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**A** LITTLE MORE THAN a hundred years ago the following inscription was frequently carved on tombstones:

*Remember man, as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I;  
As I am now, so you shall be;  
Prepare yourself to follow me.*

On one of these tombstones in a Chicago suburban cemetery someone added two lines:

*To follow you I'll not consent  
Until I know which way you went.*

These inscriptions indicate that people give a great deal of thought to what happens after death. To help people make their plans for both time and eternity, Jesus told the story of two men before, during, and after death.

## **TWO MEN BEFORE DEATH (Luke 16:19-21)**

The Pharisees, like many other people of their day, made the mistake of living only for this life. They were covetous. They grasped after material possessions. They were so preoccupied with their personal concerns that they derided Jesus (Luke 16:14).

The first of the two men Jesus mentioned was a rich man (Luke 16:19). He symbolized those whose foresight is only for this life. He had amassed a fortune at the expense of his spiritual welfare.

This man was not spiritually impoverished because he was wealthy. Scripture indicates a man may be both very rich and godly at the same time. Abraham was a man of great possessions, but he was called a friend of God (James 2:23). Job was a man of great possessions, and yet God said to Satan, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" (Job 1:8).

Those symbolized by the rich man were lost because they rejected Christ. And Scripture teaches: "He that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18).

The second man Jesus told about was a poor beggar. During his life he had very few comforts. The Greek word indicates he was carelessly dropped at the gate of the rich man.

Now the Bible makes it clear that this man was not saved because of his poverty. Poverty possesses no virtue. If any man is saved, it can never be on the basis of his works or station in life. Paul wrote, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Whether a man is saved or lost hinges finally on what he does with Jesus (John 3:16).

## **TWO MEN IN DEATH (Luke 16:22)**

Someone has said that man incurs a debt at birth which is paid only by death. If people want to indicate something is certain, they speak of it being *as certain as death and taxes*. Eventually both men died.

The death of each man is described briefly, but more details are given concerning Lazarus. His experience indicates there is a special ministry of angels in the death of God's people. "The beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22).

Terms used to describe the death of believers indicate that it is the moving from one place to a better place. It is described as a departure or unmooring (2 Timothy 4:6); as putting off this tabernacle (2 Peter 1:14); and as the earthly house being dissolved (2 Corinthians 5:1). Paul summed it all up when he said, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). It is this knowledge which takes the fear out of death for the child of God.

Joseph S. Flacks was a Jewish Christian. He was determined that even his death should be a testimony to his faith in Christ and the Word of God. With this in mind he prepared a postcard which he asked to be mailed to his friends immediately after his death.

The message his friends received was as follows: "This



# MEN AND DEATH

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

is to announce that I moved out of the old mud house (2 Corinthians 5:1); arrived in Gloryland instantly, in charge of angelic escort (Luke 16:22); absent from the body, at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6). I find as foretold (Psalm 16:11) in thy presence fullness of joy . . . pleasures for evermore! Will look for you on the way up at the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23). Till then, look up! J. S. Flacks!"

The death of the rich man is given much more briefly. Jesus simply stated that he "was buried." While Scripture doesn't give much information concerning the way unbelievers die, there is an abundance of information preserved by those who have attended the death of unbelievers. Some, especially, have deaths that attendants find it difficult to forget.

When the nurse who attended Voltaire in his last hours was asked to care for a noted Englishman, her first question was, "Is he a Christian?" When asked why this concerned her, she replied, "Sir, I was the nurse who attended Voltaire in his last illness, and for all the wealth of Europe I would never see another infidel die." With many others, this nurse could testify that death is different for the unbeliever.

## **TWO MEN AFTER DEATH (Luke 16:23-31)**

Man in his curiosity has longed to probe behind the curtain of death, but to no avail. Only Christ has given insight concerning life after death. As He told of these two men, he drew back the curtains so that people on earth could have a momentary glimpse.

People who speak of death ending it all do not know how wrong they are. The rich man after his death testified to the truth of Hebrews 9:27: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

The rich man discovered hell is a place. It is a place of torment (Luke 16:23, 24). It is a place of memory. "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things" (Luke 16:25). It is a place of permanence. There is no escape. "He that believeth not the Son shall


not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). It is a place of belated concern. Now the rich man was concerned about his brothers (Luke 16:27-31). If people could only hear the rich man now, they would realize that hell is a place to shun.

Just as the destiny of the rich man is a warning, so the destiny of Lazarus is an encouragement to those who believe in Christ. The record is brief, but it indicates Lazarus is in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22). Abraham's bosom is defined for us in Jesus' statement to the dying thief who asked for mercy. "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). The beggar was in paradise.

Jesus gave further information concerning the lot of the beggar when He said, "He is comforted" (Luke 16:25). It is difficult for men now to realize how wonderful heaven will be because of their human orientation. Scripture, however, indicates that heaven will be a place where God "shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17).

The time to prepare for eternity is now. That is why God has so clearly outlined the plan of salvation in the Bible. If men will not hear the Word of God, they would not "be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

The day that a person accepts Christ as Saviour is the day death is stripped of its terror. D. L. Moody told how the fear of death haunted him prior to his conversion. When according to the custom of that day the church bell was tolled to indicate the age of the person who had passed away, Moody always stopped to count. He was reminded that some died in advanced years, but others died young. It was especially frightening when the bell rang his exact age.

After Moody surrendered his life to Christ, however, his outlook became different. He explained: "As I go on toward heaven now I can shout, 'O death, where is thy sting?' and I hear the answer rolling down from Calvary, 'Buried in the bosom of the Son of God.'" 

## Love in Action

"LOVE" IS STILL A GOOD WORD, despite the way it has been cheapened by such slogans as "Make love, not war," and by popular songs like "What the world needs now is love, sweet love."

A world that has prostrated itself before Eros, the mythical god of self-gratifying love, needs to learn of the kind of love that moved the true God to give His only Son to save us, and that moves Christians to renounce selfishness and truly serve others.

That holy love needs to be preached today, and it also needs to be demonstrated. For actions speak louder than words, and make words meaningful. Therefore "let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

The greatest sermon on love was not preached by word of mouth, nor written by inspired pen. It was preached in silence by the suffering Saviour as He submitted to the Cross and died for sins He did not commit.

Others have died by force; Jesus died willingly. Some have died for good men; Jesus died for wicked ones. Brave men have died for their friends; Jesus died for His enemies.

He died because He wanted to save us from eternal death. Even while suffering from men's cruelty, He prayed for them. He refused to show the slightest bitterness toward the enemies who were crucifying Him, for it was for them He was dying.

He might have rebuked them for their injustice, but instead He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Here was love in action. Here was positive proof that when Jesus said He loved men, He meant it. Here was a definition of love that all could understand. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

If we love others, we will not be self-centered, indifferent to their needs. We will be as concerned about their welfare as we are about our own—we will be "kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another," even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us—and the world will learn what love is.

Many sermons are preached by word of tongue, but not as many by daily deeds. Men and women perish in their sins because no one has ever touched their hearts with a demonstration of real love. We say we love the souls of men but often our actions deny it. We say we love God, but if we do not love our fellowmen whom we have seen, how can we say we love God whom we have not seen?

In laying down His life for others, Christ set an example for us to follow. We too are called to suffer injustice without resentment; to be patient in tribulation; to do right when surrounded by wrong; to go on loving when it would be natural to rebel.

Paul wrote of the love that suffers long and still is kind; that never is jealous; never exalts itself; never swells its chest. This is the love that loves the unlovely; that goes on showing kindness in spite of rebuffs; that keeps praying for sinners no matter how discouraging the prospect of their conversion may be; that has faith in new converts no matter how vacillating they may seem to be.

This love is not man-made but divine. It is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. It is demonstrated in our lives as we keep ourselves in the love of God and keep praying in the Spirit. —r.c.c.

