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

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A WOULD-BE MURDERER SPARED FROM SUCH BY CONVERSION!

By ARLO A. JOHNSON / Pastor, Calvary Assembly, Omaha, Nebraska

**W**ONDERFUL? YES, BUT IT DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN! It was 1857, and slim days had come to Dutch North Church at Fulton and Williams Streets in lower New York City.

The trustees of the declining church decided to make a last ditch stand to save the 88-year-old work so they hired Jeremiah C. Lanphier, a lay missionary, to take charge of the dwindling parish.

Mr. Lanphier was convinced that man's greatest single need was prayer and it was this conviction, carefully followed, that resulted in revival in the headlines—as indicated above.

In spite of all our modern gadgets, man's greatest single need today is still prayer! To be even more specific, *man's greatest single need is intercessory prayer!* Paul said to Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that . . . intercessions . . . be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).

Four of the greatest and most effective servants of God in Old Testament times—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and Daniel—were men with a ministry of intercessory prayer.

There are four facts concerning the intercessor that we should note.

**THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN INTERCESSOR**

Genesis 18 records a visitation that the Lord made to Abraham. As God and Abraham communed, there were certain thoughts foremost in the mind of God. God was about to bring judgment upon Sodom. Should He tell Abraham? (Genesis 18:17). God considered the spiritual maturity of this servant and finally decided to share His secret with Abraham.

When Abraham heard of the pending judgment, he became an intercessor and pleaded with God for the safety of Sodom.

A missionary is in a severe crisis on the mission field. God shares the secret with a busy housewife, she drops

to her knees and intercedes. The missionary is miraculously spared! What a privilege to have been selected by God as an intercessor!

**THE POSITION OF THE INTERCESSOR**

Genesis 20 tells us of Abimelech and the danger he and his kingdom faced. In that perilous moment God told Abimelech that Abraham was a prophet and "he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live" (Genesis 20:7).

Think of the position that Abraham possessed! As an intercessor he was able to minister life to those in danger of death.

The New Testament parallel is found in 1 John 5:16: "He shall ask, and he shall give him life." Amazing, but true! God has spoken it, but do we really believe it? Do we practice it? This is the position that God offers us if we will give ourselves to intercessory prayer.

**THE POWER OR AUTHORITY OF THE INTERCESSOR**

Why was Moses so effective in his intercession for Israel? As Moses was faced with the possibility of the destruction of Israel, he reminded God of the promise that had been given to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (Exodus 32:13).

The authority of the intercessor has always been, and must always be, the written word of God!

In the days of Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah the prophet made certain observations. First it was evident that the heart of Israel was being turned from the worship of Jehovah to follow after idols.

Second, Elijah read in Deuteronomy 11:16, 17 that when Israel turned from Jehovah to follow after other gods, then Jehovah would "shut up the heaven, that there be no rain."

In the New Testament James records that Elijah "prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth" (James 5:17).

Upon what authority did Elijah pray? The authority of the written Word. Elijah, like Moses, reminded God of the promise He had given.

Our praying will be effective intercessory prayer, when we pray in accord with the written Word of God!


#### THE PLEASURE OF THE INTERCESSOR

Prayers of intercession are unselfish prayers. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and Daniel had no thought for their own need as they involved themselves in the ministry of intercession.

In Daniel 9 and 10 we read of the intercessions of Daniel in behalf of Israel. Daniel was so concerned that he did not think of himself. For 21 days he deprived himself of the normal pleasures of life to give himself to intercession.

There is an irrevocable law in God's kingdom: "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38). Daniel found this to be true! As he gave himself in intercession, God gave Daniel the greatest of all pleasures—a divine visitation! Daniel said, "I was left alone . . . yet heard I the voice of his words . . . and, behold, a hand touched me" (Daniel 10:8-10).

What pleasure filled Daniel's life. He experienced the truth that "at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

Will you give yourself to a ministry of intercessory prayer? Though we live in the "instant" age, there is no effective "instant" formula for spiritual revival. The effective, lasting spiritual revival must find its commencement and continuation in intercessory prayer. 

# WHAT MAY WE EXPECT OF PRAYER?

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**P**RAYER IS NOT A SUPERSTITIOUS RITUAL, a magical chant, or merely a religious exercise. Jesus made that clear in His Sermon on the Mount: "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matthew 6:5, 7).

Prayer is not an easy answer to all of life's problems. Our philosophy seems to be: "Do you have a headache? Take an aspirin. A cold? Take penicillin. Troubles? Then say a prayer!" But prayer is not a tranquilizer or a miracle drug.

Neither is prayer a labor-saving device for the lazy. Prayer alone will not convert the world. If so, there would have been no need of Christ's command to "go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel." Prayer enables us to carry out God's work here on earth with His help and anointing. When we face the seemingly impossible task, prayer brings us divine strength to overcome the obstacles.

Greater knowledge and revelation will come through prayer. However, there will still be mysteries that we cannot solve. We are yet earthbound, finite creatures who must "walk by faith."

Prayer will change things: circumstances *and* people. That includes you and me.

Hannah, in the Old Testament account, was barren until she prayed; then Samuel was born. Hezekiah was dying until he prayed; then the Lord lengthened his life by 15 years. Gideon was confused about God's will until he prayed; then God sent the dew upon the fleece, and subsequently withheld the dew, to show Gideon His will. Jehoshaphat was surrounded by the chariots of the enemy, doomed to defeat, until he prayed. Israel would never have existed as a nation if Moses had not interceded for the people and God in mercy spared them.

Prayer must always be made with our wills subservient to the will of God. It is most important that we do not attempt, by praying, to *manipulate* or *bargain* with God. Yet only eternity will reveal how many destinies and circumstances have been changed because Christians have prevailed in prayer. Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

How should we approach God in prayer? Certainly we must come in a spirit of reverence, recognizing our unworthiness and God's holiness. Like Moses, we should be conscious that we are standing on "holy ground" when we come into God's presence. We must learn to shut our minds to the many distractions of the world, concentrating on God—His love, His grace, and His power. This is the *closet* of which Christ spoke as He taught on prayer.

Effective praying requires learning to wait patiently and quietly before God. So often when we come to God, we do all the talking; but there are times when we should do nothing but listen. If you want God to speak to you, be silent. Wait for that "still small voice."


There must be a willingness to open both heart and mind to God, allowing the light of His presence to flood our soul. Our Heavenly Father will reveal many things to His children who come willingly, obediently, and humbly before Him. We can learn to enjoy not only the privilege of prayer but also the pleasure and power of prayer.

Prayer is the greatest weapon in the Christian's arsenal. Let us beware lest the rust of disuse and the dulling force of abuse render it useless.

We can see the tide turned against the prevailing godlessness of our day if we will *pray*.

We can see hell cheated of its prey and heaven populated with redeemed souls if we will *pray*.

We can enter into the glorious presence of our Heavenly Father and come away empowered to live overcoming lives in this sin-cursed world if we will *pray*.

Without prayer, we are no match for the world, the flesh, and the devil. "Lord, teach us to pray." 



# Prayer and Pentecost

PENTECOSTAL PEOPLE know something about the power of prayer. All we have received from God has come through the avenue of personal prayer—the reaching out of the human spirit to make vital contact with the Holy Spirit—and we can expect to see tremendous results from making this Sunday, August 10, a special day of prayer.

Have you seen any pictures of Niagara Falls lately? On the Canadian side the Horseshoe Falls is still flowing. Huge volumes of water pour over the precipice, offering the marvelous spectacle of grandeur and power that has made Niagara famous—but the American Falls is all dried up. Engineers have dammed it up temporarily to see what they can do about the piles of rock which have been accumulating at the foot of the falls and marring its beauty.

What an object lesson for Christian believers! On the one side, a flowing stream reminding us of the mighty flow of the Spirit in those lives which are fully yielded to God; and on the other side, a dried-up stream devoid of power and beauty reminding us of the emptiness and uselessness of Christian lives which are dammed up by prayerlessness and other obstructions displeasing to God.

If there are dammed-up lives among us, this is the day for every dam to be burst and every believer refilled with the Holy Ghost. The river of God's power will flow abundantly as soon as the obstructions are removed.

Without prayer, Pentecostal believers are of all men most miserable, for all our blessings depend on prayer. We can go through Pentecostal ritual, but without prayer it will be as dry as dust. Our lives will be empty and our testimony a hollow echo unless we keep in vital touch with God through prayer.

Prayer and Pentecost are intimately related. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter" (John 14:16). The Spirit came and entered into the believers in answer to the prayer of Jesus.

But the prayer of Jesus alone was not sufficient. The disciples also had to pray. They "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14) right up to the moment when the Spirit fell upon them. No doubt they were praising as well as praying. They were not merely reciting vain repetitions, for people who only repeat mechanical phrases do not receive the blessing. The disciples were worshiping God, mixing praises with their prayers. They prayed through until their souls burst forth in a torrent of praise. They magnified God; their souls became enveloped with the divine glory; the Holy Ghost took full control of their enraptured souls and it was then they began to speak in other tongues the wonderful works of God their souls had been contemplating.

Like a mighty Niagara, the power of God continued to flow, for the Early Church kept praying. They prayed from day to day, and from house to house. They prayed before electing Matthias to the office of apostleship: "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two *thou* hast chosen." They prayed for the sick and God healed them. They prayed when the apostles were arrested and God delivered them. They prayed for the lost and God saved them. They preached and prayed wherever they went, and began to turn the world upside down. Praying was as important to them as preaching.

Prayer is indispensable because it links us to the Source of all power. Pentecostal power depends on Pentecostal praying. Therefore let us remove every obstacle and give ourselves to prayer that the purposes of God may be fulfilled in all our lives and churches. —r.c.c.

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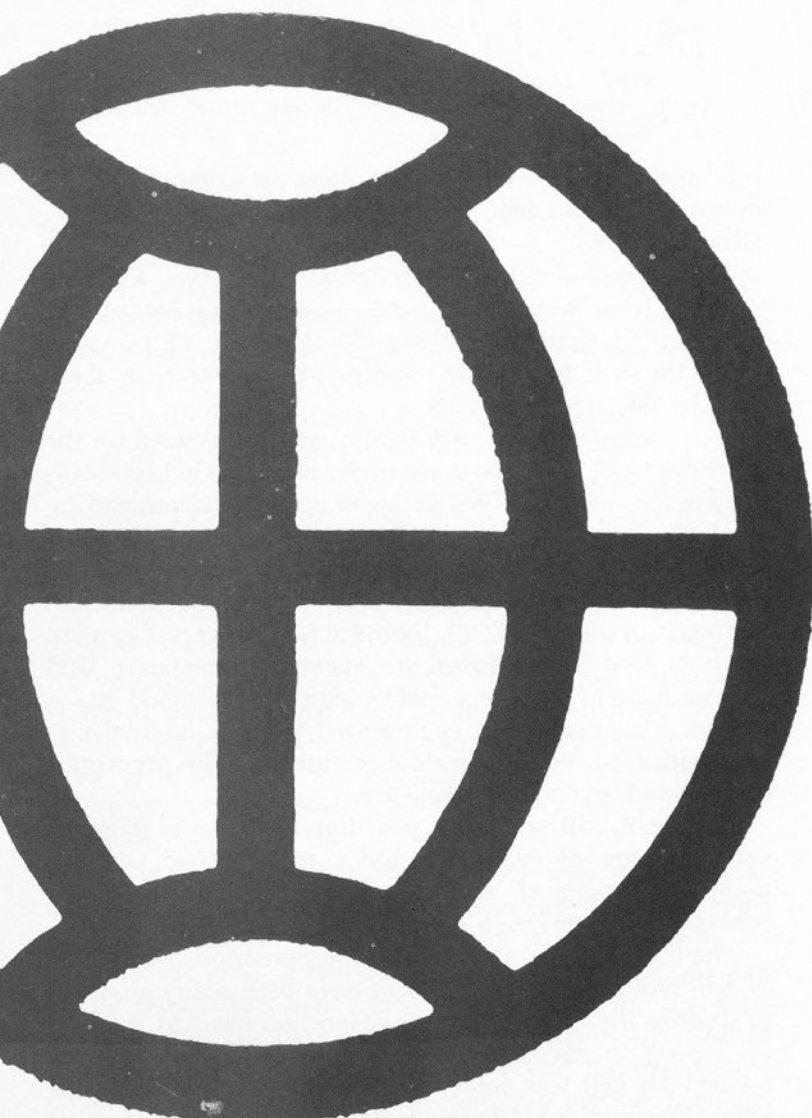
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## A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE 33RD GENERAL COUNCIL

**T**HE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD is a growing and dynamic fellowship of believers. At no time is this fact more obvious than when we come together once every two years from all over the world in a great General Council.

Every Council makes its own unique contribution to the continuing ministry of our church in today's world. The Council scheduled for August 21-26 in Dallas, Texas, should be no exception.

In anticipation and with faith, please join other believers in prayer on August 10 for . . .

- Dallas Impact, the pre-Council soul-winning crusade beginning August 10 in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area. Hundreds of witnessing teams will be at work in the area throughout this week, with nightly services in the churches. Climax of the effort will be a united youth rally August 16 in Fort Worth's new County Convention Auditorium.

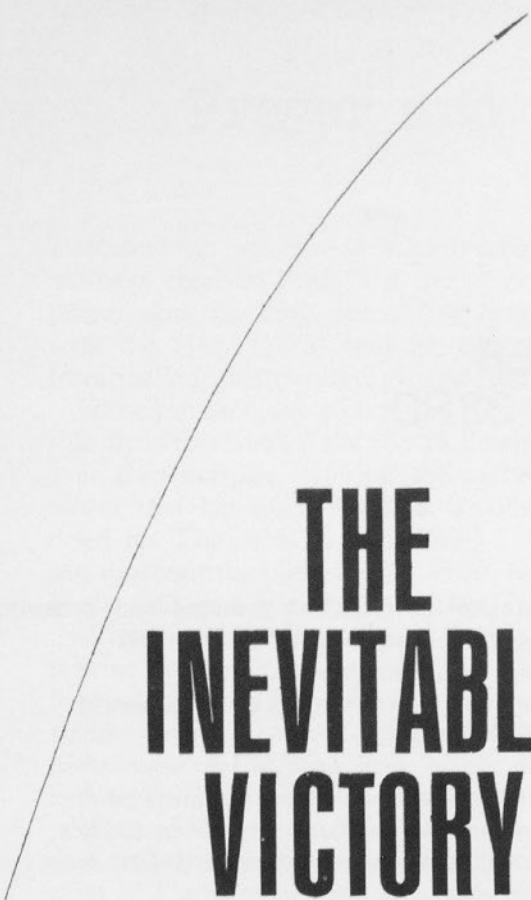
- God's perfect will to be done in the business sessions.

