase is about three percent a year while the Christian church grows about 10 percent a year.

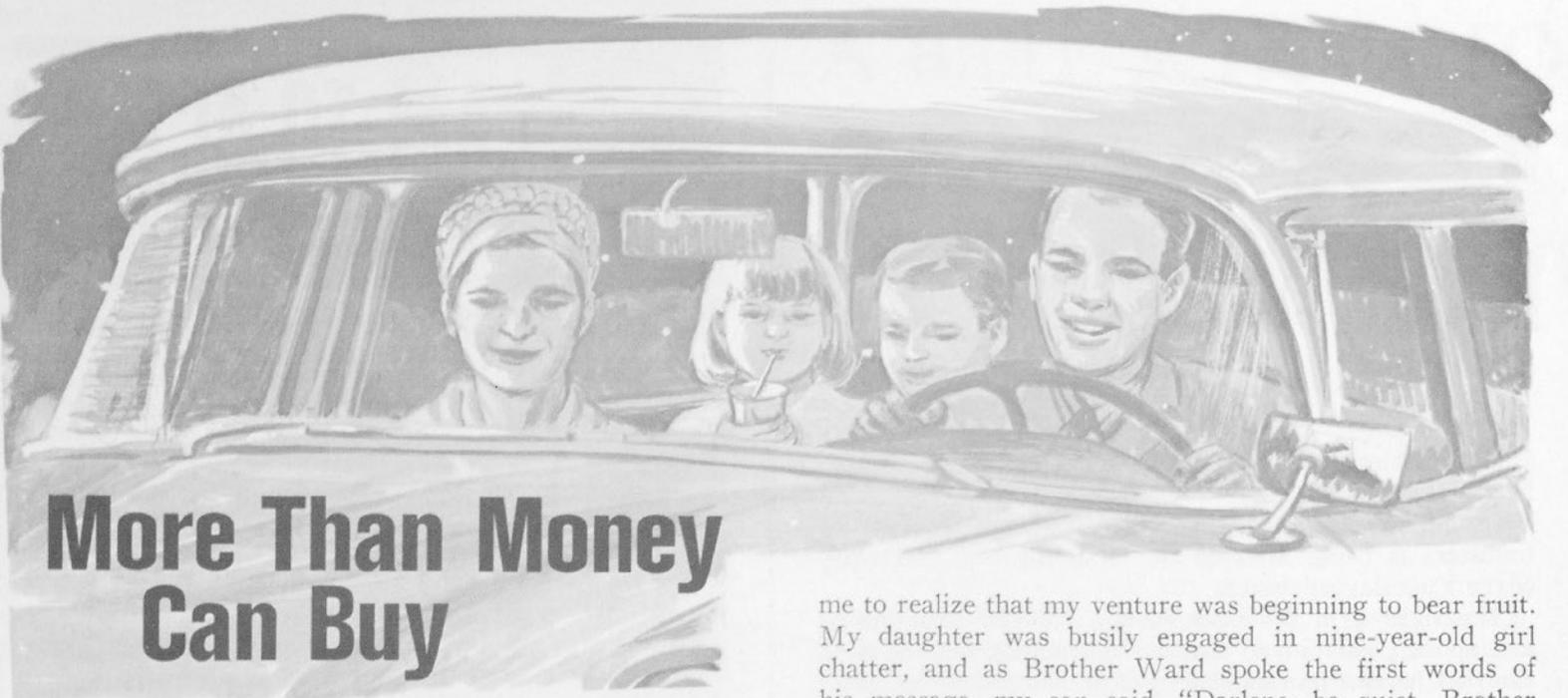
In a recent book entitled *Patterns of Church Growth in Brazil*, the author, William Read, states that by 1975 the Pentecostals will constitute 76 percent of all evangelicals in Brazil. Someone else has calculated that by the year 2000 the Pentecostals will form a body of more than 50 million believers if they continue to grow at the present rate.

Perhaps the sovereign Holy Spirit is now preparing for that day when the burden of evangelism and missions will be shouldered by many nations and cultures which only now are beginning to emerge as sending missions in the vast panorama of gospel witness.

Surprisingly, many of the nations that we have considered too weak to stand on their own are now beginning to do missionary work. At the recent General Council of the Philippines, the 442 churches which met decided to set up their own missions society. They have sent out their own representative to survey possible areas for the reception of missionaries sent by the Assemblies of God of the Philippines.

One by one national organizations around the world are seeing this vision. Certainly the Lord of the harvest, who knows the end from the beginning and who is not the interpreter but the designer of history, is preparing the national churches of the world to share their part in the task of making disciples in all nations. 





# More Than Money Can Buy

By **DAVID B. FLYNN**

*Pastor, Assembly of God, Bad Axe, Michigan*

**S**TRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND, hamburgers, French fries, malts, and country drives were all valuable parts of my investment in the spiritual nurture of my children.

The initial investments were made when my son and daughter were very young. Every Sunday night after I preached the evening worship service, our family would get something to eat at a drive-in restaurant and then go for a ride in the country so we could listen to *Revivaltime* on the car radio without any interruptions.

Being a minister I often feared my children would take their dad's preaching for granted. I felt they needed to hear other ministers, and I especially appreciated *Revivaltime's* speaker, C. M. Ward.

One Sunday night my son said something which caused

me to realize that my venture was beginning to bear fruit. My daughter was busily engaged in nine-year-old girl chatter, and as Brother Ward spoke the first words of his message, my son said, "Darlene, be quiet. Brother Ward is on!" His tone of voice was forceful. The urgency of his plea produced an immediate silence. I was so grateful for the reverence they showed for the Word of God as Brother Ward preached. An attentive attitude became typical of our sessions with *Revivaltime* in the family automobile.

Since that night I suppose I spent six or seven hundred dollars for food and gasoline for those special times of family worship during that five-year period. Today I think of it as an investment.

My son and daughter are grown, happily married, and have children of their own who love the Lord. I can see that my investment is still bearing fruit when I look at my grandchildren and see that they too are reaping benefits because of those radio messages their parents heard on our drives in the country.

The dividends brought more than money can buy—spiritual fruit that will last through eternity. 

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7).

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:3, 5).

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

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# Lebanon

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



**L**EBANON, an independent Arab republic with a 125-mile coastline on the Mediterranean, is bordered by Syria on the north and east, and by Israel on the south. Tiny Lebanon, not much larger than Yellowstone National Park, occupies the strikingly beautiful region of ancient Phoenicia.

The rugged Lebanon Mountains, running north and south, dominate the country. To the east is the Anti-Liban Range, forming much of the border with Syria. Between the ranges lies a broad, fertile valley known as the Bekaa. In this valley, at Ballbek, are

magnificent Roman ruins which speak eloquently of bygone glories.

On the upper slopes of the mountains once grew the famous forests from which Hiram, king of Tyre, sent cedars for the building of King Solomon's Temple. Becharre, at 6,000 feet above sea level, has the best-known remaining grove of the cedars of Lebanon. The cedar today is Lebanon's emblem. It appears on its flag and on many of its coins and stamps.

Today's cosmopolitan population of 2,400,000 includes Arabs, Kurds, Armenians, Turks, and many others. One-half million are concentrated in

Beirut, the capital. The Lebanese are the greatest travelers in the Arab world. There are as many sons of Lebanon outside the country as inside.

Arabic is the official language, although French and English are also in use. The Lebanese are proud of having the highest literacy rate and standard of living in the Arab world.

In contrast to its Muslim neighbors, Lebanon maintains a slight Christian majority and offers more religious freedom. Christians and Muslims each are represented by many different sects. The largest single Christian group, the Maronite, provides the presidents of Lebanon. Prime ministers are generally Sunni Muslims.

Lebanon was early touched by Christianity. Jesus Himself visited Tyre and Sidon. The apostle Paul once spent a week in Tyre.

The gospel was brought back to Lebanon in the 19th century. One notable achievement of the early missionaries was the translation of the Bible into Arabic in 1865. Since the turn of the century a number of missions have begun work in the country. Assemblies of God efforts began in the 1920's; however, little remains of that early work.

David Matweyiw went to Lebanon in 1963. He prepared study materials presenting Assemblies of God doctrines and ministered in a number of the Middle East countries.

With the arrival of Bob Hoskins in 1965 and his inauguration of the Middle East Outreach program, the Assemblies of God entered a new phase of active participation in the



proclamation of the gospel to the Arab countries.