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# STEPS TO REVIVAL

By Evangelist ARNE VICK

**I**N LUKE 5:1-11 we have the story of a great catch of fish. God's purpose in giving us this story is not merely to add another miracle to the record of the ministry of Jesus. It is to teach us God's method of saving souls. It is one of the Master's "action lessons."

If the saving of one soul is represented by the catching of one fish, then the catching of many fish at one time represents the saving of many souls—and this is what we call a revival.

I am convinced that revivals are not the product of some mysterious, indefinable, unpredictable operation of celestial law. I believe that revivals are products of a spiritual law of sowing and reaping, of cause and effect, and they can be brought into existence any time God's people will follow His methods and pay His price.

Notice first that Jesus did not come along to the shore of the lake and suddenly, abruptly, without any preparation or warning, say to Peter, "There's a school of fish approaching, and if you'll just get out in your boat and cast in your net right now you'll have them." No, but before the miracle occurred, and before the nets were thrown, some very important and essential steps were taken.

There are always preliminaries to revival. The very burden itself may seem to come and break with cataclysmic suddenness, but it just *seems* that way. Back of the seeming suddenness, don't forget, there was preparation and there were some steps taken. Always there is a background to revival, just as there was a background to the miracle of the fishes.

The Master had a great audience, and the audience was so large that all couldn't possibly see Him as He passed along the lake shore. The shore was sloping, and there were a couple of fishing boats; therefore the Master decided that if He could get out there on the lake in a boat and thus separate Himself from His audience (they being on the sloping shore of the lake, He in the boat, and water being a fine conductor of sound), it would be a very fine setting for His address and they could all see and hear Him properly.

He saw two ships standing by the lake. They were empty, but the fishermen were nearby, busily washing their nets. The Master entered one of the ships, which was Simon's, and asked him to thrust out a little from the land.

Now, it doesn't say so, but certainly we must presume that the Master had Peter's invitation or permission to enter his ship. He never would help Himself to another man's boat without asking permission. So when Jesus asked him to thrust out a little from the land, Peter might have answered, "No. I'm letting you use my boat; isn't that enough, without asking me to row you out? Can't you see that I'm busy? I haven't time to take every stranger who comes along for a boat ride."

Peter could have said that, and if he had done so there would have been no miracle, no nets filled. You see what amazing significance a little thing can acquire. So the very foundation of the miracle was made when Peter consented to Jesus' request. I think the application is true in our lives. The foundations of a true revival are laid when every believer says to Jesus, "Master, anything that I have, and all that I am, I give to Thee." It is when God's people lend themselves to the Lord with all their hearts, putting themselves at His disposal, that revival begins. It is when God's people say yes to His will, no matter what it may involve of their time, talents, property, resources, or strength, that the manifestation of the arm of the Lord can begin. Peter said yes, though he didn't know the reward that was to be his.

So the Master got into the boat, and they thrust out a little from the land. "And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship." There's no miracle yet; there's no putting forth of the net yet. Preparation isn't complete. Here we find the second step in preparation: "He sat down, and taught the people."

What was this that went forth from Jesus' lips? It wasn't metaphysical dribble. It wasn't high-sounding pseudospiritual nonsense. It was not trivial human exhortations or quotations from the poets. That which came from His lips was the pure, eternal Word of the living God. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Observe that before the miracle could occur the Word of God must be preached.

There never was revival worthy of the name that wasn't based upon the preaching of the pure Word of God. Much that looks like revival, and that we think is revival, isn't revival. I went to hold a meeting in a Canadian city

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DEVELOPMENT.

# FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON!

By CHARLES LUDWIG

**A**LTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN RAISED in Pharaoh's court and had thus been exposed to the finest wisdom of Egypt, Moses had not accomplished much during the first 80 years of his life. Then he saw the burning bush and talked to God.

This changed everything—including the history of the world!

Now with the troubles of our times around us, many Christians long for a burning-bush experience—one that will transform their lives. Is such an experience still available? The answer is a burning yes! John Wesley had such an experience at Aldersgate; William Booth had one in a leaky tent in the slums of London; and Paul had his on the way to Damascus.

The greatest need for our day is for everyone—pastors, missionaries, Sunday school workers, all Christians—to see a burning bush and to respond to its message. And perhaps God has provided that burning bush.

I refer to the first footprints on the moon!

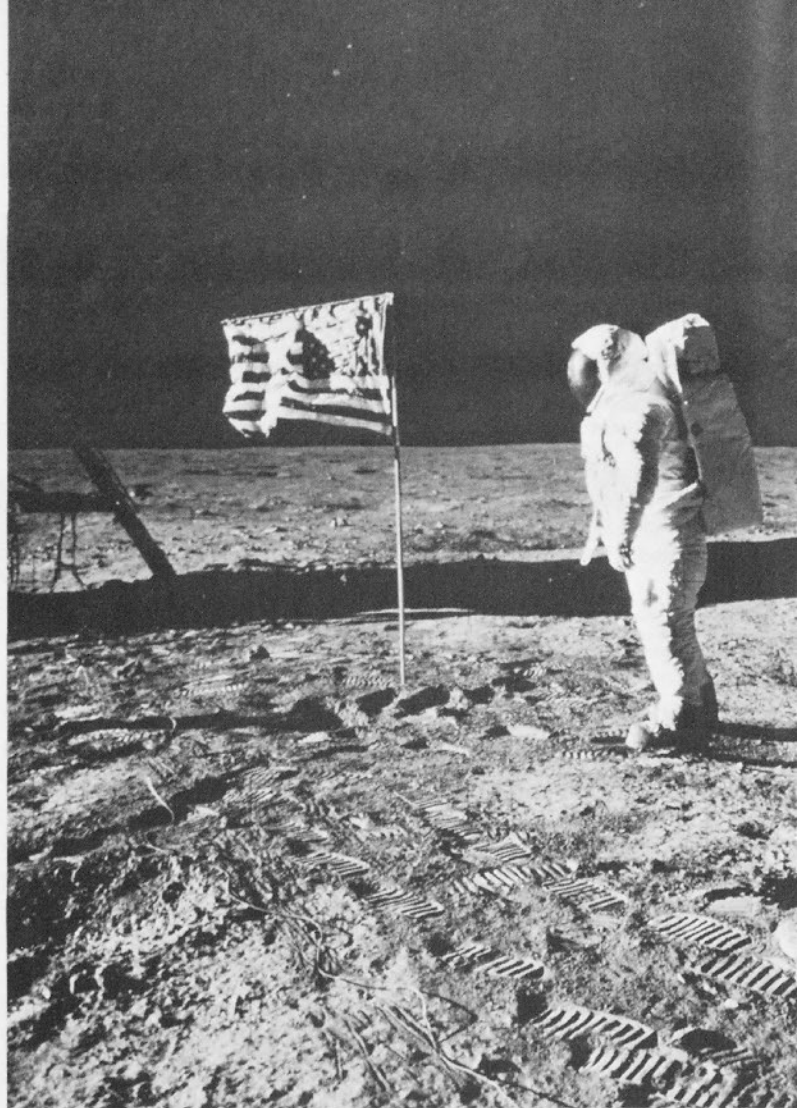
Those footprints on the moon are rather permanent. Scientists say they will remain for a million years! And during all that time, they will speak to the world about the amazing, reliable, and usable laws of God.

While *Apollo 8* was rushing back to earth, a voice from NASA asked who was guiding the capsule. Without hesitation, the man at the controls replied: "Sir Isaac Newton." What did he mean? Well, nearly 300 years ago Newton invented a form of calculus in order to help him study the motion of the stars. Through his studies, Newton discovered the laws of motion and gravity that have made space travel possible.

Newton was so sure of the laws of God that he wrote: "Just give me the mass, the position of the system of the heavenly bodies at any given moment, and I will calculate their future positions and motions by a set of unerring mathematical calculations."

The footprints on the moon have proved the reliability of God's laws!