- An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the morning and evening services, when speakers will be reemphasizing the cardinal doctrines of our Movement.

- An ongoing commitment of our church to serve our generation by the will of God.

Theme of the Council is "Go and Tell." We have a world to reach and a message to tell. Whether you can attend the Council or not, please join in prayer on August 10. The results can be far-reaching.





# THE INEVITABLE VICTORY

By DONALD R. SPRADLING

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**M**AN HAS EXCELLED FAR BEYOND the imaginations of the last generation. He has achieved many objectives and produced fantastic innovations. Barriers have been broken, incorrect theories shattered, and laws of nature amended by such victories as the *Apollo* moon flights.

But there are some laws that are unchangeable. One of these eternal truths is recorded in Matthew 16:18: "And upon this rock I will build my church."

Thank God for the optimistic, eternal Word of God that graces the believer in an hour of pessimism and temporal difficulties.

Webster defines the word *inevitable* as "not to be evaded or thwarted; unavoidable." Many people have succumbed to an erroneous concept of apostasy in these last days. The Scriptures describing and revealing the end-time drama were never meant to impart defeat and discouragement to the followers of the Cross, but rather to comfort their heart with courage, faith, and hope.

In the hippie, fatalistic, immoral, and hypocritical America of 1969, the believer must see a whitened harvest field that challenges the best in him for revival.

There are three Bible truths which are inevitable for the believer and the Church in any generation, be it A.D. 60 or 1969.

The first of these is *inevitable persecution*. Paul in writing to Timothy said: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

The word *persecution* carries many connotations. It could mean harassment, torment, martyrdom, or simply opposition.

Children of God have been opposed by ardent and violent forces of hell since the fall of man. The opposition is ever-present, but it can be valuable to our development if we master it.

The Israelites were led out of captivity and away from the taskmasters of Egypt, but there was *night* traveling as well as day traveling. The pillar of fire made the night experience meaningful.

Joseph was thrown in prison for false accusations but God had not abdicated the young lad's heart.

The opposition is inevitable, but God delights in opening prison doors or calming great storms.

The weaver leaves this conclusion:

*Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skillful  
hand  
As the threads of gold and silver, in the pattern He has  
planned.*

Remember, for every sunset there is a sunrise. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20).

The second truth is *inevitable provisions*. Of His Church, Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). He also said, "The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12).

Jesus defeated Satan at Calvary, was resurrected on the third day, and now sits at the right hand of God interceding for the believer. The victim is now the victor and by the Holy Spirit He lives in every believer.

The Bible says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). For every Egyptian captivity God has a Moses; for every bare cupboard God has an Elijah; for every Babylonian dictator God has a Daniel. This generation is promised there is no variability with God, neither shadow of turning. The provisions are yea and amen to the believer.

The devil will persecute you, but God has a standard sufficient for every flood. Even in 1969—a year of political, economical, social, and spiritual famine—God's provisions far outweigh every persecution.

The third truth is the *inevitable progression*. Jesus said, "I will build my church." There have been many attempts to destroy the Church. Every generation has had its Saul of Tarsus to make havoc of the Church. But when it seemed all hell was loosed on the nucleus, the seed was kept alive and the Church kept on progressing. Satan's opposition has only spread the fire more rapidly.

Christ's words echo with purpose and meaning in this Year of Revival. "Upon this rock, I will build my church." This army of believers has marched through the fire, the flame, and the flood. There have been moments when darkness fell and the vultures were fattened on the flesh of God's children, but soon another revival broke out and the church marched forward once more to shout to all the world that the *victory is inevitable!*

The anthem of our hearts today should be:

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on!*



# REVIVAL COMES BY LOOKING

By DALE HARMON

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EVERY GENERATION must have revival if it is to survive spiritually. The cry of every hungry child of God is, "Lord, send a revival!"

This revival will come to our generation only when we make full contact with the God of revival. Ultimately it is not *what* you are looking for, but *to whom you are looking* that truly brings revival.

People are looking to many different sources for help to ease their troubled souls. The man of the world does not know where to look. He tries to claim possessions, to substitute pleasures, drinking, drugs, seducing music, rioting, medicines, and tonics of all kinds to satisfy the real cry of his soul. When the answer does not come, he keeps searching, but finds himself becoming more and more entangled like the fly caught in the spider's web.

The child of God has a distinct advantage because he knows to whom he can look. Hebrews 12:1, 2 says: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

The real runners are youth. It is very evident that God uses them in every generation to carry out His commission. There are youth in our day whom God will use to spark the kind of revival He desires to give us. As our young people turn their eyes on Jesus, they will discover, as all generations have discovered, that He is the Author of revival. Looking unto Jesus will reveal the true source of revival—faith, redemption, and an eternal heritage. This combination should stir up the best in us!

*Let us look to Jesus for faith.* Life without faith is meaningless. Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Since faith is involved in revival, then we must look to its Author and Finisher and believe that our faith will bring a manifestation of His power.

It takes a real polish job by the master Finisher to change our faith from the rough to the finished product. It is the finishing process that brings out the beauty and value of a newly built house. It is the chrome on the automobile that catches the eye. So it is with the Christian young person. God not only wants to be the Author of his faith but its Finisher so that the life will sparkle with

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This is another article in the series showing the role of youth in revival.

value and attractiveness. Faith is the beginning of a real revival.

*Let us look to Jesus for redemption.* Jesus Christ has the credentials to hold the title of Saviour and Redeemer. This joy was set before Him because He paid for it. He . . . endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus Christ purchased our redemption and gave us eternal rights as the redeemed.

Every redeemed person has rights. They can claim every promise in His Word. The Word promises revival.

It is interesting to note what God says about the last days of revival. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). Isn't it exciting to note the part the young people will fill in this prophecy? They shall be filled with the Spirit; they shall prophesy; and they shall see visions. This means that God intends to use redeemed young people to fulfill His mission in the last day.

*Let us look to Jesus and claim our heritage.* Every redeemed person has an inheritance from God, and when that fact is fully realized, there is no power that can keep them from claiming it.

This is a criterion for revival. We seek and find. Esau sold his birthright without realizing what it was worth. Jacob received the blessing because he saw through the eye of faith the eternal value of the birthright. Our generation has young people who will pay the price of claiming their heritage. Hebrews 12:15 lists three things we must look after concerning our heritage: (1) "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God"; (2) looking diligently "lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you"; (3) looking diligently lest "many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:15). We must guard our fortune in God lest some of these things rob us of the glory. If we keep our possession, we are candidates for revival.

Thank God for the privilege of being able to look to Jesus any time and in any place and to sit in the seat of assurance because of His sacrifice. We rejoice in the outreach of God's grace, the glory of His presence, the thrill of His blessing, and the beauty of His countenance. As we look to Jesus Christ, we will have revival for our generation.



# GOD'S RESOURCES FOR OUR DAILY LIVES



By G. WEATHERLEY / England

**W**HEN MARCUS CHENG, the Chinese Bible teacher and evangelist, was a seminary student, he was once short of money. Late one night he went to a missionary friend's house and frankly explained his need.

The friend invited Cheng into his study and opened a chest where he kept his money. He said: "Take all you want." Trembling at such friendly generosity, Cheng reached down and picked out the smallest coin.

"Take more; take all you need," his friend urged. Cheng wept. He had caught a glimpse of how the Lord was prepared to treat him.

God has made much spiritual wealth available to us. When He gave Christ to us, He provided with Him all the other blessings we could possibly need to enrich our lives.

Jesus emphasized this provision when He said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). This is no meager existence. It is a life with spiritual resources more than equal to the situation in which we find ourselves. As James Hastings put it: "This life will be . . . always . . . just a little more vital energy than is really needed either for its endurance of pain or for its triumph over sin." Jesus promised us a life that is so full that it overflows to encourage others.

Yet how few of us appropriate this sustaining strength, though we are eager that our lives not be sorrowful, anxious, or clouded by sin or uncertainty.

## THE SOURCE OF VICTORY

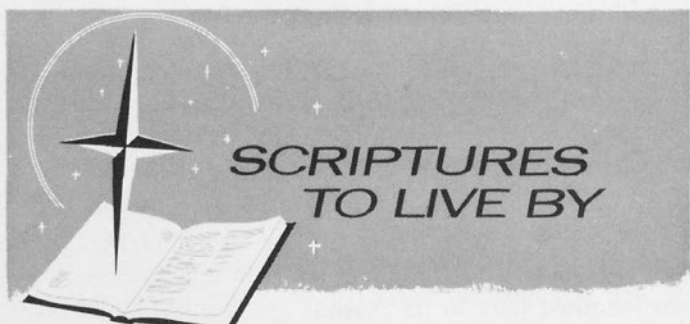
Radiant living is possible only as we utilize these resources that are *outside* ourselves. In ourselves we feel weak and inadequate. When we face tragedy, we see all too clearly that we are not self-sufficient. Thus the only way to avoid spiritual bankruptcy is to live on resources that are more than human, those available in God. They are

the only resources that never fail; drawing on them cannot exhaust the supply.

Living daily on divine resources is the only way we can meet the divine requirements. Jesus never said the Christian life was easy or that He expected little of His disciples. Instead, He urged us to follow Him by forsaking all that we have, including personal ambitions, and to love Him supremely. Further, Jesus urged us to take up our cross for His sake. No man can meet these requirements unless he lives on God's resources.

## RESOURCES FOR THE ORDINARY DAY

Many days are so ordinary that life seems boring. Do-



**SCRIPTURES  
TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR AUGUST 11-17**

Theme of the Week: **WORKING WILLINGLY**

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| Tues. .. Colossians 3:17-25 | Fri. .... Acts 9:36-42     |
| Wed. .... James 2:14-26     | Sat. .... 2 Thess. 3:6-15  |
| Sun. .... Exodus 20:8-11    |                            |

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23).

ing a routine job can become monotonous. Familiar experiences can be tiresome.

But God's resources are available for the ordinary day. He can enable us to see a purpose in the simple job and to do it cheerfully, pleasing Him as we serve others. He can help us use the routine task to glorify Him.

#### RESOURCES FOR THE DIFFICULT DAY

All of us have days of special difficulty. Disappointments come to all; from the loss of a child's doll to the senior citizen's illness just when retirement seemed to promise new opportunities. God's resources will enable us to change what can be changed and to accept the rest graciously. Then we shall seek to see the hand of God in our disappointments and acknowledge that God's wisdom shines through when ours flickers and fails. A spiritual reserve urges us to believe that a disappointment can be a turning point to success.

#### RESOURCES FOR A DAY OF TROUBLE

Another day can bring trouble, distress, and pain. Sickness overtakes a person without warning. Bereavement shatters the friendship of a lifetime. An accident changes life irrevocably. Financial losses unnerve us.

Christians are not exempt from sorrow. But God's resources are available to comfort the sorrowing. As the God of all comfort, He has given us Scripture that assures us of His concern, love, and care for us. He has also sent the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to minister to our hearts. God does not exempt us from sorrow, but He fills our hearts with joy and lifts the burden of sorrow from our shoulders.

When the wife of the English theologian Edward Pusey died, he wrote: "I felt as if the rushing waters were up to my chin, but underneath the chin there was a supporting hand." He knew the comfort that came from accepting the spiritual resources God offers.

#### RESOURCES FOR A DAY OF TEMPTATION

Temptation can be the distinguishing feature of another day. Some temptations are clear, such as an urge to tell a lie to avoid trouble. Most are more subtle: to avoid someone we dislike; to doubt God's goodness when life hits us hard; to choose things of material rather than spiritual value.

God can enable us to overcome the obvious temptations by bringing Scripture to mind and making our conscience more acute. His strength can be sufficient, "a very present help in trouble." These resources will open our eyes to what is subtle so we may get a right perspective on all situations. Then we can love as Jesus loved, sustain our faith in God, and rightly evaluate material and spiritual gains. No temptation need be our master.

#### RESOURCES FOR A DAY OF CRISIS

Our day can stand out because it holds a crisis. When we choose a career, a college, or a mate, the day of decision is significant. Deciding whether to take a widowed mother into our home or to pay someone for her care causes heart-searching.

Divine resources include unerring wisdom. God's wisdom will be available to us—as we step out in faith after asking guidance. He enables us to choose what is best for all concerned. This causes no regrets.

#### GOD'S RESOURCES AND WITNESSING

How we need the resources that God alone can provide!

## IF I HAVE NOT LOVE

*Though I speak with tongues  
of men and angels,  
And have the gracious gift of prophecy,  
But do not love my brother and my sister,  
What way can gifts and blessings profit me?*

*If I could remove the biggest mountain,  
And fathom every depth of mystery,  
But do not love my brother and my sister,  
What good would miracles and knowledge be?*

*If I should offer all of my possessions,  
And even, some dark day, a martyr be,  
But do not love my brother and my sister,  
Would sacrifice or dying profit me?*

—H. M. BATES

We do not wish to live below par; we want to live to the glory of God. God values our testimony before men, and that testimony will depend on how we react to the situations all men face today. Living on God's resources will make us vibrant witnesses of God's enabling power. A man can live for Him whatever his position.

Life today taxes our spiritual reserves to the full. We can avoid being spiritual paupers only when we have the strength which God alone can give.

#### HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S RESOURCES

How can we receive the divine resources? Communion with God is our daily priority. As we wait on God, we shall begin to subordinate our desires to His will, to see things from His point of view, and to seek to please Him. We must keep open the lines of communication between God and us at all times.

Jesus promised: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). Approaching God's throne without fear, we can ask Him for the sort of help we need most. No man has ever asked beyond what God is able and willing to give.

We have to trust God—to have confidence—not only in our asking, but also in God's willingness to give. Experience confirms His faithfulness. We draw near to God assured that He will reward our seeking with a rich share of His resources.