"When we arrived," says Bob Hoskins, "we had a contract from the Lebanese government and the local television station to present the gospel through their facilities. Due to political developments, the television program was suspended soon after our arrival. Miraculously, however, God opened opportunities for radio outreach. Since January 1966 we have seen a remarkable move of God's Spirit through radio and related ministries."

Radio plays an important part in the life of the Middle Easterner. Almost every family possesses a transistor radio. People are up at dawn and tune in to broadcasts of news and music.

Through this media millions can hear the gospel. During 1968 more than 400 programs were produced by Mr. Hoskins. In the morning the broadcast is beamed toward the east, where response has come from as far away as Tashkent, Russia. In the afternoon the same program is beamed toward the west, covering all of North Africa and Southern Europe. One response came from the Sahara where a man heard the *Way to Life* broadcast and surrendered his life to Christ.

The Muslim Middle East has a significant and peculiar need for gospel literature. Personal witnessing to a Muslim is difficult, for he does not want to be seen talking to a Christian and rarely will enter a Christian church. But he can read the printed page in secret, and it can awaken in him an interest in the claims of Christ. "No agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so

irresistibly as can gospel literature."

The *Way to Life* correspondence school, promoted by means of radio, spearheads the missionary outreach of the Assemblies of God in the Middle East. Since this ministry was begun in 1967 there has been an amazing response. In little more than a year 15,000 students enrolled and 1,600 completed the lessons and received certificates. The correspondence school in Lebanon is an integral part of the International Correspondence Institute of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department.

The Beirut office now mails correspondence courses to 24 different countries. Over 3,000 testimonies of conversions have been received, 70 percent of them from Muslims. Ten different courses, consisting of 16 lessons each, have been printed in English, Arabic, and Persian.

"Our correspondence course is designed to fulfill Christ's command to teach and to evangelize," writes Mr. Hoskins. "As a direct result of the literature outreach, a spirit of revival is evident in a number of areas."

In conjunction with the correspondence course the *Way to Life* monthly magazine is being issued. The magazine is sent to, and distributed by, the students in many countries.

The Center of Evangelism in Beirut was dedicated in November 1966. Besides serving the local congregation, its facilities accommodate the radio office, correspondence school, and the new Middle East Evangelical Theological School. George Assad is pastor of the center and dean of the theological school. (See July 6, 1969, *Evangel.*)

Missionary hands were strengthened by the arrival of Joseph and Edna Brown from Egypt. The organized

follow-up ministry in which they are engaged is of vital importance for it produces "fruit that shall remain."

The Browns travel day after day to cities, towns, and remote mountain villages, visiting those who are taking the correspondence course and encouraging them to make definite commitments to Christ.

As a direct result of the follow-up program a church has been established in Ryack, an important town nestled in the Bekaa Valley. The Lord has provided a Spirit-filled young man to direct this promising work. The church in Ryack is the first of others that by faith shall be opened.

One of the outstanding needs of the Middle East Outreach has been a Pentecostal Bible school. Carl Malz, academic dean of International Correspondence Institute, reported from Beirut, "In the providence of God, MEETS (Middle East Evangelical Theological School) has been opened. Initiated in its pilot form as a night Bible school, it has a current enrollment of 20. It is now a part of the integrated program of the Middle East Outreach. The effectiveness of this training center is increasingly apparent in the lives of the students."

Assemblies of God missionaries currently under appointment to Lebanon are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. William Ilnisky, who recently were appointed to Lebanon.

Lebanon, a strategic area "where three continents meet," is an ideal base to proclaim the gospel to the Middle East. Because war clouds continue to hang heavy over this area, there is constant awareness of the necessity of getting the gospel to as many people as possible. To this goal the Middle East Outreach is dedicated. 



**FAR LEFT:** This Arabic coffee shop is quite different from an American one. **CENTER:** A mail truck picks up a sack of outgoing mail from the correspondence school. **RIGHT:** Bob Hoskins, left, and Brother Shaddid examine a returned lesson.



# The Promise of Power

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. . . . For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1, 2).*

IT HAS HELPED ME GREATLY in understanding the Master's insistent emphasis upon the promise of power, to keep clearly in mind that the Christian system of truth revolves around a double center. It is illustrated best, not by a circle with its single center, but by an ellipse with its twin centers.

There are two central truths—not one, but two. The first of the two is grained deep down in the common Christian teaching and understanding, "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin." But there is a second truth—very reverently and thoughtfully let me say it—of equal importance; namely, that the Holy Spirit empowers us against all sin, and for life and service.

These two truths are coordinate. They run in parallel lines. They belong together. They are really two halves of the one great truth. But this second half needs emphasis, because it has not always been put into its proper place beside the other.

Jesus died on the cross to make freedom from sin

possible. The Holy Spirit dwells within me to make freedom from sin actual. The Holy Spirit does *in* me what Jesus did *for* me.

The Lord Jesus draws a check for my use. The Spirit cashes that check and puts the money into my hands. Jesus does in me now, by the Spirit, what He did for me centuries ago on the cross, in His person.

These two truths, or two parts of the same truth, go together in God's plan, but, with some exceptions, they have not gone together in men's experience. That explains why so many Christian lives are a failure and a reproach. The Church of Jesus Christ has been gazing so intently upon the hill of the cross with its blood-red message of sin and love, that it has largely lost sight of the Ascension Mount with its legacy of power.

That last victorious shout—"It is finished!"—has been crowding out in our ears its counterpart, the equally victorious cry of Mount Olivet—"All power is given unto me."

The Christian's range of vision must always take in two hilltops—Calvary and Olivet. Calvary—sin conquered through the blood of Jesus, a matter of history. Olivet—sin conquered through the power of the Spirit, a matter of experience. 

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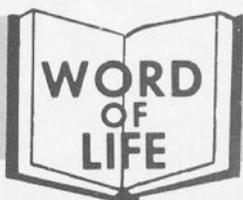
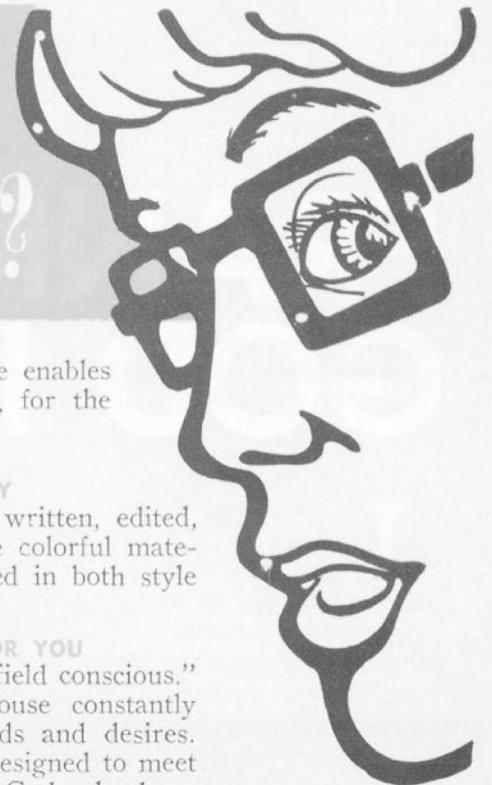
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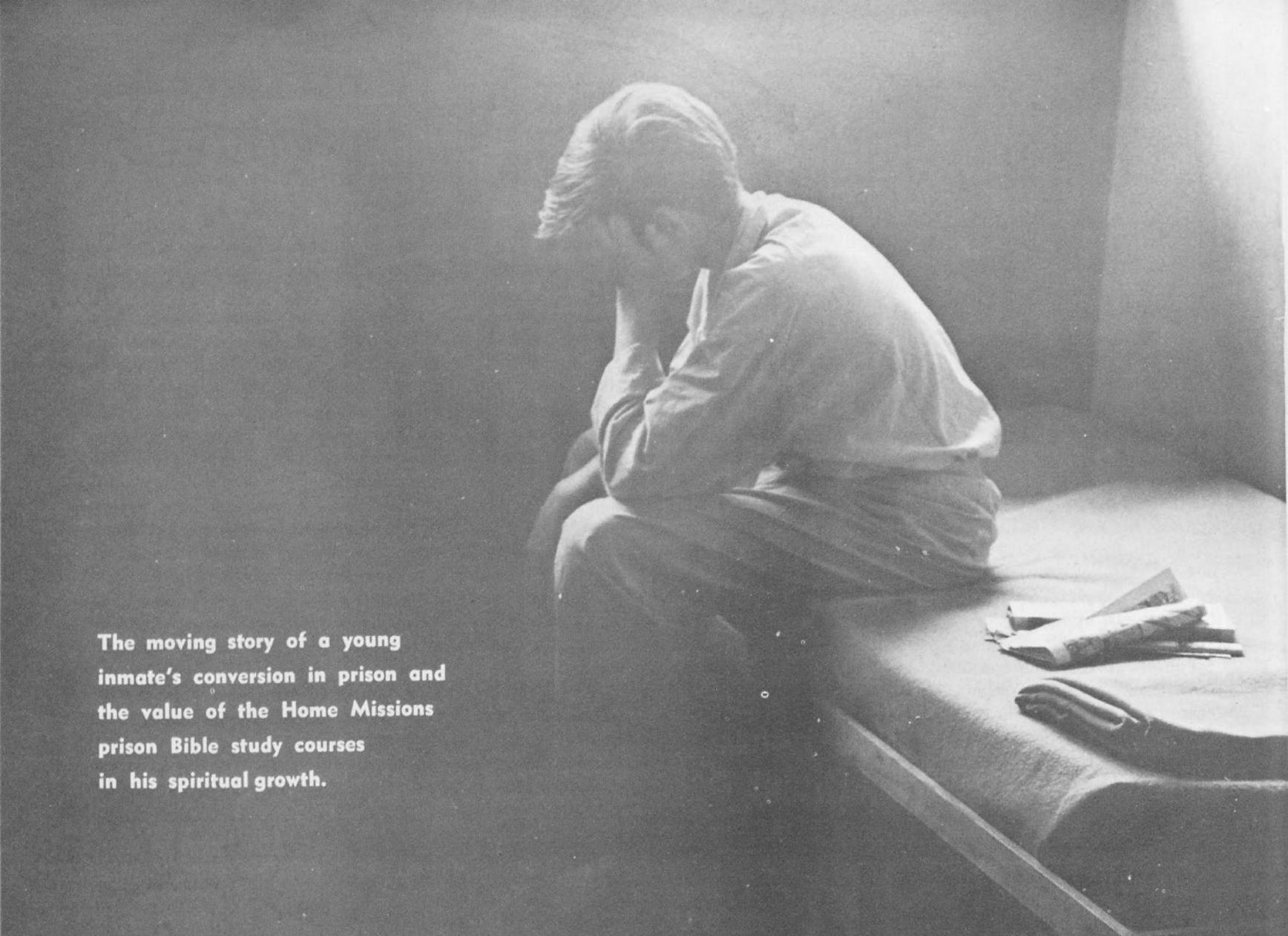
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# FRANK MEETS GOD IN PRISON