Because of the dependability and certainty of God's laws, American industry is spending billions of dollars



Astronaut Edwin Aldrin on the surface of the moon. (NASA photo.)

each year to discover new ones. And we so appreciate those who have discovered these divine laws we honor them in many different ways.

Unfortunately we do not do the same with God's moral laws or with the laws Jesus laid down for evangelism and personality development.

Great scientists have been shown to be wrong. But Jesus has never been shown to be wrong in a single thing. His laws are absolute, and if we will follow them we can accomplish feats as outstanding as that our astronauts accomplished when they placed their feet on the moon!

The Lord Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Moreover, He gave us reliable laws to use that will enable us to do it. Let us look at some of these laws.

In His sermon on the mount, Jesus said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). This law has never proved to be false. Imagine the evangelism we would experience if we all followed it!

By His example we have been shown the way of evangelism. Luke 10 records how the Seventy went out to prepare the way, and how they came back with so much rejoicing. Jesus had to calm them down by saying: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

The Early Church followed this example, and Luke testified to it again in Acts 5:42: "And daily in the

temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

What kind of results did the Early Church have?

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, *multitudes both of men and women*" (Acts 5:14).

"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples *multiplied in Jerusalem greatly*; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).

Paul understood God's laws of evangelism and applied them. This is the reason he became the world's most successful evangelist. Listen to him! "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly" (2 Corinthians 9:6). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:8). "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

But these laws are not new! They have existed since creation. A long time ago another writer said, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5).

And the author of Hebrews outlined for us one of our strongest tools: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

These tools were given us to use, and the Holy Spirit was sent to teach us how to use them!


Those who obey them will reap a harvest of souls.

The law of the compass brought Columbus to America. Einstein's law  $E=MC^2$  brought about the atomic age. And the laws of love, obedience, and evangelism will bring men to Christ.

The day of the moon landing I was in a Phoenix restaurant. A number of TVs had been placed in strategic spots so we could watch while we ate. I noticed an old man with his back to a TV. The booth across the table from him was empty. He easily could have moved and watched. But he just wasn't interested.

I felt certain that as the lunar module began to descend, he would at least turn his head for a brief look. But he didn't. The greatest event in the last thousand years was taking place, but he didn't care! He was more interested in his food than in the fantastic achievement of the moon landing!

But perhaps without knowing it, many of us are like that old man. We are so busy with the cares of life we neglect the laws of God.

Every night when we see the moon, let us think of those footprints and remember how they confirm the reliability of God's laws. Let us also remember that He has reliable laws for bringing men to Christ! 

**/** IS IT POSSIBLE for a man to have a personal encounter with God?

This possibility intrigued George Gallup a few years ago, and he polled a cross-section of Americans to find out. He asked, "Would you say that you have ever had a 'religious or mystic experience'—that is, a moment of sudden religious insight or awakening?" One person in five answered yes.

One cannot help but be impressed with the reply of a 28-year-old architect from Manhattan: "The experience was somewhat of an awakening to true values. It was a calming experience. It clarified the meaning of life—and of my life. It gave me a new outlook, a new direction in life."

Mr Gallup's survey gave strong evidence that persons who base their beliefs in God on personal experience generally hold their convictions more strongly than those whose belief rests upon other reasons.

Let's take a look at a personal encounter recorded in the Bible. It took place on an eight-mile stretch of road from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. Mark allotted two tiny verses to the dramatic encounter that revolutionized two lives (Mark 16:12, 13). Those verses sound like a piece of script from "One Step Beyond," or a snatch from the "Twilight Zone."

Picture that road. . . .

It was a lonely road of sorrow. Deep grief, a little anger, certainly great frustration, and much, much more drove two grieving men toward home. Death is not a pretty thing—and their best Friend had been executed.

It was the blighted road of broken dreams. They had counted so heavily on this Jesus—now He was dead!

It was the terrible road of personal tragedy. The haunting thoughts of those last cruel hours made the journey almost unbearable.

It was the monotonous road of a meaningless life. Existence had been so humdrum before they had met

## A NEW DIRECTION

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
Christ. Then they seemed to find a new dimension. But now it was back to the treadmill.

It was the escape road to "get away from it all." But then something happened! The two men became aware of Someone walking with them on their journey.

Perhaps when Dr. Luke read Mark's meager account of this unusual event, he became intrigued and investigated thoroughly. Luke's findings are recorded in chapter 24 of the Gospel that bears his name. Cleopas told him of the friendly Stranger who listened while they spoke of broken dreams, then the turn in the conversation—and how they began to listen *with burning hearts*.

The journey ended all too quickly, and they prevailed upon their fellow Traveler to come home with them. It was then that a simple thing like an evening meal became a sacrament. When the Stranger broke bread, they observed the nailprints in His hands. And then suddenly He was gone!

But these men were never the same again. They bounded back to Jerusalem to tell their story.

Centuries have rolled by, and men still claim to have met this Man called Christ. Though some are claiming the death of God, and others still refuse to recognize the possibilities of a personal encounter with a living Christ, one can't help thinking of that young Manhattan architect. Looking up from his drawing board, and in measured words of calm assurance, he said, "It gave me a new sense of values and it changed old values. It gave me a new outlook, a new direction in life." 



Paul Finkenbinder speaks in Santo Domingo.

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# Quisqueya!

By DAVID A. WOMACK / Foreign Missions Editor

PAUL FINKENBINDER is an unlikely name for a missionary to Latin America, yet from Argentina to Mexico and from Ecuador to Puerto Rico anyone who listens regularly to the radio knows the name and the voice of *Hermano Pablo* (Brother Paul). When his five-minute radio programs come on the air, millions tune in to hear him; and when he holds an evangelistic campaign in any Latin American city, his presence becomes a national event.

I went to the Dominican Republic to see the *Hermano Pablo* Crusade in Santo Domingo; and before the jet plane had ever landed, I overheard passengers talking about the evangelical campaign going on at the Quisqueya (pronounced kees-KAY-yah) Stadium.

As I entered the picturesque, old city of Santo Domingo—founded by the family of Christopher Columbus—I passed under large street banners inviting the Dominicans to hear the preaching of *Hermano Pablo*. There were posters on many of the telephone poles and walls, and everyone I talked to knew about the large meetings out at the stadium.

Thousands of people filed into the Quisqueya Stadium each night, where they rapidly occupied the central seats. The latecomers sat around the curved stands by first

and third base. The platform was built out on the playing field, and the people went forward to accept Christ as their Saviour near home plate.

The largest crowd of the 10-day crusade was on August 5, when an estimated 13,000 were in attendance. The covered part of the stadium seats 10,000 by official count, and there were large numbers of people who shared seats with others or stood throughout that final meeting. This high attendance was especially significant considering the fact that there are only about 6,000 evangelical Protestants in the city. Responsible Dominicans and missionaries said it was the largest gathering for an evangelical meeting in the history of the country.

At 7:30 each evening the meeting began with the song-leading of Mexican gospel singer, Manuel Bonilla. Paul Bruton Jr. would lead the Assemblies of God young people from Southern California in special songs, and there would be other numbers by a local Dominican youth choir from several evangelical denominations.

Instrumental music was provided by W. R. Harris and his wife, who played the musical bells and the piano, and by Tom Hernandez—band director for the Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California—on the trumpet. Just before Paul Finkenbinder's message, Man-





**ABOVE:** Singer Manuel Bonilla presents the gospel in song. **RIGHT:** Thousands attend the Hermano Pablo Crusade. **BELOW:** A local musical group participates in the campaign.



uel Bonilla would sing one of the beautiful Spanish gospel songs.

It was amazing to see the concentrated attention of the crowds as Brother Finkenbinder preached. There were black faces of African origin and lighter European faces, but most were of mixed heritage. The people listened intently, many of them hearing the gospel for the first time.