These resources will enable us to do what would be impossible otherwise. No human need is beyond God's ability to meet fully. The angel's word to Mary in her unique situation comes to us in our life-situation today: "With God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

The Lord offers us heavenly resources for our daily living. Our share of them will come to us in the proper form, at the right time, and in the shape needed at that moment. Let us enjoy the *abundant life* Jesus promised to us. Let us meet problems with faith and courage. This is living according to God's plan for our lives, on the resources He has provided.







# OH, THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD!

By PAUL WALTERMAN / Associate Pastor, First Assembly, Victorville, California

**A** TESTIMONY SERVICE—"that awkward portion of a service when the song leader can't think of choruses fast enough to fill in the dead spaces." Does this definition sound as if it were written for your church? Unfortunately this is true far too often today.

However, there is no similarity between this definition of testimony time and what God's Word says about it.

The Bible repeatedly speaks of the importance of testimony and praise.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (Psalm 107:2).

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1).

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving" (Psalm 95:2).

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord" (Psalm 113:1).

"I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" (Jeremiah 20:9).

"Thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard" (Acts 22:15).

"We also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Corinthians 4:13).

With these verses ringing in our hearts, let us form a new definition for testimony. A testimony is simply *an outward expression of a constant inner gratitude*.

In other words, a testimony means "turning up the volume" of the tape of gratitude that is constantly playing inside us.

When given enough time to prepare for it, most Christians can relate an exciting experience involving God's care and watchfulness over them. They can even quote verse after verse of Scripture in their testimony, and some are able to sway the congregation with the force and phraseology of their presentation. But unless this praise comes from a heart that is spontaneously bubbling over with gratitude to Christ, it is not really testifying!

## WHY TESTIFY?

*To give open expression to our soul's satisfaction.* "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul" (Psalm 66:16).

*To share with others God's goodness to us.* "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

*Because we will be rewarded for our testifying.* "Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess me before men,

him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8).

Under no circumstances should testimony time be used for giving a rundown of all our misfortunes and trials of the past week. I can still recall the "testimonies" of a woman who was in a church I attended in my teens. After listening to her five-to-eight-minute tale of woe and misery, we young people would look at each other and secretly wonder if God deserted people once they reached the age of 45!

If we can't say anything to magnify God, let's be certain we don't magnify the devil.

## HOW TO TESTIFY

*Testify confidently.* "And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to harken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But *she constantly affirmed* that it was even so" (Acts 12:13-15).

Here was a slave girl who was not afraid to stand up to her religious superiors and declare what she knew.

You don't need to know Greek and Hebrew to testify to others. All you need is to have a personal experience with God.

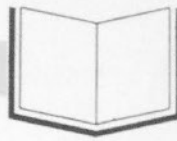
After Christ healed him, the blind man was quizzed by the religious leaders. His reply to their complicated and confusing interrogation was power-packed by its sheer simplicity. He said, "I can't tell you the background or history of this Jesus. I can't explain medically or theologically what has happened. All I know is that once I was blind and *now I can see!*"

He had an *experience*, and what he *knew* was enough to astound the entire community.

A Stanford University philosopher said: "I do not understand God, nor the way in which He works. If, occasionally, I raise my heart in prayer, it is to no God I can see, or hear, or feel. It is to a God in as cold and obscure a polar night as any nonbeliever has known." What a tragedy! But many people stand upon a slippery, unsettled footing in their relationship to God. How much better was the testimony of the apostle Paul, who said, "I *know* whom I have believed."

Thank God for people who can't be talked out of their experiences! *We can testify without shame.* "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:8).

It has been said, "He who has an experience is never at the mercy of him who has only an argument." Though



you may be timid and reserved about some areas of life, if you have had an experience with Jesus, you can hold your head high and boldly tell the world that you belong to Him.

*Testify with readiness.* "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

#### WHERE TO TESTIFY

*At church.* "In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" (Psalm 22:22). The church is the first place we think of when someone mentions testifying.

It is important that we testify in church, but there are other places also where we can praise the Lord.

*At home.* Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19). Strangely, however, the home is the place where some Christians do their poorest job of sharing the love and work of Christ.

Andrew's testimony was so respected at *home* that when he claimed to have found the Messiah his older brother Peter believed what he said!

*Everywhere.* Not only at church and at home, but also at school, on the job, on the street, wherever we may be, we can speak a word of praise for the mercies of the Lord. As Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

## FINGERS HEALED WITH NO CRIPPLING SCARS

TODAY PEOPLE LOOK AT MY FINGERS and marvel that they are so straight and without scars. They had seen the rotten flesh and clawlike fingers that I had before God healed me.

About 10 years ago, shortly after the birth of my second child, I developed small water blisters under my wedding rings on the left hand and under my class ring on the right. I removed the rings but the sores remained on both hands. They were filled with pus and spread over all the fingers.

When I took my baby son to the doctor for a checkup, he noticed the dermatitis and told me he would give me a prescription for it. I told him I was trusting the Lord to heal me and I didn't plan to use any medication. He warned me he had seen others with the same disease, and no one ever got rid of it without medication.

My hands grew worse; most of my fingers were drawn as if by arthritis. They looked more like claws than fingers. They were so decayed that if a finger nail or anything with an edge on it were drawn across them, the flesh would peel away.

I decided to take allergy tests. But when I told the allergy doctor I did not wish to take medication, he refused to run the tests.

My husband and my parents, the George McCoys (who were also my pastors at that time) continued to believe with me that the Lord would heal me without outside help. I told the Lord if He could use me better with diseased fingers, I was willing to accept the condition, but if I could work better for Him with well fingers to please heal them.

Gradually the infection began clearing up and new skin

# VICTORY THROUGH PRAISE

By L. P. SAFFORD

*"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).*

**P**RAISING GOD under all circumstances and at all times is very pleasing to Him. I learned this early in my Christian experience, and have received many benefits from the practice of praising God, even under adverse circumstances.



I could never enumerate all the victories I've received through praise, but I would like to relate the highlights of one outstanding experience that happened years ago.

I had gone through a long business sales slump during a time that should have been my best auto-selling season. One morning after several days of reverses, I went to the phone to call a lady about what I thought was a "sure deal."

When she told me she had already bought from one of my competitors, it was really a blow. But I got up from the desk and started praising the Lord right there on the salesroom floor. The joy of the Lord was restored to my soul, and I went on with the day's business.

Despite this 10-day sales slump, I finished one of the greatest sales months of my career. This was a lesson to me, and since then I try to apply the praise principle in each circumstance—whether good or bad. He always takes care of every situation. Praise the Lord!

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began to grow. Finally all the sores were gone and my fingers were completely covered with new skin.

I believed the Lord would complete the work by straightening my fingers again. Praise the Lord, He did just that! Some of my fingers turned slightly backward at the tip before they were diseased; these same fingers now turn back just like they did before.

Because my fingers were diseased for so long, many people saw them. Now they know that God has performed a miracle. I believe Romans 8:28, and I believe God used this affliction and my healing as a testimony for Him. We are serving a marvelous, miracle-working God, and I am glad I know Him.—Mrs. Jean L. Moore, Jones, Okla.

(Endorsed by J.R. Wyatt, former pastor of the Assembly of God, Jones, Okla., now pastoring at Sentinel, Okla.)





# Making the 'Good Earth' Better

By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT  
*Executive Director of Home Missions*



**T**HE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TERM "good Earth" was made more apparent than ever to Earth-dwellers as Frank Borman, James A. Lovell Jr., and William A. Anders, the astronauts who piloted *Apollo 8*, televised their historic mission to the moon last Christmas Eve.

Every Christian who heard their words and saw the pictures was thrilled and inspired as the men described the "vast, lonely, and forbidding surface of the moon," and the Earth which glowed as "a grand oasis in the vast bigness of space." Lovell called the moon "a vast loneliness

... which makes you realize what you have back there on Earth."

As the memorable reading of the story of creation from the Book of Genesis was ending, Colonel Borman concluded the telecast with the words, "We close with good night, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you—all of you on the good Earth."

While it is true the astronauts were comparing the physical appearance of the Earth and the moon, still their message emphasizes a challenge to every Christian to keep

the Earth "good" by letting God bless it through Christian influence.

### **EVANGELISM A PRIME CONCERN**

In a recent report prepared by a special Home Missions Study Committee and adopted by the Executive Presbytery, it was stated that "evangelism must be the prime concern of the Assemblies of God outreach of Church Extension." This report further emphasized that "the spiritual need of the population of the United States should be our greatest concern and churches, preaching points, and other outreach ministries should be established in every community and neighborhood in the United States. Recognition should be given to the limitations of a single church to serve the multifaceted needs of a given community."

The Executive Presbytery also made the following recommendations:

The districts should establish an adequate number of Assemblies of God churches to meet the need of the present population explosion in all areas, including small and large communities and, where possible, new suburban developments, as well as the inner cities.

Presbyters and fellowship sections of our districts shall be encouraged to establish new churches in cooperation with their local district programs.

Local churches should sponsor new assemblies, branch Sunday schools, neighborhood prayer meetings, storefront chapels, missions, Bible clubs, reading rooms, and other outreach activities.

Pastors of our Fellowship shall be urged to accept the challenge of new church evangelism in cooperation with this program and assist in providing leaders for these outreach ministries by using available credentialed ministers and qualified laymen (thus involving more adults and youth of our churches).

Congregations moving into new locations should endeavor to secure finances in the form of mortgages on the old buildings and turn the properties over to the districts or the sections to establish other assemblies.

This last recommendation has been successful in preserving buildings for full-gospel ministry in areas abandoned by all evangelical churches and has helped to meet the challenge of one of our most needy mission fields in the inner cities.

Long before the Executive Presbytery recommended this procedure, the Lord Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest" (John 4:35). And He Himself "went about all the cities and villages, teaching . . . and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35).

### **ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE**

Men of vision who pastor our churches are accepting the challenge of starting other assemblies in nearby areas by investing members of the home church in the project. When a sponsoring church finds a suitable building or location and when members and others who reside in the new area join together and volunteer to establish another church, this is bound to bring God's blessings upon the good Earth, as Colonel Borman prayed on Christmas Eve.

I have found it true, as have most pastors who have thus invested members, that the new church is strengthened by the godly influence of mature Christians and

thus realizes a rapid spiritual and numerical growth. Invariably the home or sponsoring church, which may sustain a temporary loss of members and finances, quickly recovers its forces as God blesses the selflessness of pastors and people who catch the vision of the "other sheep" of whom Jesus spoke. Testimonies of pastors and churches indicate that their obedience of the Great Commission has produced a spirit of revival in their own churches.

The next important result is that the community feels the impact of a dual ministry of two churches, two Sunday schools, two groups of dedicated workers. All this results in more people being reached for Christ and the relationship between the two congregations being strengthened in their community outreach.

### **LAUNCHING THE PROJECT**

Where it may be unfeasible for a single church to launch such a program, several or all of the assemblies in a community can accomplish the same objective by joining forces to help to make the "good Earth" better by taking the message of the gospel out to new segments of our society.

When a single church launches into this new church evangelism program, finances for the project may be appropriated from the home missions budget of the church. If a number of churches join together to sponsor the program, each church should contribute of its finances to support the venture until the new membership is able to assume this responsibility.

Locations should be selected in areas where no similar efforts are being made. These may be in new community developments where certain properties may be reserved by the developer for church buildings, in old sections of the cities, in the inner cities, or in racial ghettos.

The facilities provided should always relate to the community where the new church is to be located. Using a school auditorium until a new building can be erected has been a successful method of establishing new churches in many suburban areas. Old church buildings or storefront chapels, properly furnished and neatly decorated, also have made acceptable temporary places of worship for new congregations. Renting or purchasing older homes and converting them into "cottage churches" has resulted in new assemblies in several of our larger cities.

### **INDIVIDUAL AND CHURCH WITNESS IS IMPERATIVE**

While we may not be able to look at the "good Earth" from the vicinity of the moon as Colonel Borman did, we can view it from our home environment and help to make it better by taking the gospel to our neighbors, many of whom have never heard or have heard and forgotten that the "gospel is the power of God unto salvation." This is the only message which can keep the "good Earth" good and even make it better by staying the forces of revolution, anarchy, and lawlessness presently abounding in America.

America stands at the crossroads. The forces of evil, atheism, and apostasy which are destroying our good land can be stopped only as the church extends its witness in the cities, towns, and villages of our beloved nation. The cooperation of districts, sections, local churches, and church members can help make the Assemblies of God a strong influence for righteousness to stem the growing tide of evil.





# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*How do you interpret "Hear, ye deaf" in Isaiah 42:18?*

This refers to Israel's spiritual deafness. They would not heed the Lord's instruction. In Isaiah 29:18 we read of the opposite: "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book." Israel's eyes will be spiritually opened, evidently a millennial promise. Vegetation will take on new life, the spiritually deaf will hear, the spiritually blind will see, and the meek and the poor man will rejoice (vv. 17-19).

*Jesus said to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men" (Mark 8:33). Did Jesus call Peter a devil?*

Satan means *adversary*. Peter became an adversary when he said to Jesus, "Be it far from thee, Lord" (Matthew 16:22), or as stated in another translation, "Pity thyself, Lord." It is also possible that Satan made use of Peter's sympathy to tempt Jesus with self-pity. We should be careful lest our influence hinder someone from taking up his cross and following the purpose of God for his life. Jesus overcame the temptation but another might not.

*Is God a Spirit so large that He has to be more than man?*

God is far greater than man, so great that Job 11:7 asks, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" We experience God's likeness as the Holy Spirit creates His likeness in us.

I like to think of God as having a center for His activities. If not, what is the meaning of "Our Father which art in heaven"?

May I, speaking after the manner of men, use the President of our country as an illustration? The President resides at Washington, D.C., but his influence and authority are as great in California as in Washington. So God, whose throne is in heaven (Psalm 11:4), is Ruler over all.

*In John 6:64-71 Jesus called Judas Iscariot a devil. Was Judas always a devil?*

Those who argue in favor of unconditional eternal security affirm this belief. I do not accept this. Judas was one of the number whom Jesus assured that their names were written in heaven. He was one of the number Jesus endowed with power to heal the sick and cast out devils, and Jesus said concerning Satan, "If Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself" (Matthew 12:26), and "a house divided against itself shall not stand" (v. 25).

I believe Jesus could say: "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" because of His foresight. The actual fulfillment of this took place just before He instituted the Lord's Supper, when Satan entered into Judas and he went forth to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. See Luke 22:3-6 and John 13:2.