**T**HE SLIGHT Spanish-American boy of 110 pounds slipped furtively through the night. He approached the house very carefully and looked up and down the street. No one was about.

The boy went around to the back of the house and checked the window he had observed earlier in the day. It was still unlocked.

The young delinquent opened it as silently as he could and crawled through. He stopped, breathing hard, and checked his belt. The gun was still there.

He began a methodical search of the rooms. Making no sound, he opened the bedroom door. The old man lay on the bed, apparently asleep.

The boy tiptoed in and began to rummage through the drawers in the chest that stood against the wall, away from the bed.

He was so engrossed in his search he did not hear

the old man get out of bed. The next thing he knew, someone tapped him on the shoulder.

He whirled around. The old man stood there.

"What are you doing?" the old man asked.

The young boy turned white. His heart began to beat harder; he felt rage, frustration, and fear. Hardly thinking, he snatched the gun out of his belt and fired a quick shot. The old man clutched his chest, moaned, and fell. The boy fired two more shots into him and fled.

He left the way he had gone in—through the window. Hurriedly erasing his tracks in the snow, he backtracked and made different ones; then he went home.

The police came to the young thief's home the next day. He was arrested, taken to jail, and charged with first-degree murder—and he was only 15 years old.

Thus began nearly four years of hell. The first-degree

murder charge was dropped to second-degree because of his age. Nevertheless, he was given from 10 to 15 years in the state penitentiary.

Penitentiary officials decided Frank should be kept in the receiving unit. There were good reasons for this. While he had committed a terrible crime, the officials felt he had a good potential for rehabilitation. The main reason, though, was that among the general population of the prison he would not have lasted a single day. The aggressive homosexuals would have ruined his manhood (by force if necessary) and made him like themselves. He could have been killed if he refused to surrender to their evil desires.

Frank was frightened by what he saw in the penitentiary. Even in the receiving unit, he found it necessary to carry a shiv (knife) to protect himself. There seemed to be no escape from the vulgarity, the bitterness within the gray walls and confining bars.

On the streets the boy had felt it necessary to play the role of a "tough guy." He soon found he wasn't all that tough, but he still played the role. In order to be one of the guys, he began taking pills and drinking the prison-made booze. Every day became a sort of dream world; he stumbled through, seeking more pills and more booze to escape reality.

Then Frank was transferred to the state reformatory so he could take advantage of the trade schools and educational system there.

At the reformatory he found several young people he had known on the streets. He had to maintain his reputation. Frank became a legend for the number of pills and the amount of booze he could handle, sometimes simultaneously.

His life was unfulfilled, empty. He began to despair that life would ever have any meaning for him. Religion? That was for sissies. The boy's beliefs fluctuated from reincarnation to evolution to spiritism. His plans for the future? Why have plans? He would be in prison for a long time.

His bitterness almost consumed him. He began to lay plans for getting even when he would be released. *If they thought I was bad this time, he thought, wait until I'm out. I'll show them how bad I can be!*

About this time, another man was transferred to the reformatory—an older man, one Frank had known in prison. He remembered how bitter this man had been. He welcomed him, and they renewed their acquaintance. However, the older fellow had changed. There was something different about him. Frank soon discovered what it was. The man was now a Christian.

*Hmph!* Frank thought, *another phony*. But the more he listened and watched, the more convinced he became this man was right. Maybe after all there was something else in life besides pills and booze.

The Holy Spirit began to convict Frank. One night he thought a long time about his life, about the future, and about this Christ the older man was always talking about.

Frank had never argued with the man about it. He had halfway believed in Christ, but he knew his belief was just mental assent to the Roman Catholic training he had received in his earlier years. There was no true understanding of Christ, no real knowledge of Him. The young inmate began to see what a fool he was to play a role, to try to find happiness in pills and booze.

The next night, such deep conviction gripped him he

got out of bed and began to pray. Praying was new to him, and he was worried that maybe he wasn't doing it right. His prayer went something like this: "Lord, I don't know You the way I want to. I've lived a wicked life and done a terrible thing; but Steve says You can forgive anything and I will know I've been forgiven. I'm tired, Lord, of living this way and I want something real in my life. Please forgive me and somehow let me know that You're real and in my life."

Frank didn't have an emotional experience. He didn't cry; he didn't feel happy all over; but suddenly he felt the Lord's presence. He *knew*. A great peace descended upon him, and there was no doubt in his mind that Christ was living and in his life. He felt a calm and an assurance of love he had never known before. Jesus loved *him!* He committed his life to Christ and sensed that his life, his real life, was just beginning.

The tests soon followed. The old gang wanted Frank to take pills, to drink, and to defy the administration as he had done before. To his amazement he found not only that he did not want to do those things, but also that he had strength, *new* strength, to refuse them.

Life suddenly had purpose, direction, and meaning. Frank began to study the Bible through the free courses provided by the Prison Division of the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department and approved by the prison chaplain. He began to make new plans, to set new goals. He soon found his one consuming desire was to tell people about Christ.

Frank is still in prison. He will be for a long time yet, unless God intervenes; but he will still be a young man when he is released. He has won his first soul to the Lord and is working on several more.

The "tough guy" attitude—the role playing—is gone. The young convert hopes that through his testimony young people will see that rebellion against parents, church, and school can lead to more misery and loneliness than they can now imagine.

When Frank is released, he plans to attend a Bible college. Although he does not feel called to the ministry, he wishes to equip himself to be a better witness for the Lord.

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*Editor's Note:* Approximately 30 full- or part-time Assemblies of God prison chaplains work with prisoners in federal and state institutions. In addition several A/G chaplains are serving in other types of institutions.

The Prison Division of the Home Missions Department works closely with these men and with many prison chaplains of other denominations. The division provides nearly 20,000 free Bible study courses and 120,000 copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* for inmates yearly. Participating prisons now number 240.