When he gave the altar call, 100 to 150 people would go forward to "turn themselves over to Christ." On the last night, when 13,000 were present, more than 450 came forward. The altar workers mingled with them so unobtrusively that even the seekers themselves were not aware that they were there until the workers began to get their names and addresses for the well-organized follow-up program.

One of Paul Finkenbinder's favorite words in Spanish is *fantastico!* He uses it all the time as though it were a banner proclaiming his whole outlook on life. A Dominican banker told him that during the crusade his brother had accepted the Lord. "*Fantastico!*" Paul replied. When Southern California District Christ's Ambassadors President Paul Bruton Jr. informed him that the 65 American CA's and their Dominican co-workers had won over 700

people to the Lord in their house-to-house witnessing, the answer in English was, "Fantastic!"

Now every evangelical believer in Santo Domingo is saying "*Fantastico!*" about the stadium meetings, the daily television programs, the youth witnessing teams, the ministers' meetings, the professional businessmen's breakfast, and the entire experience of the campaign.

Although the public meetings reached many thousands of people, the 10 daily television programs on government-owned Station RTVD reached many more. These half-hour programs featured Paul Finkenbinder answering live telephone calls, plus special music from the crusade team. This use of modern communications greatly increased the outreach of the crusade and gave it a measure of public acceptance that no previous evangelical activity has had in the Dominican Republic.

A special breakfast for professional businessmen brought together 112 Dominican leaders, including the minister of education and the administrative secretary to President Joaquin Balaguer. There was a Gideon New Testament at each place setting, and as always, Paul Finkenbinder spoke openly and directly of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even though the crusade was interdenominational,

Brother Finkenbinder took one whole morning for a ministers' meeting at the Assemblies of God Central Church to explain the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The Assemblies of God has been strengthened by these interdenominational *Hermano Pablo* Crusades. In Latin America, four out of every five Protestants are Pentecostal and three of those four are of the Assemblies of God. Paul Finkenbinder's LARE (Latin American Radio Evangelism) program has given him a wide influence among all evangelical churches in the Spanish-speaking world, and these interdenominational crusades help our Latin American churches take full advantage of his growing influence.

The name of the Lord is on the lips of many Dominicans. As a direct result of the mass evangelistic meetings and the door-to-door witnessing, more than 2,000 people made a profession of faith and signed decision cards. Each of the 70 or more cooperating churches will carry out an extensive follow-up program under the direction of the Santo Domingo follow-up committee.

Santo Domingo has often been the scene of violence throughout its long history, and the pastel-colored walls still bear the "Rockefeller Go Home!" slogans; but the crusade passed without a single incident of opposition.

Local Christians marveled at the order and respect in evidence throughout the whole campaign. In fact, *paz y orden* (peace and order) are the words of the day in the Dominican Republic.

Since the civil war of 1965, the Dominicans have made a concerted drive for unification. Everywhere there is construction, educational programs, and beautification projects; and most Dominicans are frankly proud of the progress of their country. *Quisqueya* is the ancient Indian name for the Caribbean island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and the fact that the crusade was held in the *Quisqueya* Stadium associated it with the highest dreams of Dominican peace and independence.

The August 4 issue of the newspaper *El Caribe* reported: "For the first time in its political history, the Dominican Republic completed three years of constitutional government." The Spanish word used for *completed* was one that means for a ship to arrive safely in a harbor. It is no coincidence that the success of the *Hermano Pablo* Crusade comes at a time of national awakening to increased development and the general acceptance of new ways of viewing national life.


Downtown Santo Domingo used to be a walled Spanish city dominated by foreign powers and overshadowed by



**ABOVE LEFT:** People enthusiastically enter into the meeting. **ABOVE CENTER:** Young people from California and the Dominican Republic witness and distribute literature in house-to-house visitation. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The television screen brings *Hermano Pablo* into many Dominican homes. **RIGHT:** Thousands were drawn to the *Quisqueya* Stadium for the evening meetings. Many hear the story of salvation for the first time.

the domes and towers of the Roman Catholic Church. Today, the walls are crumbled ruins and the ancient Spanish churches are tourist sites where visitors can see the remains of an age that is past. A new age has come for the Dominican people that is everywhere evidenced in all levels of life in the republic.

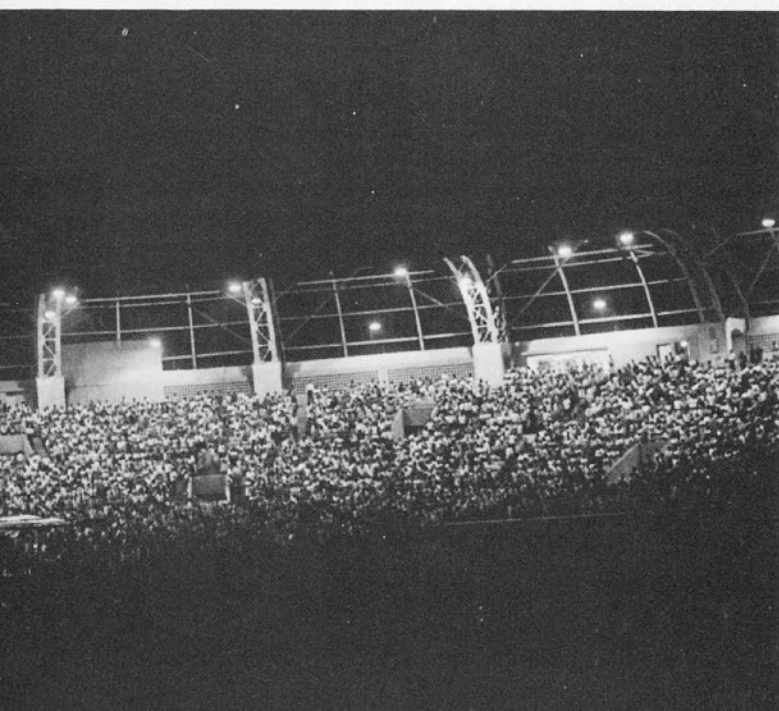
Assemblies of God Superintendent Jimiro Feliciano said, "Because of the success of this campaign, a new era has begun for the evangelicals. We have never had such acceptance for the gospel as now."

Paul Finkenbinder and his team have moved on to other crusades, but the national pastors and believers together with our missionaries—the Larry Cederbloms, the Norman Lestarjettes, and the Einar Petersons—will reap for many years the results of this *Hermano Pablo* Crusade. 

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# CALL TO ACTION

**J. PHILIP HOGAN**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

## BEQUEATHED A CRISIS

**W**E LIVE IN EXTRAORDINARY DAYS which call for extraordinary endeavors. "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" (Jeremiah 12:5).

While one of the kings of France was being paraded through the streets of Paris on his inauguration day, a couple of aged citizens standing by were heard to say, "He is probably a good man and in ordinary days would make a good king, but *alas! his generation has bequeathed him a revolution.*"


All of us, left to our natural human impulses, would seek the easiest course, as a river does. We would always avoid a crisis. Jeremiah was no exception. He wanted to preach, but he wanted God to allow him to preach comfort instead of crisis. "Besides," pleaded Jeremiah, "isn't there enough trouble and urgency and worry in the world without my adding to the volume?" However, in the words of the text quoted above, God reminded Jeremiah that if Israel thought they were presently in difficulty, they hadn't seen anything yet!

Nowhere in God's dealing with the human race is there even the mildest dose of anesthesia. The religion of Jesus Christ has always faced competitive demands. True, some of these have faded, but new and more terrible forces have arisen to take their place.

Constantly among us there are those who complain that the continual drumming on the urgency of missions is drowning out some of the other notes in the message of the Church. Must there always be this note of urgency? Could not we settle down to a solid, well-planned, even sacrificial program that would accomplish our share of world evangelism, and not worry so much about whether or not everyone gets saved or hears of Christ? The answer, of course, is, "Our generation has bequeathed to us a crisis."