*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.*



# POWER- PACKED PROMISES

By RODNEY L. MEHRER

**M**ANY QUESTIONS RACED THROUGH MY MIND as the plane nosed its way toward Vietnam. Why? Why hadn't I stayed in college? I had been attending Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, making passing grades, had a good job and many friends; but something was lacking in my life. If I was going to study God's Word to become a minister of the gospel, I wanted to be completely sold out to God. Unless I had this kind of dedication, I would simply be a failure and my education, for the most part, wasted.

All of these things made little difference now, however, for I was on my way to join the Fleet Marine Force, Third Marine Division as a medical corpsman.

As I saw the shoreline of Vietnam coming into view, my heart began to pound. I tried to imagine what it was going to be like trying to survive there for a year.

I prayed silently as my plane began its descent: "Dear God, keep me safe and bring me back home again if it be Thy will." I remembered a statement Pastor Walter Buck had made in one of his sermons in my hometown of Billings, Montana: "If a man is truly walking in the will of God, he is immortal until his work is finished." That statement was to give me courage many times in the days ahead.

It wasn't long before I began to see the hand of God working in my life. I joined my unit at Dong Ha in the northernmost province of South Vietnam. After spending





**Rodney Mehrer served five months of night duty on this ward at Phu Bai. Two nights after he started working days, the ward was hit by a rocket which completely wrecked the medic station. (Photos lower left and above show wreckage caused by the rocket.)**

two nights at our battalion aid station with seven other medics, I left to join the forward element of our unit which was manning a small Marine outpost between Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. Just after I joined the unit, we received word that our rear area had come under a heavy rocket barrage during the night. All the medics I had been with were either killed or seriously injured. Even the gear I had left behind was hit by a rocket.

The first month was really a period of adjustment for me, and I became very discouraged. I hated the rats that crawled everywhere while you tried to sleep in the underground bunkers at night. I hated the scorpions you never saw until after they had stung you. The leeches were almost as plentiful as the malaria-carrying mosquitoes, and dysentery was as common as the everyday cold.

But during this time I began studying and gaining strength through the Word of God. If there was truly power in the promises, then this was when I really needed that power.

I memorized the 91st Psalm. The promises it contains seem too fantastic to believe. But these promises, and many others, became part of me. Every time I walked into a battle, I stood on them.

One day while sweeping the road between Dong Ha and Khe Sanh, four other Marines and I became pinned down by enemy fire. Two heavy antitank rounds hit

across the road from me wounding three of the other Marines. I was in the open, and there wasn't anything to do but pray. I again heard the blast from the enemy weapon and within seconds two more heavy rounds hit close to me. Both failed to explode. Moments later one of our tanks spotted the enemy position and destroyed it with one blast.

After the battle had ended the Lord reminded me of His promise: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand shall fall at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee" (Psalm 91:7).

Two weeks later, in almost the same area, my life was once again spared when an enemy mortar exploded within a small group of us as we advanced on an enemy position. Though many of the men around me were hit by the enemy round, I was untouched.

Each time I walked from a battle I began to see the true power of God's promises, and my confidence in them grew. But the trial of my faith was not yet over.

I soon found myself moving with my unit up to the area around Con Thien, just below the DMZ. In the next two weeks I was to see over 100 fellow Marines killed or wounded in some of the worst fighting of the Vietnam war. To say I wasn't afraid during this time would be untrue, but I took the promises of God's Word with me and did the best I could.

One day as we were leaving the perimeter on a security patrol, I had a very shocking experience. We were marching out in a staggered formation. In front of me was a young Marine I had been talking to about the Lord for some time. Although he had once served the Lord, he could not bring himself to again commit his life fully to God.

As we moved forward, I happened to look in his direction just in time to see a mortar round explode between us. Many of the men around me fell to the ground, injured quite seriously. Up in front of me lay the body of my friend, snapped into eternity in a fleeting second.

Later as I sat asking myself why, the Lord made the answer plain to my heart. The same God who offers us His protection also said, "Choose you *this day* whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

To fully believe God's Word we must believe it all, and to truly have faith in His promises, we must have faith in all of them. God's Word is law, and the promises it contains shall be fulfilled to the very last one.

The days I spent in Vietnam are but memories to me now, but the things God revealed to me there through His Word shall never leave me. It has become my prayer and hope that many shall come to know His promises and the power of salvation, for God promises only judgment for those who know Him not.



**Rodney Mehrer experienced many miraculous escapes from death by the grace of God while serving as a medical corpsman with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam.**



# LET'S CONSERVE



# THE RESULTS

By **BERNHARD JOHNSON**  
*Missionary to Brazil*

**M**UCH PUBLICITY is given today to mass-evangelism efforts being promoted around the world. We praise the Lord that some of the greatest evangelistic thrusts in the world today are the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES, carried out by missionaries and evangelists of the Assemblies of God.

Much emphasis is being placed on reaching the masses. With proper planning, advertising, and necessary funds, it is no longer difficult to gather thousands of people into stadiums, open-air plazas, or large auditoriums. However, we must also be concerned with conserving the results of these campaigns. What happens to the converts? Is anything being done to follow them up? What are the results six to ten months later? How many of them are authentically established in the faith and in the church? Is it possible to conserve the fruits of a well-organized mass crusade?

I think that effective conservation of crusade results is not only possible, but *it is a must!* It is unjustifiable to reach people with the message and then leave them as sheep without a shepherd. Our task is not solely to confront men with the person of Christ, but also to teach them about His Word and bring them into a solid relationship with the Master.

When Christ issued the imperative "Go ye" in Matthew 28:18-20, two important steps were given: (1) "Go and make disciples of all nations" (literal translation). This is done by preaching the gospel. And, (2) "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is done by follow-up.

An evangelistic effort or program is complete only where these two steps are taken. The command of Christ is fulfilled only when men are taught to obey the Word of God. This means

that a program of mass evangelism must be accompanied by: (1) follow-up of converts with literature, correspondence courses, letters, and visitation; (2) establishing new churches, or directing converts into the existing ones; (3) conducting training courses and seminars; and, (4) establishing Bible schools and training centers.

All necessary steps must be taken to insure success in an evangelistic effort. If we are to spend thousands of dollars for a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE, there must be visible results at the conclusion. While it is true that we will not be able to hold all converts, yet every effort must be put forth to hold a reasonable percentage.

Results can be conserved with a solid follow-up program consisting of literature given to each convert, an encouraging letter in the mail, a visitation team knocking at his door, a new converts' course being offered, and an

**A MISSIONARY-EVANGELIST SPEAKS OUT ON HOW THE RESULTS OF GOOD NEWS CRUSADES CAN BE CONSERVED FOR CHRIST.**

invitation extended by a church nearby or the establishing of a congregation in his neighborhood. Missionaries and evangelists must insist that such steps be taken.

We have witnessed solid results in our Brazilian GOOD NEWS CRUSADES by following these methods. In the city of Taubate (population 60,000) we held a crusade in 1967. For eight nights we used a large hall with crowds of four to six thousand in attendance. During the week-long crusade there were 1,500 decisions.

As soon as the meetings were over, the church went to work visiting the new converts and encouraging them to attend church. Within two months, four new congregations were established, each one of them running about 200 in attendance. When the first water baptismal service was held three months later, a total of 87 converts were baptized. A few weeks after

that another group of 80 were baptized. The pastor reports that converts are still being baptized as a result of that crusade.

In the city of Santos, where we conducted another crusade in 1967, we saw 1,800 persons make decisions for Christ. On the first Tuesday night after the crusade ended, we invited all new converts to come to a special training meeting. Over 700 converts showed up for the first of six lessons on faith and the Christian life.

After visitation teams had gone into action, the sponsoring churches began to notice new faces in their services. There are literally hundreds of new converts who have been baptized and taken into membership in the 22 churches of Santos as the result of extensive follow-up work.

Yes, it's wonderful to see thousands gather for a stadium campaign, but it's more wonderful to see the existing

churches and new congregations filled with the happy faces of men and women who came to know Christ in a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

Let's conserve the results! Let's put every effort into establishing new converts in the Word and in the Church.



ABOVE: A young believer prepares to testify of her new life in Christ. LEFT: Seven hundred people attend the new converts service in Santos. BELOW: Sponsoring pastors listen as Evangelist Johnson speaks to the new Christians.







# DEDICATION

Sunday School Lesson for August 17, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

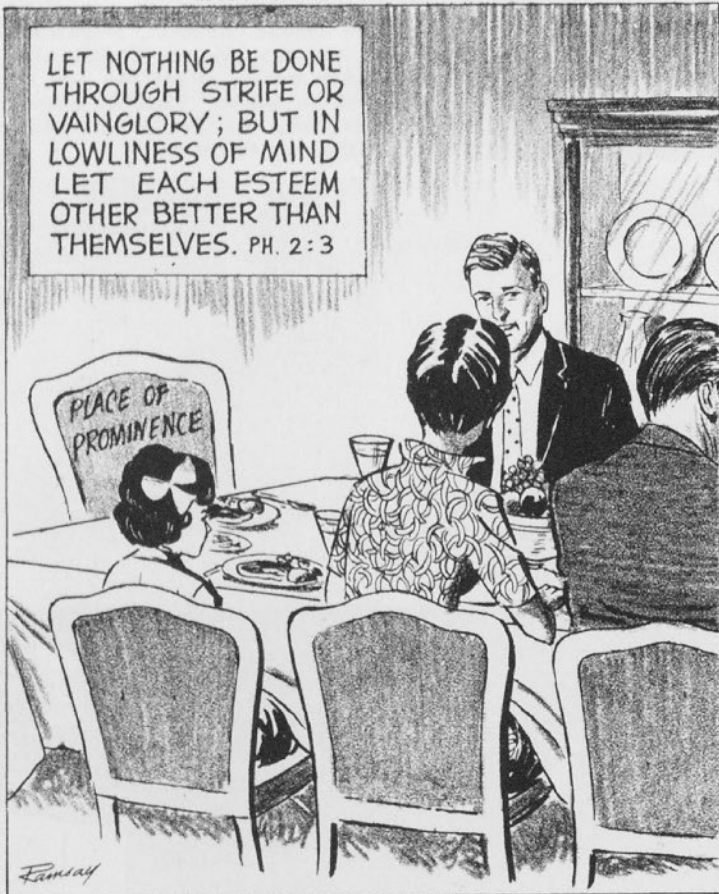
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-16

"WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU, let him be your minister [servant] . . . even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister [that is, to serve]" (Matthew 20:26-28). Our text in Philippians describes how wondrously Christ demonstrated this principle by His total and voluntary dedication of Himself to the will of God.

## MOTIVES FOR DEDICATION (vv. 1, 2)

Paul appealed to the Philippians on the basis of all the blessings they had experienced through Christ. "If you have found consolation in Christ," he said, "if you have enjoyed His love, if you have known something of glorious fellowship with Him through the Holy Spirit, if you have felt His compassion and tender mercies extended toward you, then add to my joy by extending this same love and these same mercies to others." Surely those who have experienced Christ's wonderful love can do no less than allow that love to flow through them to others.

## LAST CHAIR TO BE FILLED!



## THE APPEAL FOR DEDICATION (vv. 3, 4)

Paul first spoke about dedication unto unity and love, then pointed out that dedication to Christ in loving relationship to others is hindered by certain negative and carnal attitudes.

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory." Paul warned against competition which makes one strive against another for purely selfish reasons.

"In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." This is not mock humility or hypocrisy.

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." By nature every man is self-centered and used to thinking of people and things from his own point of view. Paul asked for an opposite attitude—thinking from the other person's point of view and putting ourselves in his place. This is exactly what Christ did.

Contemplation of the grace of God and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit will lead us away from self-interest, conceit, self-seeking, self-assertiveness, to sympathy with and concern for the lives of others.

## THE GREAT EXAMPLE OF DEDICATION (vv. 5-11)

In our dedication to God and to service, we are pointed to the Supreme Example—the infinite condescension of our Lord in His Incarnation, in His utter abandonment to the will of the Father.

1. *Christ's preexistence and deity.* "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

2. *Christ's incarnation.* "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

3. *Christ's humiliation.* "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Note the progression in the depth of Christ's humiliation: first, He lowered Himself to take on the nature of man; second, in perfect obedience to God and in order to bring about man's redemption, he lowered Himself to die the death of a man. He died the most shameful of all deaths—the death of a common criminal (Galatians 3:13).

4. *Christ's exaltation.* "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name." The exaltation is part of His humiliation and death. It is as the self-emptying, self-giving, self-humiliating, dying One that He is exalted. The Resurrection and Ascension merely underlined what was already true—that nowhere did Christ more demonstrate His "name above every name," His Lordship, than in the hour of His humanity, His humiliation, His passion, and His death.

## OUR CONSEQUENT DEDICATION (vv. 12-16)

"Wherefore. . ." This little word links our lives with His. As He dedicated Himself, so we in our measure are to do. We are to "work out" our salvation by a like obedience to God's will. We are to work out our salvation "without murmurings and disputings"—two attitudes that mar and ruin Christian dedication and service. We are to "shine as lights in the world." All this we can do because it is God Himself, by His grace and by His Spirit, who works in us, giving us the will and the power to serve as Christ served.



Standing between Pastor and Mrs. Max Johnson of the Assembly of God in Oskaloosa, Iowa, is 95-year-old Mrs. Nancy Chilton.

# Reached by 'Revivaltime' at 88 AN EXAMPLE AT 95!

By MRS. MAX JOHNSON  
Pastor's wife, Assembly of God, Oskaloosa, Iowa


tended a church that helped support the broadcast she so much enjoyed, Mrs. Chilton gave her money toward it.

My husband and I called on the home to personally thank her for her generosity. We found an open door and three hearts hungry for the Word of God.

Soon the mother and two daughters were faithfully attending every service. They accepted the Pentecostal message and were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

During the next seven years Mrs. Chilton became an outstanding example in her attendance at our church. Recently she attended a two-week revival every night at the age of 95! And she was in prayer meeting the following Wednesday night.

The next Sunday, two days before her 96th birthday, the Lord took her home.

Thanks again to *Revivaltime!* Many will be in the glory world because of this great ministry. 

**M**Y FIRST INTRODUCTION to the Assemblies of God was through *Revivaltime.*" This was the testimony of Mrs. Nancy Chilton at the age of 88 years.