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# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## HEALED OF RUPTURED DISK

THE BIBLE SAYS, "Seek, and ye shall find." I sought the Lord for healing, and He answered my prayer.

For two years I had suffered intense back pain due to a herniated (ruptured) disk. The condition was diagnosed after tests by doctors in Pittsburgh, Pa.

I was despondent; worry gripped me. I was taking habit-forming drugs to relieve pain and I feared I would become an addict. A craving for the drugs began to build up within me. I was depressed.



I am a Presbyterian Sunday school teacher and youth leader. Frequently I attend the Assembly of God in Butler, Pa., where Hubert Bunney is pastor. I praise God for the baptism in the Holy Spirit which He has so graciously made a reality in my life.

One night I went to the Assembly of God in Butler, and Evangelist David A. Lewis preached on "The Authority of the Believer." He emphasized the possibility of realizing and releasing the power of the Holy Spirit within the believer. Then prayer was offered for anyone who had any need or request.

When Brother Lewis anointed me with oil, the power of God came upon me, and I fell to the floor, but I was still conscious of all that was happening. I felt something working in my back, twisting the injured area, and then release. I knew a miracle was taking place.

I was scheduled to go into the hospital the following Sunday, March 2, 1969, for surgery. When I was ready to leave, my five-year-old son said, "Daddy, you don't need to go to the hospital. God healed you." I did go to the hospital but only to cancel the arrangements that had been made.

Three months have now passed. I am free of pain and have not taken any drugs since the night the Lord healed me.—Sheldon Fox, Karns City, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Hubert G. Bunney, Assembly of God, Butler, Pa.)

## ARM INSTANTLY HEALED

OUR GOD is a Great Physician. He healed my arm which hurt constantly and now I have to stop and think which arm had been injured.

I had pulled some muscles in my right arm. I had to wear it in a sling for over two weeks, and I went to the doctor twice for heat treatments. My mother also gave

me treatments each morning and night. Immediately after these, the pain would be greatly relieved, but I still couldn't use my arm.

I have three small children, so this injury presented a big problem. My twin sister had to come to help me care for the family.

On Sunday night our pastor asked if anyone needed a healing touch. I left my place in the choir and went to where he was standing. He anointed my forehead with oil as directed in James 5:14 and the deacons joined him in prayer. As they prayed, my arm shot up. Pastor Merrill had told me not to restrain it, if it wanted to go up—but I couldn't have held it down if I had tried. The pain was gone instantly. I began to cry and laugh and praise the Lord. Needless to say, others praised Him also.

The next morning while I was doing dishes, Satan tried to tell me I wasn't really healed. A couple of times my arm began to hurt, but I prayed each time and the pain left immediately. By Wednesday, I was mowing grass, hauling dirt, pruning shrubs, and I praise the Lord for His wonder-working power, and I love Him with all my heart.—Jane Trader, Grants Pass, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor Don R. Merrill, Assembly of God, Grants Pass, Oreg.)

## RAISED FROM DEATH BED

I THANK GOD EVERY DAY for hearing prayer and bringing me back from the brink of death. I tell everybody what He has done for me.

On Easter Sunday, April 14, 1968, I got up as usual and prepared breakfast, my husband helping me. For a number of years I had not been well, so when I became too tired to leave the house it was nothing out of the ordinary. We enjoyed a church service on TV, and we thanked God that Christ had given His life for us and that He had risen from the grave.

Later, my husband went to the kitchen to prepare lunch. After a few minutes he asked me a question. When I did not answer, he came to the divan and shook me, with no response. He called the doctor and summoned an ambulance. On the way to the hospital, attendants administered oxygen, for I was not breathing.

For three hours I was kept in the emergency room. They connected a breathing machine to me. The doctor called his partner and the two of them worked over me. They told my husband they did not know what was wrong, but that I would not live. They did a spinal tap, which indicated a brain hemorrhage. The doctor said that if I lived I would have brain damage.

My husband called his parents and Pastor M. W. Putnam. The Putnams came and he stayed in my room

waiting on God for several hours. My heart slowed to three beats per minute. Again, the doctors told my husband I could not live. The church and other groups were called to pray.

God answered prayer. To the happy surprise of doctors and nurses, I was still alive on Monday morning. They said that my heart had stopped beating several times.

When I opened my eyes Monday morning, I knew I was healed. The doctors took every kind of test, including a chest X ray and a brain wave test. They couldn't find anything wrong. No longer do I fear death. I am content to be in the hands of God.—Mrs. Marion Dillard, Plainview, Tex.

*(Endorsed by Pastor M. W. Putnam Sr., Southside Assembly, Plainview, Tex., who writes: "I was in the hospital room for seven hours praying and believing God for this life. I know God healed this lady. She is doing all her housework every day and going every place she desires.")*

## HEALED OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

I CAN WALK HOME from church now. For eight long years I was unable to walk, except with the use of crutches, and only for short distances. But God has wrought a miracle in my life.

The doctors said I had multiple sclerosis. For a while I was totally paralyzed on my right side. At one time I experienced total blindness.

I had to place my five children in foster homes. Later my husband disappeared and we have neither seen nor heard from him since June 1963. But the Lord graciously gave me friends to encourage my faith when it began to wane.

In July 1963 I went to a rehabilitation center where doctors confirmed the original diagnosis. With physical therapy I learned to use crutches for short distances. It seemed good to be upright again.

In another center I received secretarial training. In June 1965 I began work in a wheelchair as a secretary for the state. For two years fellow-employees helped me get to work. One morning one of them found me in a coma. In the hospital I regained consciousness and discovered I had again lost the use of my right arm.

While a patient I met some members of the Enola Assembly of God. Their prayers and interest gave me encouragement. When I returned home after four months, these people did not forget me. They took me to church in my wheelchair. I needed the spiritual strength that comes by attending church. There I renewed my consecration to the Lord. The friendship of these Christians pulled me out of my deep despair.

Prayer was offered for my healing and gradually not only feeling but also movement returned to my arm.

In March 1968 I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I continued to improve and was able to return to work in April.

Then I began to go to church on crutches. It was a

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struggle because I had to drag my lifeless leg. One day while praying in church, I experienced excruciating pain in my right leg; it was the first time I had had any feeling in it since 1960. Months went by without further healing, but I knew the Lord had begun to heal me and He would complete the work.

On February 2, 1969, during a regular altar service, the power of the Lord came upon me while I was praying alone. I saw a heavenly light and heard a voice say, "Arise and walk." I obeyed, leaving my crutches at the altar. I faltered only on the first few wonderful steps. Then I almost began to run. I praised the Lord with each step.

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

## African Evangelicals Oppose Collaboration Between Bible Societies, Roman Catholics

### Fear Common Bible May Advance One World Church

ILORIN, NIGERIA—The Nigerian Evangelical Fellowship has again taken a strong stand against the various Bible Societies collaborating with the Roman Catholic Church.

Willis J. Hunking, missionary-evangelist and secretary of the NEF, was the only official white delegate sent from Nigeria last year to the General Assembly of the Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar, which convened in Kenya. The assembly adopted the following statement of policy, which was reaffirmed at the recent meeting here:

"We view with great concern the dangers inherent in the United Bible Societies' present policy of collaboration with the Roman Catholic Church.

"The seriousness of this development is emphasized by the fact that the Catholic Church has not changed its basic doctrines, e.g., those pertaining to supreme papal authority, the importance of tradition, and unscriptural means of salvation.

"Furthermore, world leaders of the Ecumenical Movement and the Catholic Church have repeatedly stated that a wider interfaith acceptance of one Bible would be a significant advance in the realization of the goal of one world church.

"The distribution of the Holy Scriptures to all people (including Catholics) is not in question. We have been and are interested in this. We evangelicals are, however, definitely and sincerely opposed to contributing to the achievement of an ecumenical goal

which is contrary to the Bible, to our convictions, and to our consciences."

The Assemblies of God, which holds membership in the Nigerian Evangelical Fellowship, was represented by 15 delegates at the meeting here.

## ... at a glance

• • • The possibility of introducing liquor commercials on the airwaves is being discussed by the National Association of Broadcasters. The NAB, concerned over the threatened loss of \$200,000,000 in cigarette advertising, is seeking new avenues of revenue. The NAB code now prohibits liquor ads.

• • • According to U.S. Government health officials, there are about 6.5 million alcoholics in the United States, and their number increases by 200,000 annually. A growing percentage are married, middle-aged women of the middle and upper classes.