C. M. Ward once said, "We face the unwon masses of our nation's cities like Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. We face unlimited and never-ending financial appeals by earnest brethren seeking to establish beachheads in Africa, Central America, and Asia. We never cease counting orphans, indigents, and dependents. There always seems to be more lost than we have won to Christ."

Dare we design a program—effective, sincere, far-reaching as it might be—and then trust that this will fulfill all our obligations to a lost world? Or must we constantly revise, shift emphasis, and redesign lest the hungry multitudes be sent away?

Out of this sense of urgency arising from world conditions, the Foreign Missions Department has chosen seven strategic cities in which to hold major Good News Crusades. These *Seven Cities in '70* will play an important part in reaching the masses for Christ. 

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*Please explain Colossians 1:15 which speaks of Christ as being "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."*

The Lord Jesus as to His deity had all the divine qualities possessed by the Father. When He was on earth, He possessed all these qualities in His human body. Colossians 2:9 says, "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." See the description of these qualities in Colossians 1:16-19.

As to His being "the firstborn of every creature," *firstborn* in the Scriptures denotes ascendancy. Esau, not Israel, was the firstborn after the flesh, but "Israel is my son, even my firstborn" in favorable position (Exodus 4:22). The firstborn was considered as specially belonging to God (Exodus 13:2).

*Mary the mother of Jesus is said to have been of the line of David. But Luke 1:36 says she was a cousin of Elisabeth who was of the daughters of Aaron (v. 5). How could Mary be of the tribe of Judah and also of the family of Aaron who was of the tribe of Levi?*

It is generally accepted that the genealogy found in Matthew 1 is that of Joseph, husband of Mary. The genealogy in Luke 3 is also attributed to him through the line of Heli.

Probably *kinsman* would be a better translation than *cousin* in Luke 1:36. Adam Clarke's commentary states that Mary's relationship to Elisabeth was probably through her mother (who had married Heli of the tribe of Judah, thus making Mary a descendant of David through her father). The Scofield Bible states that Joseph was credited with Mary's genealogy since he was son-in-law to Heli, just as David was acknowledged to be a son of King Saul through his marriage to a daughter of Saul (1 Samuel 24:16; 26:17).

*Who constitute the bride of Christ? Some say the Bride consists of the overcomers who are only a part of the Body, the Church.*

Let me first ask, "Who are overcomers?" Jesus said, "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants" (Luke 17:10). Paul said, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12).

The Bible urges that all should seek to be overcomers and promises reward to such. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne" (Revelation 3:21). They are those who day by day face temptation and overcome it; they face the conflicts of life and overcome all the tests that arise. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34).

*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.*

# S.O.S.

## FROM A MISSION FIELD

**W**E SUFFERED ANOTHER CASUALTY in the battle here the other day. A missionary vacated his post to enter secular work. It doesn't happen often, of course, but when there are too few in this battle already, the loss of even one hurts.

In fact, I cried inside and wondered why it should be that the laborers are few and that we are less effective sometimes than we would like to be.

Then God spoke gently. "Have *you* prayed—really prayed for him?"

I bowed in shame. He had seemed so strong spiritually that I did not think he needed *my* prayers.

The Spirit reminded me that even the apostle Paul recognized his need for spiritual help. He asked for prayer. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect. . . . I count not myself to have apprehended: but . . . I press toward the mark."

I pleaded for forgiveness, and then wondered who prays for me. How do they pray for us, back home?

Once, after I had spoken of the home missions field in a small church, the people came to shake my hand and wish me well. One lady assured me, "I pray much for your needs—not spiritually—I know you have no need there. But I pray for God to meet your material needs and give you strength for the hardships."

A deep chill that was not from the weather came over me. "I'm really not all that strong," I insisted. "I *do* need your prayers."

"I shall always pray God to make your lot easier," she promised.

I could not make her understand—about the enemy that is not flesh and blood, but spiritual darkness; about the need that is not material, but spiritual. Perhaps I had not emphasized our real needs, our most desperate prayer requests. . . .

Oh yes, I have felt the bitter cold. I have known the desert heat. I have been in peril of watery death; in peril from snakebite; in weakness from disease and from overwork. Once in the clutches of a maniac. . . .

We do have physical trials. Sometimes we do suffer hardships. But these are incidental to the fulfillment of the central purpose of our lives, to that for which we were called and chosen and sent—to proclaim the gospel.

Dear Christian friends, please pray for your missionaries that they may have the spiritual strength to fulfill their commitments under difficult circumstances.

Pray that the lost souls to whom we take the gospel may find deliverance through it.

Pray that the precious Holy Spirit may move in our lives with anointing, and upon the lost with conviction.

We are your representatives. You have a stake in our ministry here. As Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses, so we plead with you, hold us up in your prayers!

# GREECE

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

GREECE is the southernmost country of the Balkan Peninsula in Europe. It is for the most part mountainous. The rugged terrain gives to the country a complex coastline of gulfs, inlets, and peninsulas. The blue waters of the Aegean and Ionian Seas are studded with islands which account for 9,000 of the country's 50,944-square-mile area.

Greece is an ancient land, rich in historical and Biblical interest. In the fourth and fifth centuries before Christ an extraordinary culture flourished. Many masterpieces of art found throughout Greece are from that golden age. In that era lived the great

philosophers—Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates. Olympia was the home of the Olympic Games which date from 776 B.C. and were held every four years until A.D. 393. The games were revived in Athens in 1896.

Athens, the capital, lies a few miles inland from the port of Piraeus and is of particular interest to tourists. Overlooking this city of 628,000 is the Acropolis crowned by the 2,500-year-old Parthenon, considered man's supreme achievement in architecture.

A stone's throw from the Acropolis is Mars' Hill where the apostle Paul preached his sermon as recorded in Acts 17:19-34. Today his message can



be read by modern Athenians from a bronze plaque.

The country's history of 4,000 years is a story of great achievement in the face of recurrent adversity. Greece was for centuries a battleground and victim of foreign domination. The Greeks never gave up their struggle for independence; and in 1830, after 400 years of Turkish rule, Greece emerged as a modern state.

The Greeks endured bitter suffering during several foreign occupations in World War II. Greek resistance never faltered, and the Spartan nation won the admiration of the world.

Greece has a population of 9,000,000. Greeks have been molded by their long history and democratic traditions into a hardy, frugal, and tenacious people who work hard to wrest a living from the unwilling ground. Their struggle for survival has made them ardent champions of freedom.

Greek is the national language, and it is something of a miracle that through all the vicissitudes of foreign domination the language was preserved.

The people are deeply religious and attribute their survival to a faith that might be considered national in character. Ninety-seven percent are members of the Greek Orthodox Church. During the four centuries of Turkish rule the church was their fortress and strength; otherwise they might have surrendered to Islam.

Government restrictions, influenced by the State Church, impede in a mea-

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It takes nimble fingers to spin like this Greek woman.





Tourists in Athens can view the Acropolis and the ruins of the Parthenon.

sure the progress of evangelical churches. Evangelical congregations are permitted free worship in their own buildings, but all forms of proselyting are prohibited.

Evangelicals are a small minority of approximately 15,000 and these are divided into various groups, the two largest being the Greek Evangelical Church (Presbyterian) and the Free Evangelical Church (Brethren). The Pentecostals number about 1,000.

Assemblies of God groups of believers came into being nearly 40 years ago as a result of the faithful witnessing of two Greek brethren who received their training at the Southern California Bible School (now Southern California College) and then returned to their homeland.

Eddie Dictos became burdened for the people in Macedonia and in 1935 moved to Katerini, a town within the shadow of 9,550-foot Mount Olympus. When Harry Mamalis joined him, Saloniki (Thessalonica) became the center from which they evangelized. Together they established a number of churches.

In 1939 a revival came to Sevasty in which many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Through this revival, which also spread to other towns in Macedonia, the believers were spiritually fortified for the suffering they were called upon to endure in World War II.