The elderly woman lived eight miles southwest of Oskaloosa with her two daughters. She often listened to *Revivaltime*, but had not attended an Assemblies of God church.

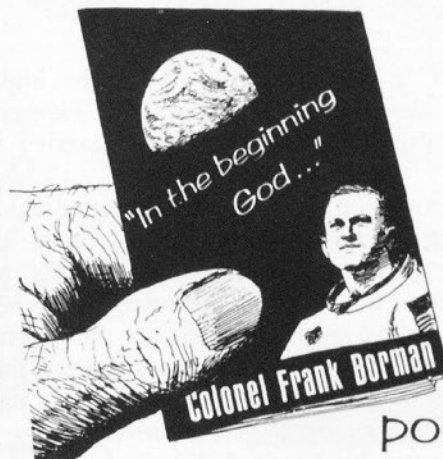
One afternoon a kind neighbor visited her and invited her to our assembly. Upon learning that her neighbor at-



WRIE, Erie, Pa., recently joined over 600 other radio stations in broadcasting "Revivaltime." The program can now be heard over WRIE each Sunday at 10:30 p.m. Signing the contract are Pastor Herb E. Hull (seated left) of First Assembly, and WRIE radio station manager F. Bill Erb. Church board members are standing. Erie, third largest city in Pennsylvania, is called the vacationland of the state. First Assembly expects the broadcast to contact many tourists with the full gospel. Plans are underway to promote "Revivaltime" at the Erie County Fair in August.

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IT HAPPENED  
OVER 50 YEARS AGO—  
BUT THE STORY'S WORTH  
REPEATING.



# JAKE SAW THE MAN WITH HOLES IN HIS HANDS

By J. S. BURNETT

I WAS LOST in a snowstorm one night high in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Though I was frozen into unconsciousness, my horse carried me to a house.

When I began to be aware of my surroundings, I heard a fire crackling at my feet. Looking up, I saw a bearded man swearing because I would not open my mouth to admit the neck of a bottle. In the moment of delirium, I thought I was dead and had gone to the wrong place!

When my senses fully returned, I recognized the man as a notorious outlaw with a price on his head. He had vowed that physical violence would fall heavily on any preacher who dared to enter his house. I did not know what to expect.

But no man could have been treated more kindly than I was. My rescuer and his wife did everything possible for me. When bedtime came, he took me in bed with him and held me against his great warm chest all night, never relaxing his vigilance for a moment.

In the morning I was little worse for my experience. The sun shone, the snow was melting, and I was ready to go. Then it was that an inner voice said, "You have a chance that no other preacher ever had, and you must try to save Jake Woods."

How should I begin? Jake was sitting before the wide

fireplace as I packed my saddlebags. I walked over to him. Taking a bill from my pocket, I said, "Mr. Woods, I regret to offer you so little, when you and your good wife have done so much for me, but this is a little expression of my appreciation for what you have done. I could not repay you, even if I were rich."

He looked me over from head to foot with astonishment.

"Put up your money, Doc," he said. "What we done for you was because we wanted to be clever to you. If you had come to my house last night as a preacher, I would have turned you away in the storm and been glad if you were frozen to death.

"Twenty-odd years ago, when the Almighty took my boy, our only child, I swore that no man representing Him should ever come under my roof. I kept my word until last night. But when your horse brought you, I couldn't turn you away. Now you can go and say that you stayed all night with Jake Woods."

His last sentence was hissed through clenched teeth. I never saw a man look so fierce.

Certainly I had done all I could and failed, so I picked up my saddlebags and started toward the door. But something gripped my conscience with fingers like steel. "You must try again," the unmistakable order came.

I walked the floor, trying to escape this compulsion and yet desiring somehow to reach Jake for Christ. I was sure that he guessed what I was suffering, but he never turned his head. Finally I walked over to him again. With a voice trembling from emotion, I said, "Mr. Woods, I have a little Book that I want to read, and I want to talk to a Friend of mine before I go. Will you let me?"

He turned to his wife sitting in the corner and said, "Doc, it's all right; go ahead."

I began reading that wonderful 15th chapter of Luke, about the one sheep that strayed, but was found. There was the story of the prodigal son too. When he came home, in tatters within and without, his father was so happy that he would gladly have killed everything on the place to make merry.

Just then I looked out of the corner of my eye. Jake Woods had turned around and was looking at me with eager interest, as if to say, "What are you talking about me for?" I was talking about him, for he had sneered in the messenger's face who had come when his father was dying and begging his son to come home.

I dropped to my knees and took hold of God with one hand and tried to reach Jake Woods with the other, but he was too far away in unbelief. I held on and reached for Woods as I prayed, "Oh, God, I came here more dead than alive last night, and this man and his good wife took me in and nursed me back to life. Now they refuse to accept anything for their kindness. But Jesus Christ has stood at their door ever since they have had a house, with outstretched hands bleeding, and with thorn-crowned brow; and they have slammed the door in His face. Help Jake Woods to tell Jesus to come in today."

When I got up, Woods was sitting on the floor, looking at the door. I followed his gaze but saw nothing except the open door, with sunshine and melting snow. After a minute, he said to someone apparently in the doorway, "Come in." Then turning to me, he added, "He came in."

When I left the cabin, he followed me to the gate. "Doc," he asked, "have you another of those little books

like you read out of awhile ago? My pap used to read about that boy, and I guess I've been him. If you'd lend me one and turn down a leaf, I might find someone to read. I think I would like to hear it again."

I gave him the Bible, and he turned away, saying that his "old woman" might come to hear me preach when I returned to the Flats schoolhouse again.

Several times before I had preached at the Flats, sometimes to a few good souls; but when I arrived this time, the whole campus seemed to be covered with people. The first man who met me and gripped my hand until I thought I would fall off my horse, was Jake Woods. "Doc, I fetched 'em," he said—and he had.

I walked into the schoolhouse. The women were on one side of the aisle. On the end of the second bench from the front there was one who caught my coat sleeve as I passed. I looked down to see Nancy Woods—in church for the first time in more than 20 years.

"Doc," she said, "there is something the matter with Jake."

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"I don't know, but he ain't like he used to be, since you were there. He's been real good to me. Doc, please call for mourners today; maybe Jake'll go up."

The tears came to my eyes as I walked up to the table and laid my saddlebags down. Jake Woods had beaten that woman almost to death once because she had given a coin to a preacher. Many times he had driven her off in the storm to perish. Once, in a drunken delirium, he had thrown her into the fire. Now she had been in a heaven-on-earth for three whole weeks.

I turned to see the men coming in, with Jake Woods at their head, walking like he was on air. Just behind him was an old soldier of the Civil War, hopping on a stiff knee. He hadn't been in church since the war closed. Woods sat at the end of the front bench, and the old soldier sat by his side. I shall never forget how the old man dropped down and adjusted his stiff leg, then crossed his hands with eager resignation, as he looked up as if to say, "Well, I'm here."

The house was full of good and bad. The sermon I had prepared would not fit, so I took for my text, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

I don't think I ever preached like that before or since, but somebody standing by that table did preach that day, with power and conviction.

When I was ready to let down the net, Jake Woods sprang to his feet and went down the aisle, speaking in a voice that drowned mine: "Men and women, come on! Doc's telling you the truth; for I saw that Man when Doc prayed in my house. When I opened my eyes, He was standing in the door with His hands stretched out. There were holes in them—with blood running out. I saw thorns on His head too. And I told Him to come in and He came. I haven't been the same man since."

They came until it seemed they all would come. I was overwhelmed and grateful for the power of the gospel.

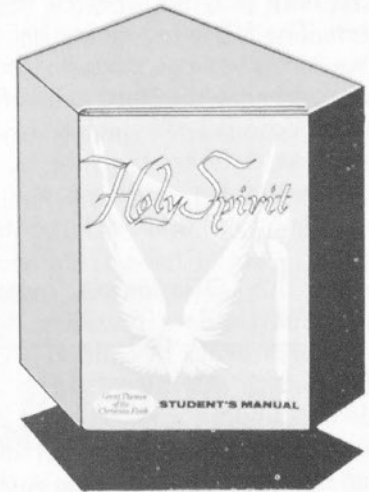
Jake Woods went out to exhort and bring to salvation those of his acquaintance. He reached more of that class in the two years that he lived than I could have reached in a lifetime.

—The Wesleyan Advocate

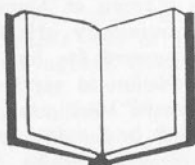
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# IOWA MISSIONETTE A SOUL WINNER

**A**PRIL 18, 1969, was a very special day for Debra Vose, Missionette who attends Faith Assembly in Ottumwa, Iowa. On that day Debbie was named Missionette of the Year at the annual WMC district convention in Des Moines.

Miss Wanda Bain, district WMC president, has made this award available each year to the Iowa Missionette who has been most outstanding in her Christian life and church work.

Two years ago last May a Missionettes club was organized at Faith Assembly when William E. Kruger was the pastor. (His wife, Joan Kruger, serves as district Missionettes director.) At that time Debbie attended Sunday school occasionally, but after joining Missionettes, she gave her heart to the Lord and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she began to witness for the Lord.

Shortly after Debbie's conversion, her sister Diane, along with several girl friends, came to Missionettes with her and finally to church. There they too gave their hearts to the Lord. Three months later Debbie's mother became acquainted with the church through a Missionettes-WMC banquet. She then gave her heart to the Lord as did Debbie's two younger brothers.

It wasn't long until three of Debbie's aunts for whom she had been praying accepted the Lord along with their children. The following spring her father to whom she had witnessed many times came to the altar during a revival service and found the Lord as his Saviour.

Debbie Vose is a very active Missionette, having served two years as secretary-treasurer of her club. She has completed most of her work on the *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program and hopes to be crowned an Honor Star soon.

Besides her Missionettes work Debbie serves as Christ's Ambassadors president, assistant organist, sings in the choir, teaches in children's church, and participates in other church activities.

This outstanding girl feels that Missionettes has helped develop a growing burden in her life for missions. Following her high school graduation in two years, she hopes to attend Central Bible College to prepare for full-time missionary work. And it all began with Missionettes where she learned to care enough to become involved in the lives of others.

A. D. Kost, presently pastor of Faith Assembly, says, "I have much admiration for Debbie and her testimony. We do have some wonderful teen-agers in our Assemblies of God churches."

Debra is one of the more than 70,000 Missionettes around the world. Each year hundreds of young people and adults are being saved through the witness of girls who live up to their slogan, "Because We Care, We Serve."



Debbie Vose (left) with the award she received as Iowa Missionette of the Year. Debbie is also shown with her family (top photo) and with eight people she helped to lead to the Lord.

## Missionettes Director Wins Jaycettes Award



Mrs. Don Upton, pastor's wife of First Assembly in Waupaca, Wisconsin, was named "Outstanding Young Woman of America" by the Jaycettes for her contribution to community affairs in 1968. In 1967 she was given the "Carol" award for her outstanding work in the field of religion. In addition to serving as Missionettes director for Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, Mrs. Upton has been active in children's crusades, in Sunday school work, and as director of a program for retarded adults at a local nursing home. She has also been a camp counselor. Pastor and Mrs. Upton and their family are pictured above.



LEFT: Mrs. Donald Kuehl sponsors the Junior Missionettes at the Assemblies of God church in Willmar, Minnesota. She says the girls and parents are thrilled with the club. Pastor Ernest J. Moen feels the Missionettes program contributes a great deal to the individual girl in her Christian life. It also extends the message of Christ beyond the church as several girls outside the church attend the club.

RIGHT: Enthusiasm on the part of sponsors has much to do with the success of Missionettes Clubs. A very active junior club sponsored by Mrs. J. C. Mooney, First Assembly, Chattanooga, Tennessee, raised \$300 toward carpeting their church.



Martha Loper was crowned a Missionettes Honor Star at a candlelight service in the Assemblies of God church in Fairfield, California. The sanctuary was decorated with glittering blue and white stars and a white stairway, each step of which symbolized one of the four steps of the Missionettes Achievement Program. Martha's mother, Mrs. Bernice Loper, placed the crown on her head in recognition of five years of work to complete the "Stairway to the Stars" requirements. A choir of Missionettes and Prims sang after Martha recited her memory work on each of the four steps. Martha's pastor, Eugene W. Ness, gave her the Missionettes charge at the close of the ceremony.

## MISSIONETTES HANDBOOKS AVAILABLE IN BRAILLE

ANOTHER FORWARD STEP is being made in the Missionettes program, thanks to the efforts of the National Home Missions Department. The handbook for Primary Missionettes, *Prims at Work and Play*, and the *Missionettes Handbook* for Junior and Senior Missionettes are being transcribed into braille.

These handbooks will be made available on a lending basis from the Assemblies of God Home Missions Braille Library. Further information is available from the Blind Division of the Home Missions Department.

## TEN TOP DISTRICTS FOR MISSIONETTES CLUBS

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Northern California-Nevada | 462 |
| Southern California        | 453 |
| North Texas                | 363 |
| Oklahoma                   | 292 |
| Northwest                  | 254 |
| Southern Missouri          | 228 |
| South Texas                | 214 |
| Latin American             | 206 |
| Oregon                     | 181 |
| Alabama                    | 177 |

Total number of Missionettes clubs as of July 1, 1969, was 6,020.



# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## HEALED OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

I WANT TO THANK GOD for sending His mighty power to heal me of rheumatoid arthritis a few months ago.

I had been tormented with it ever since July 1967. My doctor told me there was no cure, but said he could give me something to help me.

But I wanted healing. I fasted and prayed, but I did not seem to have enough faith for healing. Our pastor's wife, who is the leader of our ladies' prayer band, asked all the ladies to fast and pray for me on Tuesday, February 25, 1969.

After prayer I was able to lift my hands over my head and bend over. And, praise God, I could run.—Mrs. Ada Mullins, Acworth, Ga.

(Endorsed by Pastor Albert C. Vickers, First Assembly, Marietta, Ga.)

## DELIVERED FROM BARBITURATES

ONCE I WAS ADDICTED TO BARBITURATES, but since the Lord saved me and filled me with the Holy Spirit I have been set free from the craving.

My problem was diet pills. I began taking them at the age of 13, due to an overweight problem.

By the time I was 24, I was going to three or four different doctors each month for prescriptions in order to get as many pills as possible. I was taking from eight to 10 pills a day. I had become addicted to them.