• • • A report of the Task Force on Alcoholism reveals that: 30 to 40 percent of the nation's delinquency stems from homes where there is excessive drinking; alcoholism's cost to industry is some \$4 billion a year; about 10,000 deaths per year are attributed to alcoholism, as well as a third of the nation's suicides; and approximately 10 percent of the nation's drivers are alcoholics.

• • • Nearly 1,200 churches participated in NSSA's "March to Sunday School in March" contest this year. Those churches reporting to the National Sunday School Association at the end of the contest said they averaged a 20 percent gain per Sunday during the emphasis.

• • • The American Baptist Convention elected its first black president when it chose Thomas Kilgore Jr., pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, as its leader. This marks the second time a Negro has been selected to lead a predominantly white denomination.

• • • The boom of the divining business would indicate that Americans have become increasingly concerned over the future. Since the late 1940's the number of U.S. newspapers carrying astrology columns has multiplied from about 100 to more than 1,200. People are walking in the light of the stars rather than the light of the Scriptures! National magazines, especially those with heavy female readership, feature regular columns by astrologers. People in the astrology business estimate that more than five million Americans plan their lives by horoscopes.

Six Lessons for \$3.60

## Witchcraft School Planned in England

ULTING, ENGLAND—A school for witchcraft will be opened here, sponsored by the County Council education adviser.

The adviser, Derek Walters, said a person can get six lessons for \$3.60. He will teach his pupils how to make love potions, how to control a person by bewitching a doll, and how to deal with enemies (the formula not revealed).

The suggestion that civilized people in this modern era might be seriously interested in witchcraft may seem incredible, but Derek said: "I have had 60 applications in a few days from people who wish to enroll in the school. Quite a few are from practicing witches who want to meet others with similar interests."

Witchcraft is expressly forbidden in the Bible (Exodus 22:18) but it indicates there will be a resurgence of such practices due to the activity of seducing spirits in the last days (1 Timothy 4:1).

U.S. Jews Told

## 'Full Jewish Identity' Needs to Be Recovered

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Jewish communal workers meeting here were urged to set in motion a "self-discovery movement" which would enable them to recover their "full Jewish identity."

"Jews have succeeded in America as Americans," warned Rabbi Irving Greenberg, "but at every step have jettisoned or sacrificed their distinctive Jewishness to ensure this accommodation."

The head of the Riverdale (N.Y.) Jewish Center made his comments at the opening session of the 71st annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.



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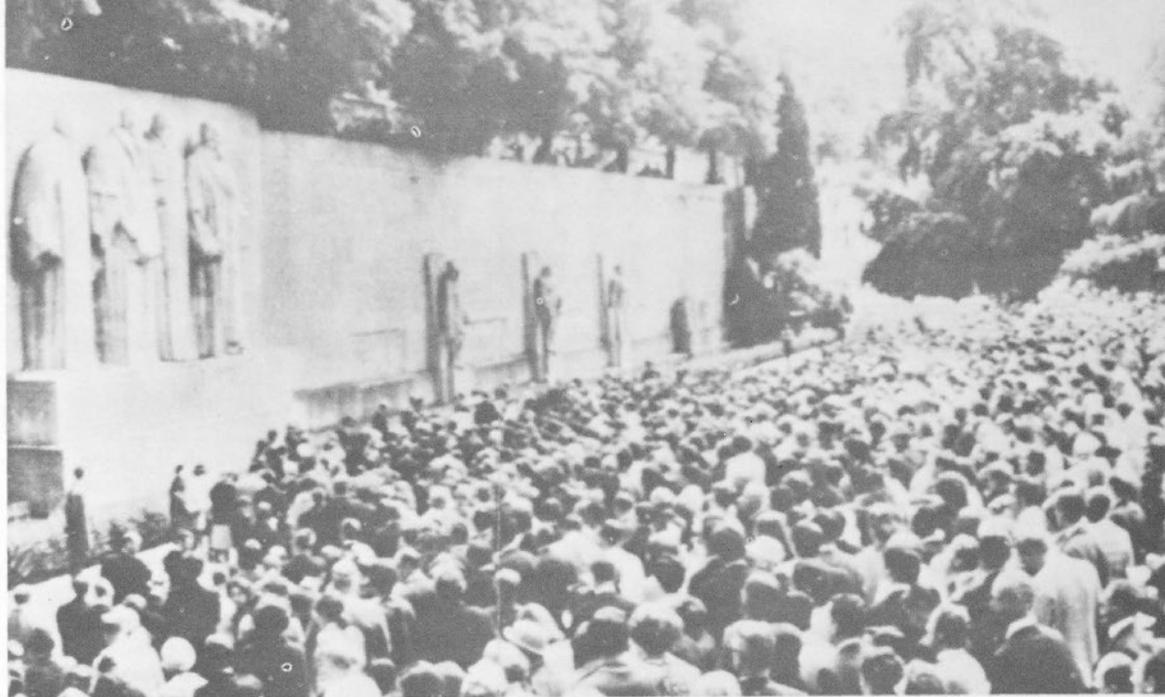
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**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**—More than a thousand Swiss and French Protestants assembled before the Wall of the Reformers here for a rally two days before the visit of Pope Paul VI to this city. Sponsors of the meeting said it was not a protest against the pontiff's visit, but the group adopted a resolution warning against "superficial ecumenism." Stone figures on the wall are of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and others prominent in the 16th century Reformation which resulted in a break with the Roman Catholic Church.



## Militants, But Not Christians Ready to Die for Their Cause

**MILL VALLEY, CALIF.**—The only Americans willing to die for their cause are the hippies and militants, not Christian believers.

This lament was voiced by Negro Baptist clergyman E. V. Hill of Watts, Los Angeles.

The civic leader and pastor of

### Honor William Albright

## First Non-Jew Is Named 'Nobleman of Jerusalem'

**JERUSALEM**—Dr. William F. Albright, one of the world's leading archaeologists and Old Testa-

ment scholars, recently became the first non-Jew to be named "Nobleman of Jerusalem."

Persons over 70 who have contributed greatly to the city may qualify for the honor.

Dr. Albright, son of Methodist missionary to Chile, was director of the American School for Oriental Research here from 1921 to 1936.

The scholar and researcher was responsible for the development of many methods now widely used in

the study of archaeology relevant to the Old Testament period in the Middle East. He was also one of the first to identify the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in the late 1940's.

At the award presentation Professor Nachman Avigad, head of the Hebrew University Department of Archaeology, said: "If today the historical accuracy of the Bible is beyond question, it is due in no small measure to the work of Professor Albright."

that the militants and hippies don't always know what to call their cause, yet they are willing to die for it.

"We Christians know what to call it; we even have schools to tell us what to call it; but we're not willing to die for it," he concluded.

### For Their Ministers

## Presbyterians May Not Require Greek, Hebrew

### Break 400-Year Precedent

**SAN ANTONIO, TEX.**—The United Presbyterian Church moved to change a more than 400-year-old requirement that its ministerial candidates learn Greek and Hebrew.

The measure must be approved by a majority of the church's 180 presbyteries and receive a favorable vote from the 1970 General Assembly before becoming official.

Reformation tradition has generally held that preachers could not adequately interpret the Bible for their congregations unless they could read the Scriptures in the original languages.



## NEWS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

### Assumed Duties in June

## VERNON COOPER IS NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HIGHLANDS CHILDREN'S HOME

**SPRINGFIELD, MO.**—Vernon Cooper, Russellville, Ark., was named administrative director of

Highlands Children's Home, Kansas City, Mo., effective June 9.

He succeeds James Strayer who has served in this capacity since the home opened in August 1966. Brother Strayer has assumed other responsibilities in the social science field.

Presently 12 children live at Highlands. Another 14 are in foster placement, and 25 in adoptive placement. Since the opening of the home 44 children have been placed in adoptive or foster homes. Sixty-four children have received residential care at the home.

Highlands, under the direction of the Department of Benevolences of the Assemblies of God,

serves as a temporary, short-term care facility for children and as a placement center.

Brother Cooper holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Tennessee and served 1962-1968 on the staff of the Arkansas State Department of Public Welfare.

Recently he was elected to the Academy of Certified Social Workers, New York City, by the National Association of Social Workers.

Since September 1967 he has taught at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville. Prior to assuming his new responsibilities he also served as associate minister at First Assembly in Russellville.