The church in Athens had its beginning when Harry Mamalis conducted prayer meetings in the home of a believer. Mr. Mamalis and his family suffered many privations in

trying to establish a church. He was imprisoned on several occasions. With great courage and endurance he gave many years of faithful service to the work in Greece.

The growth of the church in Athens was long hampered by the lack of an adequate place of worship. In 1959, largely through the efforts of the Greek Branch of the Assemblies of God in USA, property for the Athens Gospel Center was purchased, consisting of two floors in a newly completed building in a central location. This property provides an auditorium seating more than 500 people, also rooms to accommodate a growing Sunday school. Peter Sakellaris is pastor of the church.

There are Assemblies of God congregations in a number of places where the apostle Paul once preached. One is Kavalla, the Neapolis of Paul's time, at which port he first set foot in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. George Goomas are stationed in Saloniki, the country's second largest city.

Altogether there are eight organized Assemblies of God churches in Greece—Athens, Piraeus, Katerini, Sevasty, Kavalla, Crete, and two in Saloniki.

A training center has been urgently needed where young men, called of God and consecrated to His service, can be trained. Accepting this challenge, the Assemblies of God of Greece is now constructing buildings that will house the Bible school and also serve as campground and headquarters facilities. This past summer two month-long youth camps were


held on the Bible school grounds. The Bible school property is in an ideal location, some 38 kilometers from Athens.

When trained workers become available, more indigenous churches will be established of which can be said, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Five Assemblies of God missionaries are currently under appointment to Greece. Mrs. Mary Metaxatos was born in the States. Her husband, Gerry, Athens-born, though not under appointment, is active in the work and gives valuable assistance in administrative matters. George Goomas was born in the States, and Mrs. Goomas was born in Berea, Greece. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stenhouse, newly appointed missionaries, recently arrived on the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zacheriou, missionary-evangelists now serving in Greece, are of Greek parentage.

Although the gospel came to Greece in apostolic times, this Christian heritage does not rule out her present need of the gospel. "Sirs, we would see Jesus," said certain Greeks of long ago, and many Greeks today have a similar longing. Missionaries believe that if full religious freedom were granted, thousands of people would come to a saving knowledge of the gospel.

From the believers in Greece comes this request: "My brothers, do pray for us here. Pray that the Lord's message may go forward unhindered and may bring him glory" (2 Thessalonians 3:1, Phillips). 



LEFT: These Christian believers attend the church at Kavalla (Neapolis). BELOW: An Athens believer testifies of her faith through water baptism.



# JOSIAH DISCOVERS GOD'S WORD

Sunday School Lesson for November 23, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

2 KINGS 22:1, 2; 23:1-23

"THE REMEMBRANCE OF JOSIAH is like the perfume of the apothecary, and his name is like music at a banquet," said one writer in singing the praises of Judah's last godly king. Why such a tribute? Because Josiah rose above circumstances of great evil and "turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses" (2 Kings 23:25).

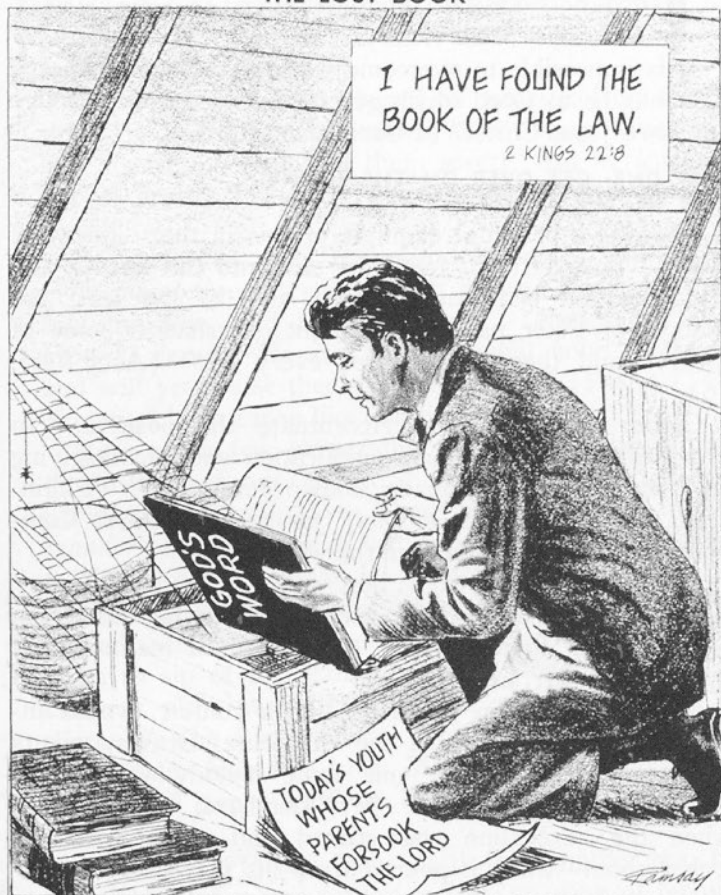
## JOSIAH'S EARLY DEVOTION (2 Kings 22:1, 2)

When Josiah was only 16, he began to seek God. At 20 he began a zealous, all-out effort to rid Judah of idolatry and wickedness. How easily he might have excused himself from the obligation to live a godly life! For example: (1) He was the son of a dreadfully wicked father. (2) He was the grandson of the still more wicked Manasseh. (3) He was brought up in a court full of corruption—and childish innocence is soon lost in such an atmosphere. (4) There is no record that he had any spiritual adviser. Yet Josiah rose above all disadvantages and walked unswervingly with God!

## JOSIAH FINDS GOD'S WORD (2 Kings 22:3-10)

When he was 26, Josiah began to repair the temple which for so long had been neglected and unused. While

### THE LOST BOOK



SUNDAY'S LESSON

this work was being done, Hilkiah the priest found in the temple the book of the Law!

How has such an important book been lost? When Manasseh abolished the worship of Jehovah and the temple furniture was removed from its place, the sacred Book was mislaid and lost.

How and why is God's Word lost today? (1) *Through sin*. If we do not wish to obey the Word, we shall not want to read it. "This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book," is a very true saying! (2) *Through neglect*. A Bible in the home is not protection against sin, but the Bible in the heart is! (3) *Through overfamiliarity*. Unless we live in the Spirit and our hearts are tender, we shall find that familiarity with old truths may cause us to miss their blessing, power, and deeper meanings!

## BLESSED BY THE WORD (2 Kings 22:11-20)

When Josiah heard God's Word and realized how far Judah had departed from it, he ripped his clothes—an outward action which typified his inward condition of heartbroken sorrow. In great concern he sent messengers to the prophetess Huldah to ask if and how judgment might be averted. Her answer was that judgment must fall on Judah but that Josiah himself would be spared because of his attitude toward God's Word and will.

Josiah heard God's Word reverently, allowed it to soften his heart, humbly recognized its authority, and put it into practice resolutely and uncompromisingly. How ought we regard it? (1) It should be read daily (Luke 4:4). (2) It should be read in dependence upon the Holy Spirit (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14). (3) It should be read thoughtfully (Psalm 119:97; Luke 2:19). (4) It should be applied to one's life—its promises, encouragements, warnings, exhortations, and rebukes taken to heart (Jeremiah 15:16). (5) It should be obeyed implicitly (Matthew 7:24-29).

## PRACTICING GOD'S WORD (2 Kings 23)

Josiah was a doer as well as a hearer. He translated his emotions into actions. God's Word had been ignored and disobeyed; this could continue no longer. Gathering the people together, Josiah read the Law in their hearing and made a covenant with the people that they should serve the Lord. The people agreed. Idolatry was wiped out, and the Passover reinstated.