Finally I became desperate. I realized I couldn't go on this way, wondering from day to day how I was going to get the pills.

My neighbor had been witnessing to me about Jesus Christ and divine healing. Out of desperation, I gave my life to the Lord. He not only saved me, but He also filled me with the Holy Spirit! The Lord knew my problem, and He knew the desire of my heart, for He delivered me from the craving for the horrible barbiturates.

Mrs. Jeannette Harris, Grand Prairie, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Bob Skipper, East Side Assembly, Grand Prairie, Tex.)

## BOY RECOVERS FROM SKULL FRACTURE

OUR YOUNG SON HAS HAD NO ILL EFFECTS from the accident which he suffered last March.

When we rounded a corner the door of the car came open and Winston fell out. He hit his head causing a skull fracture. He was taken to the hospital and then released.

We went directly to our pastor's home and then into the church for prayer. The choir was practicing, and they also joined us in prayer. As Pastor Allen prayed, there was great blessing and the Lord ministered to Winston.

Because of our insurance, we had to take him to our doctor, and later in the week he had to have the pressure removed from his skull. But one week from the date of the accident, he was able to attend the Easter services at church.

At his checkup for entrance into first grade this fall, the doctor was astounded at the perfect condition of Winston's eyes. We praise God for healing him.—Mrs. Norman L. Brown, Boise, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor Doyt C. Allen, Garden City Assembly, Boise, Idaho.)

## GALLSTONES MIRACULOUSLY VANISH

THE DAY I WAS SUPPOSED to be operated on, I went home from the hospital. I praise God for the miracle He worked in my body that day (February 1, 1969).

The doctors told me I would have to have surgery, because the gallbladder was full of stones. But I was trusting Jesus, who I knew has all power in heaven and on earth, as my Healer.

Prior to the time set for the operation, the doctors took more X rays. To their surprise they found no sign of stones! The doctor said something had cleaned out my gallbladder.

I am 73. They tell me I am a walking miracle. I am still praising God for my healing.—Mrs. Georgia Bowen, Jakin, Ga.

(Endorsed by Pastor Donald S. Young, Pleasant Hill Assembly, Donalsonville, Ga.)

## HEALED OF SEVERE STOMACH PAINS

I AM PRAISING GOD for my healing and for those who had faith in God in my behalf.

On Sunday morning, October 13, 1968, I got up with severe pains in my stomach. I was unable to attend church, but Pastor Ernest Nelson prayed for me. The pain continued through the day and night. My stomach was swollen and hard.

On Monday morning the pain began to ease. Brother Nelson said the Lord had revealed to him that I was healed, but he suggested I go to the doctor for a checkup. When the doctor examined me that afternoon, he said he was sure it was my gall bladder. He scheduled me for X rays on Thursday.

I also was sure God had healed me. They took eight X rays, and when the doctor read them, he could find nothing wrong.

I am feeling better now than ever before. Praise God who still heals today.—Miss Mary Lee Allison, Honor, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest Nelson, Assembly of God, Anita, Pa. He was pastor of Lighthouse Tabernacle of Platte, Honor, Mich., at the time this healing occurred.)



SHE LAUGHED AT THE OLD MAN, BUT SHE  
COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM HIS MESSAGE.

## TONY DID HIS PART

**F**ORTY YEARS AGO God laid it upon the heart of Tony Keklikian to do his part in the harvest field. He began to distribute gospel tracts to all who would receive them.

Then seven years ago Tony became ill. His condition was diagnosed as leukemia. He testifies: "I was dying with leukemia, and God's people prayed for me. He healed me. When I went to the doctor for a checkup, he said my blood count was perfect. I give God all the praise." Tony, now 76, faithfully continues to spread the gospel of Christ through literature.

He was born in Turkey of Armenian parents. As a youth he had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land. While there he was influenced by the lives of devout Christians and also by a book of sermons by an English clergyman. When he visited the places where Jesus was born, ministered, was crucified, buried, and resurrected, he determined to live for Christ by his own efforts. Of course, this failed, and he was seized with great conviction.

Some months later Tony joined his brother in the United States. He attended one church after another for four years, seeking salvation. Then a Christian friend helped him understand how to receive Christ. Later he also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Looking back on those days, Tony knows now that he was seeking the "feeling" of salvation when all he needed to do was believe and accept the gift of salvation.

In gratitude to God, Tony became active as a lay preacher, ministering mostly in West Virginia. Later he began his tract ministry.

Two years ago Tony received a letter telling how God had used his ministry to win a lady to Christ. Her husband and one of her sons are now also Christians. Here are excerpts of the letter:

"More than 10 years ago, my husband and I noticed a car with a large sign on the back: 'Thou shalt not steal!' No matter where we went, this car was parked along a busy street, next to a stop sign. The owner of the car was always busy walking between the lines of cars, handing out small pieces of paper. But we were always on the wrong side of the street. We laughed and made fun of the sign and of the man who would do anything so stupid. But I was curious to know what he was handing out.

"One Saturday we pulled up to a stop sign, and there you were with your little piece of paper. I read the title and became so angry I threw it away without reading further.

"Many months later, once more you placed a paper in my hand. I wanted to throw it away, but felt compelled to read it. As I did, a sharp pain and a chill went over my body. Again, in fear this time, I threw the paper away."

The lady continued her letter by testifying to the faithfulness of the two-edged sword of the Spirit. After five years of patient wooing by the Spirit, she received Christ as her Saviour. She wrote, "Always I have praised the Lord for the faithfulness of the little man in an old car who loved the Lord and the lost souls of men and women."

Only eternity will reveal the number of people who have been won to Christ by Tony's efforts and the ministry of others like him. God says His Word "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

## WAYS TO GIVE

### A CHRISTIAN WILL.

The Christian recognizes that, in making a will, he has an opportunity to complete his stewardship, to exercise responsibility over the last of his material resources, to safeguard his dependents, and in so doing to further his confession of faith, to show his gratitude and obedience.

### GIFT ANNUITY AGREEMENT.

A Gift Annuity Agreement enables a Christian to make a generous contribution now and be assured of a fixed income during his lifetime—an income which is guaranteed and does not fluctuate.

### GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE.

Gifts of property, such as homes, businesses, apartment houses, and farmland can bring substantial support to the work of the Kingdom of God.

### LIFE INCOME GIFT AGREEMENT.

Similar to the Gift Annuity Agreement, this plan has definite advantages for those in younger years. The rate of return is "actual income earned" from the investment of the gift. It has no relationship to the age of the donor.

### LIFE INSURANCE GIFT.

A person can make a substantial gift through life insurance. He can give an existing policy by naming the Assemblies of God the beneficiary or he can give a new policy by assigning ownership to the Assemblies. Premiums paid on such policies are deductible on income tax returns.

### STOCKS AND BONDS.

Properly made, a gift of stocks and bonds may well be of substantial profit both to the donor and to the Assemblies of God. Elimination of the capital gains tax is a prime advantage of this form of giving.

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# Evangelical NEWS Digest

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

Health Department Official Says

### Breakdown in Morals Attributed to Hypocrisy in Parents

Hippies, Drug Users Cost City \$35,000 Per Month

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The breakdown in morals that is infecting our cities is, according to Dr. Ellis Sox, health department director for this city, caused in part by "hypocritical parents who spoiled their children and then deserted them when they got into trouble."

He cited a rise in infectious hepatitis due to overcrowding and bad sanitation and the exchange of needles in drug use.

He also announced that the venereal disease rate and the rate of illegitimate births have taken a sharp climb.

Dr. Sox estimated that outpatient service for hippies and

clinics treating drug abuses are costing San Francisco \$35,000 a month.

He described the San Francisco hippies as 16-24 years of age, above average in intelligence and education, and the products of middle class families.

## ... at a glance

• • • The Boston "Globe" has announced it will cease publication of cigarette advertising when its present contracts expire. The action was taken because "accumulated medical evidence has indicated that cigarette smoking is hazardous to health," the paper said. This is the first time a major metropolitan newspaper has put such a policy into effect.

• • • Evening messages during the U.S. Congress on Evangelism to be held in Minneapolis, September 8-13, will be delivered by Negro Evangelist Tom Skinner, Author Keith Miller, Evangelist Ford Philpot, and Myron Augsburg, president of Eastern Mennonite College.

Gordon, Conwell

### Two Theological Schools to Merge

BOSTON, MASS.—Following the trend of seminary mergers and "clusters," two evangelical theological schools will join together on a new campus here.

Merging are the Gordon Divinity School of Wenham, Mass., and Conwell School of Theology, Philadelphia, Pa. The new institution will be called the Gordon-Conwell Divinity School.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, now president of Gordon, will head the new school and Dr. Stuart B. Babbage of Conwell will be vice-president.

The new seminary will be located on an 800-acre tract in Boston's north shore area. The Conwell property will serve as an urban training center.



## NEWS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

### After Half-Century R.B.T.S. Alumni Meet, Elect Officers

DURANT, FLA.—Some 20 persons gathered on the Pleasant Grove campgrounds here in April for an alumni reunion. They represented the Rochester Bible Training School which closed in 1924.

For three days they fellowshiped together in worship services and reminiscing sessions. Morning speakers at the reunion were Irving Meier, Handy Christopher, and the district superintendent, Foy Johnson. Speaker at the night services was Charles W. H. Scott, class of 1923.

Brother Scott, an assistant general superintendent in the Assemblies of God, says the school at Rochester, N.Y., was a great force for good in the early days of the Pentecostal Movement.

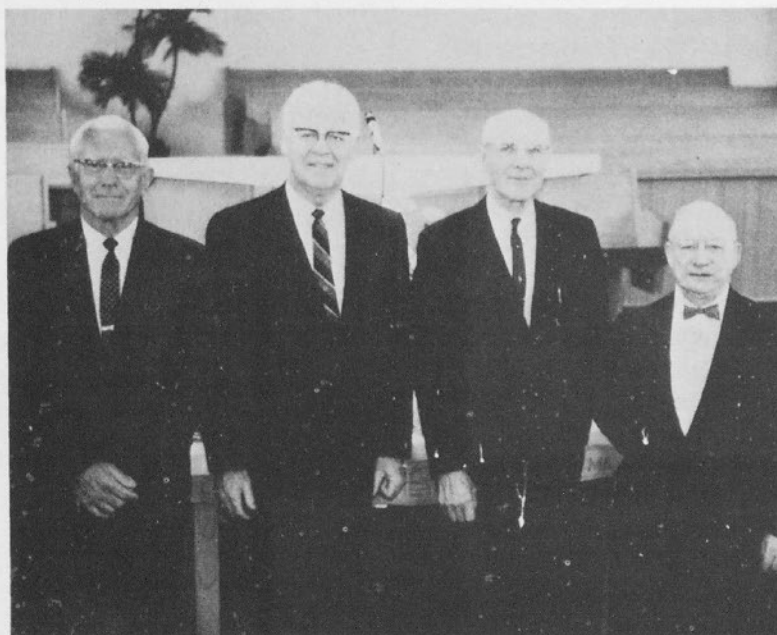
Directed by two sisters, Hattie and Sue Duncan, it was a venture of faith. It began in 1905, nine years before the first General Council of the Assemblies of God, and during its 20 years of existence trained young people who became great missionaries, leading pastors, and effective evangelists.

In addition to Brother Scott, other R.B.T.S. alumni who be-

came executive presbyters in the Assemblies of God were Ralph Riggs, Gayle Lewis, and Noel Perkin. The late John Wright Follette was one of the teachers who, like the Duncan sisters, had a powerful influence upon the students.

Pastor Hubert Wallace and the official board of the local congregation turned the facilities of the campground and church over to the alumni for the reunion. Before the meeting ended, alumni officers were elected and plans were made for a larger reunion at Rochester to be held sometime in 1970.

C. W. H. Scott, second from left, stands with the new alumni officers for R.B.T.S.—Irving Meier, 2nd vice-president; William F. Voodre, president; and David Wellard, 1st vice-president.



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FROM ELEVEN-YEAR-OLDS

## Study of Fundamental Truths Draws Interest, Enthusiasm

### Foundations for Faith Presents A/G Beliefs

LA MESA, CALIF.—Eleven enthusiastic 11-year-olds recently completed the *Foundations for Faith* training course at the Gospel Tabernacle here.

This was the first time the church had offered the course. It was inaugurated in 1968 by the Assemblies of God to provide junior students with a thorough knowledge of the fundamental faiths of the Movement.

The first skeptical reaction of the juniors to this two-hour Bible study each Saturday soon changed to one of surprise and enthusiasm with remarks such as, "We never knew a Bible study could be so interesting." In fact, one boy wouldn't go with his family for a weekend outing because he didn't want to miss the class!

Interest remained high throughout the 15 weeks of the course. Students not only came on time, but were usually half an hour early to recite the memory verses they had learned during the week. Competition was keen in Scrip-

ture memorization, and Pastor Mel Steward presented a Bible from the Holy Lands to the one accumulating the most points for memorizing Scriptures.

Sister Hilda Wagenknecht, a retired missionary from India, taught the course. She states, "The children were so enthusiastic as we studied the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, and they had so many questions on the different subjects, that it was a real joy to teach them."

A vital part of the study was participation and observation experiences which strengthened the truths learned in class.

One outstanding service was on the Saturday the class studied the Lord's Supper. At the close of the session, the students assembled in the prayer room where Pastor Steward had prepared communion. Two of the junior boys served the emblems to other members of the class, and the Lord richly blessed this service.

During the course several of the children were baptized in water in a Sunday evening service.

Upon completion of the 15-week class, the 11 boys and girls recited the Statement of Fundamental



Class members watch as Pastor Mel Steward presents a token of appreciation to Hilda Wagenknecht for teaching the Foundations for Faith course.

Truths and supporting Bible verses in a Sunday morning service. At the conclusion of the service Brother Steward presented certificates to the class and recommended them to the church board for junior church membership.

"This is a day these children and their parents will never forget," Pastor Steward states. "We believe it will have a great influence on their lives in the future as they continue to build upon this foundation and increase their knowledge of the Word of God."

*Foundations for Faith* grew out of the urgent need expressed by pastors and parents to keep young people in the church during their teen years.

It was felt this could best be achieved through leading the boys and girls to a definite, vital experience with God and by giving them a thorough knowledge of the beliefs of the Assemblies of God.