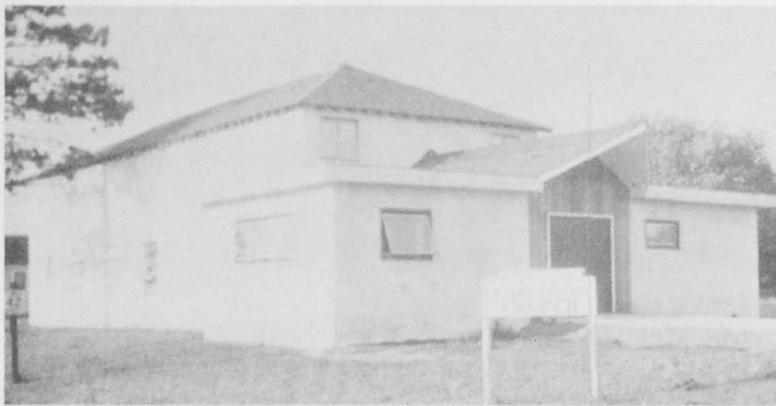
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(L. to R.) Kenneth Freiheit, Herman Rohde, Pastor Yetley, and Melford Olson led the dedication services at Pine River, Minn.

**On Fifth Anniversary**

## Minnesota Church Dedicates Facilities

PINE RIVER, MINN.—The Assemblies of God Church here dedicated its new facilities on May 18, 1969, the fifth anniversary of the start of the work.

Highlighting the day's activities

was a morning message by Minnesota District Superintendent, Herman Rohde.

Joining in the afternoon services was Melford Olson, assistant district superintendent and East Cen-

tral sectional presbyter; and Kenneth Freiheit, district secretary-treasurer.

Brother Rohde brought the afternoon address and led in the act of dedication. Brother Freiheit spoke in the evening service.

Five years ago the work was started by Pastor and Mrs. Del Yetley with the purchase of a former 4-H building. They began a

building-and-remodeling program in which the people gave liberally of their time and energies.

The church now has a fine sanctuary, an adequate nursery, and a pastor's office.

God has blessed the people spiritually and the congregation has grown. The Sunday school attendance has exceeded 100. It is now averaging 70 regularly.

**In Springfield**

## PAOC, A/G OFFICIALS MEET FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The annual conference between officials of the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada was held here in May.

Canadian officials present were General Superintendent Robert W. Taittinger; C. H. Stiller, general secretary-treasurer; S. D. Feltmate, executive director of Christian education and youth; Robert M. Argue, executive director of home missions, Bible colleges, and Men's Fellowship; C. W. Lynn, executive director of overseas missions; and

James Skinner, overseas missions staff member.

Hosting the two-day meeting were General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman; General Secretary Bartlett Peterson; General Treasurer M. B. Netzel; and Assistant General Superintendents T. E. Gannon, J. Philip Hogan, C. W. H. Scott, and Bert Webb.

"These meetings give each of the organizations an insight into the areas of interest to the other," Brother Zimmerman explained.

"By maintaining open lines of

communication we find that we achieve compatibility. This keeps our efforts complementary to each other rather than competitive."

Conferences are held at the respective general headquarters of the organizations on alternate years. The meetings have proved especially helpful in the areas of foreign missions, book and literature distribution, and *Revivaltime*. The agenda this year consisted of items related to these areas.

The Gospel Publishing House in Springfield produces Sunday school literature for the 745 PAOC churches. It is shipped by truck to Toronto on a quarterly basis and the Full Gospel Publishing House

in Toronto mails it to the churches across Canada.

A special *Revivaltime* broadcast is produced in Springfield each week for release over Canadian stations by the PAOC.

The doctrinal position of both organizations is identical and transfer of credentials is mutually honored.

The PAOC, with headquarters in Toronto, Ontario, was originally a part of the Assemblies of God. By mutual agreement, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada was organized as a separate entity and was chartered by the Canadian government in 1919. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.



### NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS

**KENNETT, MO.**—First Assembly here has just concluded a two-and-one-half-week meeting with Missionary-Evangelist Quentin Edwards of Dallas, Tex. The services were well attended by visitors from other churches in the city and from out-of-town areas.

Several testified of being healed by the power of God. Some came forward to be filled with the Spirit, and several came seeking salvation.

The evangelist's ministry on the church's radio broadcasts made a good impression on townspeople.

—Gordon Zercher, pastor

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**BELTSVILLE, MD.**—Good Tidings Assembly here was greatly blessed and enriched spiritually during services with Evangelist Karl Wooster of Atlanta, Ga.

The church and community were stirred by the moving of the Holy Spirit, and it became necessary to have morning and evening services for the entire two weeks.

People were saved and filled

with the Holy Spirit in each service. Some testified of being healed.

—G. J. Slye, pastor

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**LAKE WALES, FLA.**—First Assembly recently concluded a series of get-acquainted services with the new pastor, Paul Wetzel, as speaker.

As a result of this meeting several have been saved, one woman healed of a crippled foot, others claimed healings, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit.

A revival spirit continues in the church.

—Paul Wetzel, pastor

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**FLINT, MICH.**—The Full Gospel Church recently closed a 16-night meeting with Evangelist Ruth E. Reeco of Mt. Vernon, Mo. The Lord moved in the lives of the people each night.

Six persons were saved, and eight were filled with the Holy Spirit. Three men were delivered from drinking and smoking.

A four-year-old girl whose eyes were crossed was healed in answer to prayer. A woman who had suffered with sugar diabetes for 13 years was healed, and many others were set free from habits which had bound them for years.

—Charles Szabo, pastor

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**EUFAULA, ALA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. G. L. McKinney recently concluded very successful services here at First Assembly.

Two persons were saved, eight received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled.

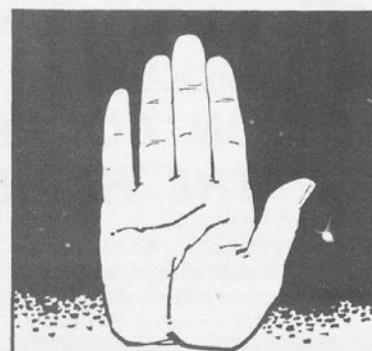
The blessing has continued in the regular services since the special meeting.

—F. P. Bachman, pastor

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**COLEMAN, FLA.**—God's presence was manifested in a marvelous way recently during special services conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Dean Heady of Sullivan, Mo. Several were saved, and five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Jack Heady, pastor



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**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**—Those attending the Full Gospel Tabernacle are rejoicing at what the Lord has done in a one-week Kids Crusade conducted by Evangelist Hilda Simokat of Philadelphia.

The children's registration was 215, and with the adults the figure was well over 250. Attendance was good even though school was still in session. Many Catholic children could not wait to return each evening.

Many children went forward for salvation and prayer.

—Larry Albanese, pastor

**BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—Faith Tabernacle Assembly here recently concluded a very successful children's crusade with Evangelist Bob Bradford of Anaheim, Calif.

Approximately 75 children came forward and committed their lives to Jesus Christ in that week. There were about 40 attending at first and over 120 attending on the last night.

The entire church was thrilled and blessed by the tremendous response and results. This has brought a continual increase in the Sunday school.

—R. S. Congdon, pastor

**CHECOTAH, OKLA.**—A revival spirit prevails at the Assembly of God after a three-week meeting with Evangelist Billy Raiford from Tulsa, Okla.

Fifteen persons accepted Christ

as their Saviour, seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 17 followed the Lord in water baptism.

—J. R. Moreland, pastor

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.**—Evangelist Thomas W. Godfrey of Indianhead, Md., was used to "plow deep furrows" for dependence on God through a two-week meeting in Bethel Full Gospel Assembly.

The Spirit moved in altar services as God's people sought a renewed closeness to Him. Eight persons were saved, and two were reclaimed.

—O. L. Harrup Jr., pastor

**WEST MONROE, LA.**—Evangelist Bob Larson conducted a successful crusade here. He reached many youth of the area through his unique lectures in two high school assemblies, speaking to nearly 2,500 students.

His presentation of the gospel in sermon and song was well received by all ages. A large number came forward for salvation during the meetings, 30 responding in one service.

—Lowell C. Ashbrook, pastor

**RENTON, WASH.**—Berean Assembly of God just concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist Eunice Meyer of High River, Alberta, Canada. Each service was completely different as God poured out His Spirit.

Several were saved, including

two young married couples and teen-agers. People of all ages were baptized in the Spirit.

Even before this God had been blessing the church, adding several new families to the congregation.