When Josiah began his work of reform, he did not have one chapter or verse of the law to go by. He simply walked in what light he had. The result was that one day he received the entire Word! He proved the truth of the words of Jesus: "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). Many people say the Bible is not true because they cannot understand all it says. But that is putting the cart before the horse! Jesus says if a man will obey God's Word, assuming it to be true, he will receive assurance that it is true!

Many people get spiritually muddled and try to reason their way out. Our lesson makes it clear that the way out is not by reasoning but by obedience. If we obey the light we have, more will assuredly be given!

**N**EXT SUNDAY approximately 50,000 people will participate in the annual *Revivaltime World Prayer-meeting*. The results of this, one of the world's largest organized prayer efforts, will continue to bring joy to countless homes for months to come.

The anchor prayer service is scheduled for Evangelistic Temple, 2025 West 11th Street, in Houston, Texas. The *Revivaltime* broadcast service will originate from the sanctuary at 2:30 p.m., followed immediately by the great intercessory prayer session where the master prayer list will be presented before the Lord. Every member of that audience will receive an individual list of prayer petitions sent in by members of *Revivaltime's* vast listening audience.

Mrs. Fred Kilgore attended the anchor meeting last year in the Oklahoma District Auditorium. She came not only to pray, but anticipating God's touch in her own body. She testifies: "I had painful sinus trouble and had gone to the doctor on the Friday before World Prayer-meeting. The doctor wanted to puncture my ear drums to drain the fluid. I said no. I told my husband I was going to the Prayermeeting to be healed, and, praise the Lord, I was healed during the service."

Of course, the prime purpose of World Prayermeeting reaches far beyond the personal needs of those attending the anchor service, even beyond those attending more than 1,000 other prayer groups registered to participate.

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# REVIVALTIME

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The prime purpose is to help by prayer those who have mailed written requests.

It is the aim of *Revivaltime* that every need reaches the hands of as many intercessors as possible. The plan requires long hours of industrious labor, but year after year it has been honored by the Lord with gracious answers. Every November's prayer emphasis is followed immediately by a new surge of inspiring letters carrying testimonies of divine benefits traceable to the time of intercession.

"Last year I wrote for prayer that I would receive the Holy Spirit. Five days after World Prayermeeting I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost," testified Mrs. Adron L. Conrad of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Mrs. William Champion of North Vernon, Indiana, said: "We had a financial need. I wrote to the World

## THREE STEPS TOWARD VICTORY



*"This is the victory that overcometh... even our faith"*  
(1 John 5:4).

**V**ICTORY IS ESSENTIAL TO HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. You must *think* victory. You must *live* victory.

It is impossible to overcome without a victory concept. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

### STEP ONE: GET OVER ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET

There is a beautiful example of this in the ministry of Peter. "They brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them... and they were healed every one" (Acts 5:15, 16).

Gloom breeds failure. Accentuate the positive. "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). *There is no help for a complainer*. Complainers bleach their bones in the wilderness.

In one of last year's best sellers, *Instant Replay*, Kramer, author and veteran member of the famous Green Bay Packers' football team, talks about a method used by his coach, Mr. Lombardi.

Mr. Lombardi, in preparing for a contest, would insist that his men sing in the clubhouse. Brawny giants were exhorted to pour out some melody with every ounce of energy available. Mr. Lombardi believed that when the adrenaline was stirred and song filled the locker room—when it poured from his players in an uninterrupted stream—that his team was ready; that it was

By "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. WARD



# PRAYERMEETING

Prayermeeting about it, and the week following your meeting we received a check in the mail. To me it seemed like a gift from God."

Mrs. Vera Seck of Clay Center, Kansas, learned that a friend sent her name to be included in World Prayermeeting. "My name was sent in because of my cholesterol being very high," she wrote. "When I went back to my doctor November 26, it had dropped 103 points. Previously it had been very difficult to lower the count 20 or 30 points, so I believe this definitely was in answer to prayer. Thank you for including me."

It was 12 days after the prayer day that Marjorie S. Cason wrote from Indianapolis, Indiana, to report that God answered the request she had submitted on behalf of her friends: "This is to inform you of a victory through your international prayer meeting November 17,

potentially unbeatable. He moved them away from doubt and apprehension. He gave them a taste of victory.

My mind went back to the great Pentecostal song services I have heard. They pulled you to your feet. They unshackled your hands. They loosened your muscles. They swept away the cobwebs of worry and freed your mind. They made you feel that all things were possible.

*You must think victory.*

David never allowed himself to homestead on the dark side. He will never be known as a "blues" singer. He had his bumps—some of them severe. *But he learned to live in praise.* That is what made him such a successful fighter.

He said: "[I will] enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: [and] be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4). *It brought results.* He said: "But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more" (Psalm 71:14). You can't keep a man like that down.

Here are a few paragraphs of a speech the commander-in-chief of our Armed Forces in Vietnam, General Creighton Abrams, gave. These were published in *Commanders Digest*, issue of last June. General Abrams said:

"There are *two seas* in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play, as children played when our Lord was there. . . . The River Jordan gives this sea life with sparkling water from the hills. Men build their homes near to it; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

"The River Jordan flows south into another sea. Here there are no fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no

1968. I requested prayer for a marriage that was in divorce court. As of today the young couple have reunited. They are starting anew with their marriage. The husband has repented of the sin that broke his wife's heart, and she has forgiven him. I am saying, 'Thank you, Jesus.'"


Exactly two weeks after last year's intercession Mrs. A. Snow saw the desire of her heart come to pass in Bishop Falls, Newfoundland. She reported:

"I asked you to pray for my father at the World Prayermeeting. Thank God, the Lord did answer. He got saved on December 1, last Sunday evening. He will be 80 years old on his next birthday, March 10."

Mrs. F. Starr of Irving, Illinois, looked to the Lord for her answer for a full month—then she and her husband were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Four months passed before Mrs. George Spraker of Grand Junction, Colorado, could report victory on behalf of her sister who for two years had been unable to wear shoes because of a painful foot disorder.

But one of the most rewarding testimonies of last year's Prayermeeting arrived only recently at *Revivaltime*. It was a short, simple testimony: "I asked at the World Prayermeeting for prayer for my daughter's salvation. She was saved."

John H. Kugler, the father who wrote the request, didn't tell us how long he had been praying for his daughter. But he did mention *his* age. He is 97! 

children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy over the water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

"What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan! It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie! It is the same. This is the difference! The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the water from the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another flows out. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets it keeps.

"*The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.* The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea. And as there are two seas in Palestine, so there are two kinds of people in the world."

Get on the sunny side of life! That is an immediate step toward victory.

## STEP TWO: GET YOUR EYES OFF MAN AND ONTO CHRIST

John reports this incident in the Gospel he records. Christ had visited a health spa, popularly known as the Pool of Bethesda. Many legends of wonderful restorative powers had grown about the waters.

"A certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk" (John 5:5-8).

Man can fail you. Man can pass you by. You may wait for assistance for a long, long time. How different  
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it is with the Lord! "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Luke the physician tells about the woman who had a bleeding malignancy, who "touched" Jesus. She was "a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any" (Luke 8:43). A very free but adequate translation describes her action thus: "She found that people got in her way and hindered her in her effort to reach Jesus."

*It is easy to become disillusioned.* I think it must be my greatest sorrow in life. People you can count on let you down. They forget you in your moment of need. You can become so discouraged that you give up.

The answer to that is: the Man on the center cross cares. It is still as true as when Homer Rodeheaver sang it for Billy Sunday's great audiences, "Jesus remembers when the world forgets."

You need a power that says to you, "Rise!" That power reaches where other palliatives can never reach. It awakens new frontiers. It says, "You can do it." It puts you into circulation again.

Jesus makes that dream come true.

### STEP THREE: GET MOVING

Face one difficulty at a time, and what seems an insurmountable problem will liquidate itself.

Peter was taught this lesson. He was on death row under maximum security, with less than 24 hours remaining before execution.

His deliverance is described in the Book of Acts. "When they [the angel and Peter] were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord" (Acts 12:10).