"We believe this course presented by the Assemblies of God for our Junior boys and girls will be the answer to a good many problems our young people will face in the future," Brother Steward says. "I am sure that any church that uses this course will receive the same blessing and encouragement it has brought to us."

Further information concerning the course is available from the Literature Sales Division of the Gospel Publishing House.



Pastor and Mrs. Bowler

### CHURCH HONORS PASTOR FOR 25 YEARS SERVICE

BELL GARDENS, CALIF.—The congregation of Full Gospel Assembly recently honored Pastor and Mrs. S. Elmo Bowler for their 25 years of ministry to the church. There was a parade and banquet on Saturday and an "Avenue of Memories" service with a special gift for the pastor on Sunday.

The parade, led by Mayor Claude Booker and several city councilmen, included a 40-car caravan and several floats which portrayed the multiple departments and ministries of the church.

When the Bowlers came to the church 25 years ago, the congregation numbered 52. The present average attendance is 564 with an all-time high of 1,280 last Easter.

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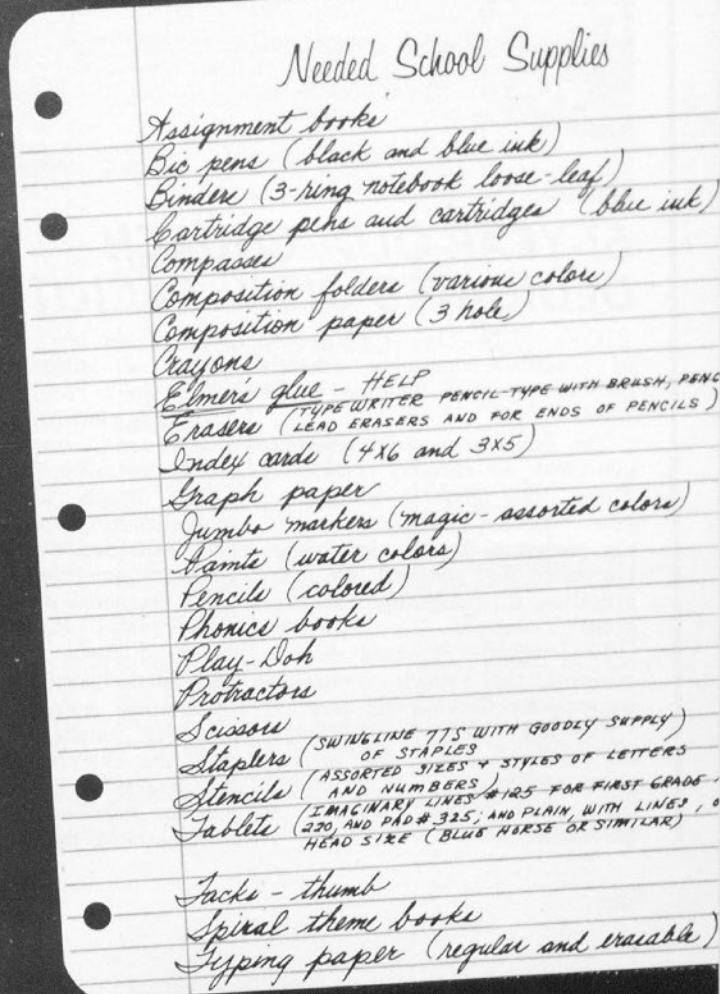
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Men of the church donated much of the labor to build this lovely church. The sanctuary was filled for the dedication.

**Third Unit of Master Plan**

**MICHIGAN CHURCH DEDICATES SANCTUARY**

ROYAL OAK, MICH.—Calvary Temple passed a landmark on April 27 when it dedicated its new church sanctuary, the third unit of the master plan.

Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent from Springfield, Mo., was guest speaker. Everett D. Cooley, then Michigan District superintendent, administered the act of dedication and later spoke in the evening

service. Fred Smolchuck, district secretary-treasurer, also participated.

The sanctuary and balcony which seat 600 were filled with visiting friends who shared the joy of the occasion.

The 55- by 96-foot unit has an entire basement with fellowship hall, kitchen, and 11 Sunday school rooms. The sanctuary and balcony are completely carpeted.

The entire building is valued at \$200,000. The men of the church did much of the labor under the leadership of Pastor A. F. DiMusto.

Plans are underway for a day nursery to begin this fall. The church has a weekly radio program on a local station and supports *Revivaltime* as well as nine separate missionary programs.

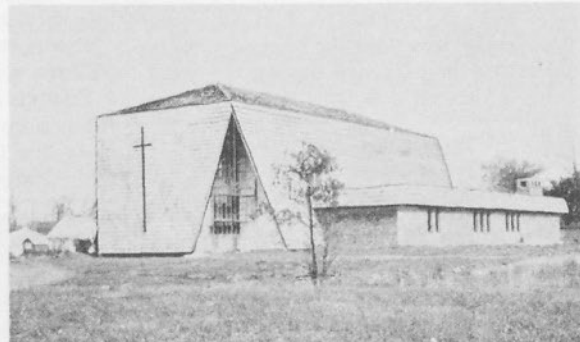
Along with the midweek Bible

study, a special training class is conducted for youth. Since 1960 three of the young people have gone into full-time ministry, and 10 have attended Bible school full time. Last year a group of young people from the congregation went to Mexico on a witnessing campaign.

A. F. DiMusto, pastor of Calvary Temple since 1960, attributes much of the growth of the church to the evangelistic and active visitation programs.



These two views of Christian Assembly show the unique design of the structure. The mansard roof completely encloses the worship area, while stained glass windows provide lighting for the baptistry. William Douglas (inset) is pastor.



**61-YEAR-OLD CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES**

ZION, ILL.—The congregation of Christian Assembly recently dedicated its new building to the Lord.

The building program was begun under the ministry of Michael Tabor who passed away last year. William Douglas accepted the pastorate of the church last December and assisted the congregation in completing the program.

The unique structure has a mansard roof which completely encompasses the worship area.

The low walls of the building are of brick, and the stained glass windows provide a natural light which focuses attention on the baptistry.

The lower level of the building houses a large multi-purpose room, youth room, and kitchen.

Nursery facilities and church offices are conveniently located off the entrance foyer.

Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent, was speaker for the dedication service. Illinois District superintendent E. M. Clark, sectional presbyter Darwin Heuser, and R. G. Mohrman, pastor of Stone Church in Chicago, participated in the service.

Christian Assembly has placed a strong emphasis on missions since the church began in 1908, and several of its members have gone as missionaries to various places around the world.



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Wisconsin Church Holds Dedication

## FIRST UNIT OF BUILDING PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

WEST BEND, WIS.—Calvary Assembly's new building was recently dedicated to the Lord by Lyle E. Curtis, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District. H. C. Noah, pastor of Oak Cliff Assembly, Dallas, Tex., brought the dedicatory address.

Built at a cost of \$125,000, including nearly two acres of land, the property is estimated to be worth \$175,000. Much labor was donated, and many materials were purchased slightly above cost.

Designed as an educational first unit, the building will house a nursery school five days a week beginning September 1. It is adjacent to West Bend's \$8 million high school, now under construction.

The bilevel unit, 50 by 96 feet, houses on the upper floor a chapel which seats 200. Other facilities include five classrooms and a nursery.

The lower level contains a large fellowship hall divided into three large classrooms by folding units,

**HUNTINGTON STATION, L.I., N.Y.**—Evangelist Ray Eskelin from Royal Oak, Mich., recently held a two-week meeting at the Assembly of God Pentecostal Church. Five came to the altar for salvation, and several testified to healing, some from other churches. The joint prayer meetings on Saturday night were a blessing to many.

The crowds were consistently good during the week, and Brother Eskelin's music and messages were well received.

—Charles Shaffer, pastor

pastor's study, secretary's office, and kitchen. The entire building is served by a public address system, and air conditioning is in the future plans.

The West Bend Assemblies of God Church, now Calvary Assembly, began in 1948. Corwin G. Lowe, the present pastor, assumed duties in June 1966.

Presented by Interdenominational Panel

## TV STATION DONATES TIME TO DISCUSSION OF HOLY SPIRIT

SAGINAW, MICH.—George Kappaz, pastor of the Genesee Gardens Assembly here, was recently granted 30 minutes of free TV time by the local station to present the Pentecostal message from an interdenominational view.

For the program entitled "Charismatic Experience" a panel composed of Brother Kappaz, moderator, Evangelist J. J. Rettinger (who was in a meeting at the Genesee Gardens Assembly), the pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the pastor of the Methodist church, discussed the Biblical doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

The tracts, "Is Pentecost Truly for All?" "The Word of God on

the Baptism of the Holy Ghost," and "The Pentecostal Position," all from the Gospel Publishing House, were offered free to those who desired further information. Brother Kappaz reports that the response was gratifying.

The impact of the TV presentation and the meeting with Evangelist Rettinger have resulted in many Christians seeking an infilling or refilling with the Holy Spirit.

The emphasis since the meeting has been on the Spirit-filled life. The altars have been crowded every service as hungry hearts seek more of God, and He is sending the floods and the rains as promised (Isaiah 44:3).

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

| STATE  | CITY            | ASSEMBLY                    | DATE       | EVANGELIST               | PASTOR                |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ala.   | Megargel        | A/G                         | Aug. 12-24 | Nettie Parham            | E. L. Gilliland       |
|        | Phenix City     | <sup>1</sup> Rolph Survey   | Aug. 11-15 | Esther Palmer            | James T. Herring      |
| Ariz.  | Phoenix         | Central                     | Aug. 10—   | J. B. Woolums            | H. W. Upton           |
| Ark.   | Conway          | A/G                         | Aug. 10-20 | Clark-Sharp Team         | Bill Sims             |
|        | El Dorado       | Bethel Chapel               | Aug. 13—   | Branham & Steele         | K. L. Turner          |
|        | Ft. Smith       | Glad Tidings                | Aug. 4-17  | H. A. & Mrs. Strange     | Lester Black          |
|        | Jacksonville    | <sup>1</sup> First          | Aug. 11-16 | DeLois Wilson            | Charles W. Shumway    |
|        | Oak Grove       | Joy Tabernacle              | Aug. 6-17  | Maxine Willis            | Ray Shelton           |
| Calif. | Taft            | First                       | Aug. 5-17  | The Tanner Team          | Leonard Palmer        |
| Fla.   | Fort Lauderdale | <sup>2</sup> Bethel         | Aug. 3-17  | Victor Etienne           | T. Carl Thompson      |
|        | Jacksonville    | Calvary                     | Aug. 12-17 | Paul Hild Family         | Paul Goodwin          |
|        | Lake Alfred     | A/G                         | Aug. 13-24 | Edgar & Mrs. Davis       | Charles Oswalt        |
|        | Live Oak        | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | D. N. & Lillian Asbury   | Clyde Nichols         |
| Ind.   | Indianapolis    | Lighthouse Tab.             | Aug. 3-24  | Musical Vander Ploegs    | William Totman        |
|        | Rockville       | First                       | Aug. 15-17 | Charles Crank            | John E. Levite        |
| Iowa   | Muscatoine      | First                       | Aug. 12-17 | Wesley & Gladys Morton   | Donald L. Crawford    |
|        | Oskaloosa       | A/G                         | Aug. 17-22 | Larson-Stiver Team       | C. Max Johnson        |
|        | Oxford Junction | A/G                         | Aug. 10-24 | DeGreef & Cooper Team    | David Biddle          |
| Ky.    | Paducah         | Calvary                     | Aug. 6-17  | Loyd & Rebecca Middleton | Winton S. Dykes       |
|        | Radcliff        | A/G                         | Aug. 10-15 | E. C. Davis              | Eddie L. Ogletree     |
| La.    | Baton Rouge     | <sup>2</sup> First          | Aug. 12-17 | Doug & Judy Maners       | H. L. Carroll         |
|        | Sterlington     | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | "Danny" & Patsy Rogers   | J. E. Barton          |
| Mich.  | Charlotte       | A/G                         | Aug. 10-17 | Carl E. Gammel           | J. E. Allen           |
|        | Charlotte       | <sup>1</sup> A/G            | Aug. 18-24 | Carl E. Gammel           | J. E. Allen           |
| Minn.  | Aurora          | <sup>3</sup> A/G            | Aug. 10-24 | Robert Remick Party      | Vernon D. Peterson    |
|        | Lake Geneva     | <sup>4</sup> District Camp  | Aug. 11-16 | Singing Lunsfords        | David L. Nelson, Chm. |
|        | Little Falls    | A/G                         | Aug. 10-15 | Thom & Carolyn Loven     | Robert M. Abbott      |
| Mo.    | Ellisville      | A/G                         | Aug. 17-24 | Glenna Byard             | Norman Flood          |
|        | Jefferson City  | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | Moses & Ruth Copeland    | N. F. Brewer          |
|        | Lathrop         | A/G                         | Aug. 13-27 | Dorothy Knott            | Ralph McCaulley       |
|        | Murphy          | A/G                         | Aug. 10-15 | Glenna Byard             | Charles F. Morris     |
|        | Salem           | Grace Temple                | Aug. 17-22 | Bob Olson                | Marvin Ivie           |
| Nebr.  | O'Neill         | A/G                         | Aug. 10-15 | Larson-Stiver Team       | D. C. Palser          |
| N. Y.  | Port Jervis     | First                       | Aug. 20-31 | George & Evelyn Butrin   | Floyd Myrick          |
| Okla.  | Antlers         | A/G                         | Aug. 13-17 | Darrell & Barbara Logue  | Hurshel Morrison      |
|        | Broken Bow      | First                       | Aug. 3-17  | John David Burkett       | W. G. Baker           |
|        | Enid            | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | Larry & Coleen Griswold  | Earl Kelly            |
| Oreg.  | Port Orford     | A/G                         | Aug. 17-22 | L. O. & Mrs. Triplett    | R. L. Sharp           |
| Pa.    | Brave           | <sup>2</sup> A/G            | Aug. 4-10  | Irving & Mary Lou Howard | David Glunt           |
| S. C.  | Rock Hill       | First                       | Aug. 13-17 | Paul Stephen O'Shields   | Walter A. Clark       |
| Tex.   | Amarillo        | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | L. B. "Bill" Lewis       | E. R. Foster          |
|        | Borger          | First                       | Aug. 17—   | J. B. Woolums            | H. D. Stockton        |
|        | Canton          | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | James & Peggy Hazelton   | J. C. Guinn           |
|        | Dallas          | Hillview Terrace            | Aug. 10—   | Jimmy & Lenete Merritt   | Lonnie Mullen         |
|        | Dallas          | Maplewood                   | Aug. 10-17 | Singing Kolenda Family   | Ronald W. Hastie      |
|        | Dallas          | Pleasant Grove              | Aug. 4-17  | Thomas R. Calk           | Gordon Nelms          |
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|        | Dallas          | Trinity Memorial            | Aug. 11-17 | J. Don George Team       | Elwyn Wray            |
|        | Grapevine       | A/G                         | Aug. 10-15 | Joe & Darlene Black      | Daniel Mosier         |
|        | Houston         | Calvary                     | Aug. 4-10  | John & Jan Haydel        | C. C. Oldenberg       |
|        | Kermit          | First                       | Aug. 10-17 | Bob & Dona Barham        | W. S. Barham          |
|        | Lake Dallas     | First                       | Aug. 6-17  | Joe & Judy McCutchen     | Elvin Johnson         |
|        | Seguin          | Central                     | Aug. 12-17 | Billy & Cherie Cotton    | W. Thurman Fountain   |
| Utah   | Ogden           | <sup>6</sup> District Camp  | Aug. 11-15 | Ervin Asiatico           | Jimmy Brown, D-CAP    |
|        | Ogden           | <sup>7</sup> District Camp  | Aug. 18-22 | Ervin Asiatico           | Jimmy Brown, D-CAP    |
| Wash.  | Bellevue        | Neighborhood                | Aug. 17-29 | Roy & Arlene Brewer      | Earl J. Hance         |
|        | Port Orchard    | A/G                         | Aug. 3-15  | Roy & Arlene Brewer      | Edwin Jorstad         |
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**GROVE, OKLA.**—In a meeting at Lakeview Assembly with Evangelist Billy Raiford, the old attendance record of 133 was broken, and a new one of 153 was set. There were three persons saved.  
—Kenneth D. Cope, pastor