—Robert C. Stott, pastor

**GALENA, KANS.**—The Assembly of God here experienced a time of refreshing from the Lord through the anointed preaching and singing of the Reed Gipson Family of Tulsa, Okla.

Many lives were dedicated to the Lord during this time. The attendance was excellent with many first-time visitors from other churches in the area.

—J. P. McCamey, pastor

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**HOMECOMING AND PASTOR'S 36TH ANNIVERSARY**—August 3, Boulevard Assembly, Fort Worth, Tex.—C. L. Stewart, pastor.

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Ala.	Enterprise	Battens Cr. Rds.	July 21-27	Esther Palmer	Billy J. Glover
Calif.	El Monte	First	July 23-Aug. 3	J. B. Woolums	Charles W. Holt
	Richmond	Full Gospel	July 23-Aug. 3	The Tanner Team	E. B. Adamson
Colo.	Denver	South Denver	July 22-Aug. 3	I. D. Rayborn	H. J. Jackson
Del.	Wilmington	<sup>3</sup> A/G	July 25-Aug. 10	George & Evelyn Butrin	Asa Martin, Chm.
Fla.	Alafia	<sup>1</sup> District Camp	July 21-26	John & Faith Stallings	V. Raburn, D-CAP
	Plant City	<sup>2</sup> Gordon Street	July 20-25	Musical Wellards	W. K. Richwine
Ga.	Dalton	First	July 20-27	Nettie Parham	Lawrence Murphy
	Savannah	Bethel	July 13-27	Calvin & Beverly Durham	Cameron Stanton
Ill.	Carlinville	<sup>1</sup> District Camp	July 21-25	Paul Hild Party	Daryle Hussey
	Rantoul	First	July 20-Aug. 1	F. R. McAdams Team	Gueary Clendening
	Virginia	<sup>2</sup> Glad Tidings	July 21-27	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Cox & Brown
Ind.	Indianapolis	Calvary Tem.	July 9-20	William Caldwell	William Moorman
Iowa	Afton	A/G	July 23-Aug. 3	C. A. Nicholson	Fred Gottwalk
	Carroll	A/G	July 20-Aug. 3	Jean D. Lucy	Maxine Rogers
	New Sharon	A/G	July 20-Aug. 3	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Charles Westendorf
La.	Bossier City	Airline	July 22-Aug. 3	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Lee Duhon
Mich.	Flint	<sup>2</sup> Calvary	July 22-27	Carl E. Gammel	Henry Rose
	Goodrich	A/G	July 20-25	DeGreef & Cooper Team	Frank Alexander
Minn.	Duluth	Glad Tidings	July 23-27	Paul Clark Team	R. H. Dean
	Pillager	A/G	July 22—	James & Beulah Pepper	W. Thomas Haley
	Rochester	A/G	July 23-27	Singing Lunsfords	Craig Carter
Mo.	Sturdivant	Greenbriar	July 20-Aug. 3	Glenna Byard	James Johns
N. Y.	Port Jefferson	<sup>3</sup> A/G	July 22-Aug. 3	Ray C. Eskelin	Magne Norval
Ohio	Martins Ferry	<sup>4</sup> Trinity	July 20-27	Lowell Lundstrom Team	Donald R. Steele
	Tipppecanoe	<sup>2</sup> A/G	July 21-27	Paul & Donna Wright	Robert E. Davis
	Toronto	First	July 23-Aug. 3	Basel-Brown Team	Mary Louise Clutter
Oreg.	Dallas	A/G	July 20-25	L. O. & Gladys Triplett	Albert Davis
Pa.	Mt. Union	A/G	July 13-20	Irving & Mary L. Howard	Fleming Van Meter
S. C.	Columbia	Central	July 22-Aug. 3	E. A. Manley	Glen Miller
Tex.	Comroe	Minoch	July 20—	James & Peggy Hazelton	Forrest Bridges
	Pearland	Bethany	July 20-Aug. 3	E. R. Winter	Jerry Laird
	Rockwall	A/G	July 20—	Johnnie Stout	Charles McLeod
	San Antonio	Hot Wells	July 22-Aug. 3	Bobby & Sharon Jones	Charles Lambert
	Stamford	A/G	July 23-Aug. 3	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Bobby Jones
Wash.	Camas	<sup>2</sup> A/G	July 21-27	Knouse-Stovall Team	Daniel Sinner
W. Va.	Matewan	First	July 23—	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Ron Walrobe
	Ranson	Calvary	July 21-Aug. 3	Irving & Mary L. Howard	W. P. Reed
	Weston	A/G	July 23-27	W. Glenn West	Frank DePolo

<sup>1</sup>Youth Camp      <sup>2</sup>Children's Revival      <sup>3</sup>Area-wide Tent Mtg.      <sup>4</sup>Area-wide Crusade

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DURING KOREAN MEETING

# REVIVAL SPIRIT STIRS CHILDREN, YOUTH

SEOUL, KOREA—Missionary John Stetz reports that Evangelists Gene and Heather Burgess held successful youth and children's meetings in Korea.

The first campaign was conducted at Pul Kwang Full Gospel Assembly in Seoul. The first-night crowd packed the youth hall, so the meetings were moved to the auditorium for the remaining four days.

"From night to night the auditorium seemed to be charged with God's presence, and the Holy Spirit would come upon the young people in waves as they prayed at the altar," said Brother Stetz. "Their fervent prayers and cries were heard in the neighborhood as conviction seized the hearts of some and hunger for the baptism in the Holy Spirit melted the hearts of others."

According to Pastor John Pak, 65 young people accepted the Lord as Saviour and 42 were filled with the Holy Spirit during the five-day meeting.

Children from the nearby Mountain View Orphanage were among

those who received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Many of the youth, convicted by sin or hungry for the Pentecostal experience, gathered at five in the mornings for predawn prayer meetings. At one time 20 of them spent all night in prayer.

Sister Burgess conducted a children's campaign earlier in the evening during the youth meetings. Approximately 500 children attended.

The second campaign was held in a youth center recently opened by Missionaries Charles and Lin-

da Butterfield. The center is located between two of the largest universities in Korea. Each evening preceding the special services a street meeting was conducted in front of the youth center. The response was gratifying.

People of all ages, including university students, came to the services in the center. A total of 154 signed decision cards during the five-day campaign.

Other youth meetings were held in Taejon, where the Henry Swains are working, and Chonju, where Margaret Carlow worked before her furlough.

**Left:** These are some of the 500 children who attended the children's meetings conducted by Heather Burgess at the Pul Kwang Full Gospel Assembly. The church is seen in the background. **Right:** These orphans from the mission-operated Mountain View Orphanage attended the meetings faithfully. The superintendent Mrs. Moon Hi Pak, is in the center of the back row.



**Far Left:** Charles and Linda Butterfield are seen in front of the Youth Center which they recently opened. The center is located between two of Korea's largest universities. **Left:** Gene and Heather Burgess held their first campaign with Pastor and Mrs. John Pak at the Pul Kwang Full Gospel Assembly in Seoul. The Burgesses are seen with the Paks in front of the church.

Young people from the Pul Kwang Full Gospel Assembly planted flowers in front of the church on Korean Arbor Day.



## American Evangelist Organizes Unique Vacation for Laymen

SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Evangelist Larry Clevenger has organized a group of laymen who wished to take their vacations in an unconventional way. Under his leadership, the group came to this city—the third largest in the Cibao region—to participate in a concentrated evangelistic effort.

They systematically distributed 30,000 tracts and leaflets which advertised the coming evangelistic campaign. Spot announcements on the radio and the mobile public address system let everyone know about the meetings.

During the three-day campaign in the local baseball stadium, the vacationers sang and testified and Evangelist Clevenger preached. Nearly 2,000 were in attendance the closing night, and many responded to the invitation to follow Christ.

According to Ephraim Hernandez, a minister with the Spanish Eastern Division of the Assemblies of God, Brother Clevenger is scheduled to return to the Dominican Republic with another group of vacationers this month. They will spearhead the establishing of a church in the city of Moca.



William Douglas (inset) spoke for the graduation in Guadalajara. Assemblies of God missionaries attending the school are (l. to r.) Ralph Leslie, the David Hansens, the Joseph Registers, the Howard Nutts, and Robert Rowdens.

## Assemblies Pastor Speaks at Language School Graduation

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO—William Douglas, pastor of Christian Assembly, Zion, Illinois, was guest speaker during the graduation exercises of the Spanish Language School in Guadalajara.