**MEMPHIS, TENN.**—Sherwood Forest Assembly just concluded a meeting entitled "Let's Have a Church Revival" with Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Davis. Four joined the church the closing Sunday of the meeting, and four followed the Lord in water baptism.

God certainly has revived the spirit of the church, and many have commented that this was the best meeting in 12 years.

—Wesley Payne, pastor

**CLARKSVILLE, TENN.**—First Assembly has just concluded a children's crusade with Mrs. M. C. Allen of Sulphur Springs, Tex.

Many decisions were made for Christ. Those saved included many first-time visitors. Young people were filled with the Holy Spirit. The adults were also blessed and inspired by Sister Allen's ministry.

—Billy R. Jones, pastor

**VALLEY CENTER, KANS.**—Ten were saved and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit at Valley Center Assembly during a three-week meeting with Evangelist Dorothy Knott of Denver, Colo. The most thrilling part of the services was the moving of the Spirit among the young people.

This revival spirit still remains in the church.

—W. L. Shackelford, pastor

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**—Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Burgess conducted special services at First Christian

Assembly here. The attendance was good.

Brother Burgess' presentation of missionary evangelism challenged many people. Fifteen decisions for Christ were recorded. Two people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

During the second week Sister Burgess conducted a simultaneous kids' crusade. Fifteen children were saved.

—Clyde C. Miller, pastor

**FORT DODGE, IOWA**—The Assembly of God here recently concluded an outstanding youth revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Doug Maners.

Their music and ministry of the Word moved many to a closer walk with Christ.

Many visitors attended. At least 14 accepted Christ and dedicated their lives to His service.

—D. D. Underwood, pastor

**BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—A great meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Lance just concluded at Planz Assembly. The crowds were outstanding each night as people became hungry for the moving of God's Spirit. There is no way of telling how many were saved as there were souls at the altar every night seeking Christ as their Saviour.

Many people who had suffered many years were healed in answer to Brother Lance's prayers. Planz Assembly is still enjoying the blessing of God as a result of this meeting.

—E. L. Shaffer, pastor

**AUSTIN, TEX.**—South Austin Assembly here has truly experienced a revival spirit. Evangelist and Mrs. Otis Runyon held services for two weeks and were a great blessing.

Fifteen knelt for salvation, and 14 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Various records have been broken, and extra room is being added for the growing Sunday school.

—Mrs. R. A. Carpenter, pastor

**FARMINGTON, MO.**—Evangelist Leona Dougherty of Miami, Okla., recently closed a two-and-one-half-week meeting at First Assembly. Three persons were saved, four reclaimed, one received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and four were refilled. There were also several rededications.

Grateful members of the church said this is the best spiritual move here in several years.

—Hugh Cerutti, pastor

**LAWRENCE, MASS.**—The Assemblies of God Church recently concluded a one-week youth crusade with Evangelist Victor Etienne of St. Paul, Minn.

The attendance was good with a total of 321 first-time visitors. One young girl brought 77.

—Helen Wight, pastor

**ANDREWS, TEX.**—First Assembly recently closed a meeting with Evangelist Leonard Negrin. The blessings of the Holy Spirit were manifested nightly. Ten came forward for salvation, and five were baptized in the Spirit. The attendance was good every night.

—R. E. Owen, pastor

**CUSHING, OKLA.**—First Assembly of God recently concluded a six-night crusade with Evangelist L. J. Choate of Fort Worth, Tex. The theme was "Let's Start a Revival." Souls were saved, believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and miracles were wrought.

These services were preceded by

a Year of Revival emphasis. The church has experienced a good increase in its midweek services.

—Donald Ray Spradling, pastor

**RIPLEY, TENN.**—Under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Walter Duncan of Tupelo, Miss., God gave Dry Hill Assembly one of its greatest meetings. People were saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed during the three-week meeting. Many said they had never seen a moving of God in this fashion.

Hilton Grimes, pastor

**COLUMBIAVILLE, MICH.**—Lakeview Assembly recently closed a two-week meeting with the Fairfield Evangelistic Party of East Tawas, Mich. Nine were saved, and two were reclaimed. Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, and two were refilled. Three claimed healing, and several financial needs were met.

The attendance was good each night and helped to increase the Sunday school record from the 40's to the high of 82 on the last Sunday of the meeting.

—Levern L. Davis, pastor

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**25TH ANNIVERSARY**—Aug. 28, 29, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Denver, Colo.—R. C. Schachterle, pastor.

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## SAGC Breaks Ground for Two Dormitories

**WAXAHACHIE, TEX.**—Southwestern Assemblies of God College recently broke ground for two new dormitories. The June 12 ceremony preceded end-of-the-year activities at the college.

T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, turned the first shovelful of earth.

According to President Blake Farmer, the building committee of the Board of Regents for SAGC recently voted to start immediate construction of the \$1 million project.

Each dormitory will be 58 feet by 196 feet. There will be 25 custom-designed student rooms on each floor of the three-story buildings to accommodate an additional 225

students. They will also provide living quarters for dormitory supervisors. A general lobby area will connect the two units.

The masonry and steel structures will be erected on Highland Street on the northern part of the SAGC campus. President Farmer indicated the new student residences are scheduled for occupancy in January 1970.

Assistant Superintendent T. E. Gannon breaks ground for two new dormitories at SAGC. In background (l. to r.) are: Evangelist Leon Johnston; Blake Farmer, president; and David Johnson, director of promotions at SAGC.



## NCAG STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH ACTION CRUSADES

### Over 2,000 Homes Visited; 34 Persons Accept Christ

KIRKLAND, WASH. — Forty-six students from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God combined forces with 30 young people from First Assembly in Spokane in a visitation program April 25-27.

A preliminary report indicated that the youth visited an estimated 2,000 homes. This resulted in a prospect list of nearly 100 for follow-up by First Assembly.

It was also reported that 34 persons made decisions for Christ.

The crusade was the final of three such outreaches during the school year. The first was conducted in West Seattle in cooperation with West Seattle Assembly. The second took place in the Tri-Cities area with the Richland Assembly.

Dwayne Turner, Christian edu-

cation instructor, has been faculty adviser and field coordinator for the program.

NCAG students are participating also in Youth Action Crusades this summer in Alaska and Hawaii, sponsored by the youth department of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God. Of the 21 youth going to Hawaii under the leadership of Missionary Paul Pomeroy, 18 are from NCAG; and 14 NCAG students are among the 17 going to Alaska under the leadership of the Dwayne Turners. Each participant pays his own way.

The five-week crusades will consist of concentrated home-to-home Christian witness and evangelism and vacation Bible school assistance to the churches.

Members of the crusade teams met on the NCAG campus for briefing July 23-25, and then flew to their appointments. They will be returning on August 27.

### To Assume Duties in 1970

## COLLEGE BOARD OF SCC NAMES PRESIDENT-ELECT

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—The College Board of Southern California College has announced that Ronald E. Cottle, former pastor of Calvary Assembly, Inglewood,

Calif., has been named president-elect of the college. The decision was reached after President O. Cope Budge indicated his desire to resign the office.

President Budge will continue to serve until June 1, 1970. During this same period the president-elect will serve as director of development of the college.

### At Home and Abroad

## CBC Interns Work in Mission Fields

### Scholarship Assist Given For Coming School Year

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Five Central Bible College students are serving as missionary interns this summer.

Miss Linda Ball is assisting the Samuel Johnsons, missionaries in Madrid, Spain. Bill Lee is working in an Indian mission at Tuba City, Ariz. Paul Mueller is assisting Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) at Freeport, Grand Bahama Island.

Eldon Post is ministering to the deaf in Korea. Miss Marilyn White is assisting with the AIM program in Latin America.

The interns are chosen on the basis of a call to missionary service, an invitation from missionaries in the field, and adequate finances to take care of travel and living expenses during the summer. Each student will receive a scholarship from the Campus Missions Fellowship to be applied to his 1969-70 school account.

### Through Board of Regents Invitation

## ILLINOIS, IOWA DISTRICTS JOIN IN NCBC OWNERSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—In recent council meetings, both the Illinois and Iowa Districts of the Assemblies of God voted to join in ownership and management of North Central Bible College. The invitation to join had

been extended by the Board of Regents of NCBC through Chairman S. Harland Petersen.

The districts will be represented on the board by the district superintendent, a minister, and a layman. District Superintendent E. M.



NCAG President D. V. Hurst (right) conferred an honorary doctorate on C. M. Ward at the 33rd annual commencement.

### From NCAG

## C. M. WARD RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

KIRKLAND, WASH.—C. M. Ward, radio evangelist for *Revival-time*, recently received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God.

The award was made at the 33rd annual commencement of NCAG and was the fifth such degree to be granted by the college in its 35-year history.

Brother Ward was cited for distinguished Christian service; outstanding leadership; Christian witness in the contemporary world; outstanding service in education, letters, and public service; and service to the academic and ecclesiastical community.

Dean Frank B. Rice assisted President D. V. Hurst in the conferral ceremony.

Addressing the 70 graduates, faculty, and guests at the Baccalaureate service Brother Ward called for a renewed sensitivity to sin in a day when wantonness and exhibitionism have become growing trends.

Vice-Principal Wesley Dennison, of Kentridge High School, Kent, Wash., was the commencement speaker. He called for a commit-

ment to a disciple relationship with Jesus Christ as the primary requisite for finding true meaning and purpose in life.

*Soul Winning Companions*



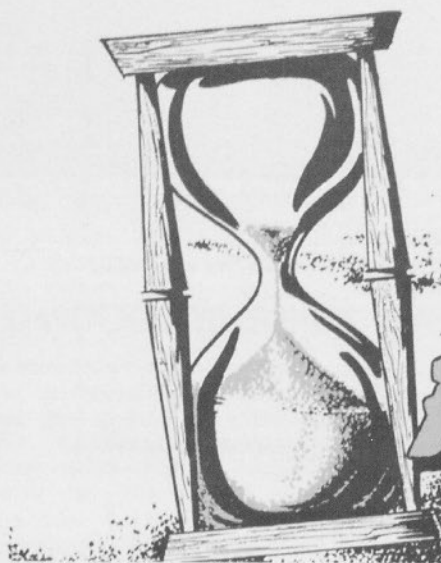
The Truth for Youth Campaign is utilizing a special outreach issue of the "CA Herald." School friends will be interested in the material included in it. Price: 50 copies for \$2.75; 100 copies for \$4.50 postage paid. "Color You Blind" is a small tract primarily designed for mass distribution—football games or any place youth meet. Price: 100 for \$1.50; 500 for \$5.50; 1,000 for \$10.50. Order from:

CA DEPARTMENT  
1445 Boonville Avenue  
Springfield, Mo. 65802

Clark and Secretary-Treasurer Richard W. Dortch are the Illinois ministerial representatives; the layman is to be selected. District Superintendent Stanton E. Johnson of Iowa will serve by virtue of his office; other representatives will be chosen soon.

Other districts committed to the ownership and management of NCBC are Minnesota, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, and South Dakota.





## TIME IS RUNNING OUT

# AUGUST 24 IS GOOD NEWS CRUSADES DAY

**T**HERE IS AN UNEASY FEELING in the world today that something has gone wrong . . . that man has gone too far . . . that *time is running out!* The world does not know how to calm the troubled spirit of this generation, but every full-gospel Christian knows that prophecy is being fulfilled. Jesus Christ is coming back for His Church.

Faced with the shortness of time, the Church now must rally to the challenge of the Great Commission such as never before. If we are ever to win the world for Christ, we must do it today—*the time is now!*

As the last sands of time drain from the hourglass of human history, the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department is doing everything in its power to fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.

On Sunday, August 24, churches all across the country will present to their congregations the mass-evangelism ministry of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES and will receive a special offering to help with the strategic project called *Seven Cities in '70*.

Plans for 1970 call for all-out evangelism efforts in Bahia Blanca, Argentina; Djakarta, Indonesia; Kinshasa, Congo; Mexico City, Mexico; Noumea, New Caledonia; Salisbury, Rhodesia; and Teheran, Iran.

Pastors attending the Dallas General Council are invited to bring a written report of their GOOD NEWS CRUSADES Day offering to the Foreign Missions Booth in the exhibit area. The names of the top 25 churches reporting will be posted at the booth.

*Offerings for GOOD NEWS CRUSADES DAY should be sent to:*

**GOOD NEWS CRUSADES  
1445 Boonville Avenue  
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