Pastor Douglas ministered to

### For Missionaries

## CHURCH BOARD VOTES COST-OF-LIVING RAISE

WEST CARROLLTON, OHIO—The official board of West Carrollton Assembly of God recently reviewed their missionary giving and, realizing the steady rise in the cost of living, voted to increase their pledges for 11 of their missionaries by \$5 per month.

This church which averages approximately 150 in Sunday school, now supports 14 missionaries and two national radio broadcasts.

Pastor Robert R. Perdue says, "We believe any church that supports missions will be a growing church."

### New Work to Open Soon

## Work Grows in Ecuador

ECUADOR—Missionary Lowell Dowdy reports that during the last few months people have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and outstanding miracles of healing have occurred.

The 45 students enrolled in the night Bible school classes are prospective workers for Ecuador.

The Dowdys are planning to open a work soon in the city of Cuenca located high in the Andes. Known as "Little Rome," this Catholic city has a population of 100,000.

over 100 missionaries representing nearly every evangelical mission group working in Latin America. There were five Assemblies of God missionary couples among those in attendance.

The theme of Pastor Douglas' message was "So Send I You." The missionaries were reminded that though they often look to the pastors and churches back home for support and help, the pastors and churches look to the missionaries to carry the gospel to other lands.

Mrs. Douglas accompanied her husband on the trip which included ministry in Assemblies of God churches in the Guadalajara area.

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: **Howard Foxes** (French Polynesia); the **Rodger Perkins** (Japan); the **Curtis Deans** (Upper Volta); and the **Dale Barbers** (Hong Kong).

Newly appointed missionaries leaving for the field are: the **Howard Foltz** family (Holland) and the **David Richardses** (Holland).

Missionaries returning to the States for furlough are: the



Missionary Jimmy Zachariou views the twisted steel of the arbor after the storm had destroyed it.

## Storm Destroys Steel Reinforced Arbor

ATHENS, GREECE—The huge steel reinforced cane arbor for the Greece children's camp was torn from its concrete foundation during recent storms. The steel poles were bent, and the iron belts that held the arbor together were cut in half. The arbor had cost \$800.

There was also some damage to the Bible school dispensary on the same property when the storm tore away part of the roof and caused interior damage.

The Greek Christians dug ditches around the property to direct the rain water away from the building so the foundation would not be undermined. They have also planted some new trees to replace those damaged during the storm.

As soon as the danger of further storms is past, another arbor will be built. This protection from the hot sun is needed for those attending the children's camp meetings.



## Minutes of Missions

**ECUADOR**—Mike and Judy Santiago have been teaching in the Ecuador Bible Institute and helping in the Evangelistic Center in Guayaquil. During their first week more than 30 persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, most of these at a sectional rally held at the Center.

**SOUTH AFRICA**—At the 1968 annual Bible conference held on the South Africa Assemblies of God conference grounds, 34 churches received awards. The Sunday schools at Mamelodi Mapetla, Meadowlands, Randfontein, and Atteridgeville attained the highest standard of achievement and were awarded the Gold Crown. Three received Silver Crowns, seven Blue Crowns, and 19 White Crowns.

fields. The **Robert Peacocks** are transferring from Liberia to Sierra Leone.

It was recently reported in error that the **Bryan Mocks** (Venezuela) were returning to the field. It should have been stated that they were returning to the States for furlough.



The H. Foxes The Richardses



The Barber Family



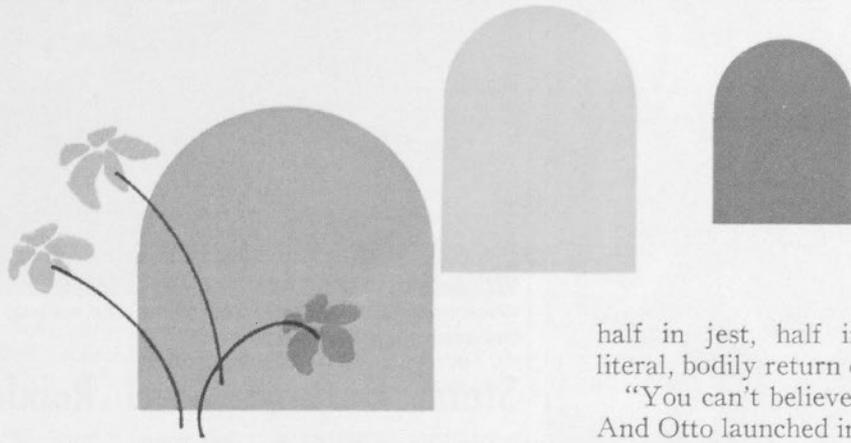
Perkins Family



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The Foltz Family



# SAVED IN A CEMETERY

By DAVID SCHAADÉ  
As told to Anne Sandberg

**S**TRANGE THAT GOD SHOULD LEAD ME into a cemetery, the place of death, in order that I might find life—eternal life.

It was in 1951. I was in my last year at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. To help with expenses, I took the only summer job available: sprinkling lawns and cutting grass at the Oakwood Cemetery in Chicago.

Daily, under a shady linden tree, several of us workers ate lunch. Otto Kapp, a regular employee, inevitably steered the conversation toward religion. He would get so carried away that he would hold his sandwich in one hand, a quart of milk in the other and forget to eat.

I can't vouch for the other fellows, but I was deeply interested.

It's hard to say how far back my interest in spiritual matters can be traced. Reared a Lutheran, I always believed that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for our sins. But knowledge of these Biblical facts somehow didn't relate to me personally; nor did they link me with God in that intimate way I instinctively felt must be the very core of the gospel.

So, from childhood through early adulthood I bore the burden of unfulfilled spiritual hunger. When I was 18 years old I was drafted into the army. While at Camp Crowder, Missouri, I went forward at a gospel tent service. But again, it was mental assent to Biblical truth and somehow it hadn't reached my soul.

After I was through with the army, I worked at different jobs for a few years, then decided that education would meet my need. I went to college, but this deep hunger still remained unsatisfied.

As I look back, I realize that I was merely going through the motions of life, all the while aware that the vital element was missing.

Then came the day I met Otto at the cemetery and listened to him talk about God. Otto finally put down his sandwich and got out his New Testament. "And besides that," he continued, "the Bible says that Jesus is returning to earth and we must be ready."

I swallowed my last mouthful of sandwich and asked,

half in jest, half in challenge, "Do you believe in a literal, bodily return of Christ to this earth?"

"You can't believe anything else, if you read the Bible." And Otto launched into a convincing explanation.

While pushing the power mower over the graves of the dead, I did a lot of thinking the next two days. "They're all dead," I mused. "I wonder how it was with their souls. Where are they now? Where do I stand? Suppose I had an accident on the way home and never got there?"

Suddenly I couldn't push that mower another foot; I had to settle it with God.

"All you must do," Otto had said in one of his talks, "is to repent of your sins and ask Jesus to come into your heart. The Bible says [Otto was always quoting the Bible], 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in.'"

Standing there among the graves, I opened my heart to the Lord Jesus. And He came in.

I didn't have a great emotional experience. Some questions still disturbed me. But I knew something had happened. I felt the stirrings of new life within, and I could hardly wait until I saw Otto. I wanted to tell him and to confide in him my remaining questions.

Using the Bible as always, Otto helped me immeasurably—making it plain that we are saved by faith, not by feelings. The feelings would follow, he said. And they surely did.

One day, several weeks later, Otto said, "You haven't got it all yet, my boy. There is something more. Now you must be filled with the Holy Spirit."

"What do you mean by that?" I asked.

During the rest of the summer that I worked at the cemetery, Otto talked to me about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Eighteen months later, that glorious experience became mine also.

I'm really glad, though, that God wasn't in a hurry to fill me, because as I hungered and thirsted and sought God earnestly for a year and a half, He did a great deal inside of me that couldn't have been done otherwise. Habits were uprooted, attitudes changed, and the new life strengthened.

But while the Lord was working in me, I was also working for Him. Through my testimony, my wife and two children accepted the Lord and were afterwards filled with the Spirit. My sister accepted the Lord. And later my brother was saved and healed.

After I left the University, I got a job as structural steel estimator at a plant in Hammond, Indiana. But that did not hinder me from using my spare time for teaching a Sunday school class, speaking in jails and missions, and doing lay preaching whenever the opportunity comes.

All these wonderful blessings began when God led me to get a summer job in a cemetery, the place of death. It was there that I met Otto, who led me into life.