You will never get anywhere unless you *start*—take the first step. That bachelor's or master's degree seems an impossible dream when you begin your schooling, but each grade passed is a step nearer fulfillment. The concert stage seems like never-never land to the beginner; but each chord learned, each exercise mastered is one more tumbler that clicks into place, and suddenly you

discover that "the iron gate that leadeth unto the city . . . opened" (Acts 12:10).

*Take it in sequence, sir!* It's the first and then the second, and there could be a third, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth, and how many more steps, who knows, before there is full realization.

We all lust for magic. But that is a make-believe world. "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28). Be satisfied with that progress.

An old, hairy cliché reminds each impetuous generation that "Rome wasn't built in a day." *Take that first step!* That is all that is important at this moment.

A story is told about a local team in Alabama that was taking a terrible beating. A frenzied roter for the locals stood and yelled, "Put Smith in!"


From the other side came the reply, "Smith is in!"

Undaunted, the local zealot replied, "Take Smith out!" Yes, do something!

There is always divine help to nudge you in the right direction. But if you wait until you see your way absolutely cleared or the problem completely solved, you will never experience escape.

The Old Testament story of the four perishing lepers makes this truth realistically plain. "They said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die" (2 Kings 7:3,4).

An act of desperation is always better than inactive despair. Take the first step of faith, and then the second step, and each step will be easier. And when you do, you will find what the four lepers discovered—God's provision. "The iron gate [the seemingly impossible barrier] . . . opened . . . of his own accord" (Acts 12:10).

There are steps to victory. Implement them now in your own individual case! There is healing for you. There is a solution to your problem. God wants you to bear a testimony. So start with these three steps! 

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# 'THEY REMEMBERED...'

By CHAS. W. H. SCOTT / Executive Director, Department of Benevolences

THE GENERAL PRESBYTERY of the Assemblies of God, during recent sessions in Dallas, authorized the Department of Benevolences to increase its monthly allowance to the aged ministers of our Fellowship through the Aged Ministers' Assistance (AMA) Fund.

Approximately 165 aged ministers or their widows, who have served in the Assemblies of God during their active years, are no longer able to provide for themselves. These faithful men and women, pioneers of our Movement, responded to the call of God and accepted the challenge to establish churches across our nation. Without thinking of themselves or their future needs, they ministered in a less affluent day, receiving a bare subsistence. Often they returned their monetary stipends to the churches where they labored. They, under God, laid the foundations for many of the great churches of our worldwide Fellowship.

As it does to all men, age has overtaken them; infirmities have incapacitated them. No longer can they minister as they once did. Social Security helps a little; their children do what they can; but emergencies and the high cost of living, due to inflation, have reduced the purchasing power of their meager incomes.

*U.S. News and World Report* (September 8, 1969) states: "The living standard set by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its 'Retired Couples' Budget' is well beyond the means of most older people. The average Social Security benefit for a couple meets less than one-third the suggested Bureau budget cost for today."


In the past, when existing income from all sources was under \$92 per month for a single person and \$150 per month for a couple, AMA funds were used to bring their incomes up to that level. The new formula authorized by the General Presbytery will raise the allowance by approximately 15 percent.

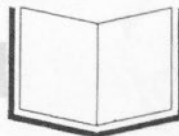
It is estimated that this increase of assistance will raise the total AMA budget to more than \$100,000 a year. The \$25,000 a year for the next two years allocated to this fund by the General Presbytery will help, but the major part of the assistance needed by our aged pioneers will still depend on donations and contributions by our churches and interested friends.

Our General Presbyters remembered the needs of these aged ministers. All who are still active in ministry and employment should also remember.

James 1:27 identifies benevolence as one of the evidences of pure religion. The Lord Jesus (Matthew 25) indicated that benevolence administered to one of the least of His brethren is benevolence shown unto Him. Benevolence ministered to the aged recognizes the responsibility of the church toward the "household of faith."

On AMA Day (Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23) special offerings will be received in our churches so that all may show that they remember and are concerned for the needs of these our aged ministers and their widows—pioneers who depend upon this fund for their existence.

The General Presbyters took cognizance of the need and remembered. Will you also remember? Let us honor our aged ministers with our gifts and offerings on Thanksgiving Sunday, or regularly through our church budget each month. This need can be met if you too will remember. 



MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

## DAILY GIFTS

By FRED J. GREVE

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I HAVE LONG HAD AN AFFINITY for this verse because it demonstrates that each new day is a gift from God, untarnished and unmarred—and so very personal a gift at that. Until recently, however, my appreciation was diffuse and general.



Then suddenly a few months ago the verse took on a new personal meaning for me because my wife was going through a series of trying illnesses and came almost to the point of death. I now recognize each new day is a day we could not have had together if God had not touched her.

A few months ago the verse took on specific meaning as I contemplated the meaningless context of our contemporary life. The exploding technology of our planet and even the somber conditions of our society presented new opportunities for knowing, by contrast, how exciting it is to be a Christian.

The West Coast with its sea and mountains and ancient redwoods evoke that deep *wonder*, which is such an essential element of simple faith in Jesus Christ—all good things are His fresh daily gifts.

There is a specific content of worship in this verse. I open my Bible college classes with a moment of earnest, yet simple, devotional worship. I have shared this verse so many mornings with the students that often, when I enter the classroom, students will have written on the chalkboard, "This is the day which the Lord hath made"—even on examination days.

It is exciting to be a contemporary Christian!

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# He Found Freedom in Prison

By J. H. BARTELS\*

**T**HE PRISONER placed his hand on my shoulder. I looked up into a face that just yesterday had been etched with lines of bitterness and hate accumulated over the years, a face that had reflected the depth of despondency. I said instinctively, "Frank, you've been saved!"

"Yes, praise God!" he shouted.

I knew this was a miracle—something only God could do. Frank Potter\* had a very unfortunate background. His father abandoned the family when Frank was very young, leaving the mother to eke out a living doing a man's work in the fields with sharecroppers. The burdens this courageous mother bore would have been intolerable to a less determined soul. The inmate had told me of times when she would come in from the field almost

too exhausted to reach home, and the children would meet her and help her into the house. Mrs. Potter always assured them the Lord would provide their needs, for she had a firm faith in God.

The Potter children never had a chance to obtain an education. Frank himself went as far as the third grade. When each child was strong enough, he joined the others in the fields. As Frank grew into manhood, he could not escape the nagging thought, *There must be some better way—an easier way.*

One night Frank and his brother were drinking with a man who they thought had a large sum of money. They quickly made and carried out plans to rob him, but in doing so they unintentionally injured him seriously. The victim of their assault had to have a metal plate put in his head.

Later when they were apprehended and tried for their crime, the severity of the man's condition went strongly

\*The real names of the men involved in this story have been withheld for obvious reasons. Both were inmates in the same prison.

against them in court. They both received 25 years in the state penitentiary.

It was there I became acquainted with Frank Potter, and a harder individual I had never met. Frank was soon on the incorrigible list of inmates. He spent considerable time in solitary confinement—"the hole" as it is dubbed in prison jargon. In addition, he had to stand on a line and face a blank wall.

This belligerent rebel smashed machinery in the industrial room where he worked. Really dangerous, he used every occasion to help incite rioting and trouble against the authorities. He also used dope that was successfully smuggled into the prison.

Frank loved his mother very much. This was the only ray of light in his life. Mrs. Potter came as often as she could to visit her two sons in prison. I think it was through this medium I was finally able to reach a soft spot in Frank's hard heart. When I talked to him about the Lord, he never once resented it.

I would sit by his machine and read from the Gospels. Sometimes he would request me to sing a favorite hymn, which I gladly did. A friendship was fused that continued for about two years. However, I could not seem to bring Frank to the point of decision. He seemed to be resisting Christ for some reason perhaps not even known to him. But God knew it would take something additional to soften this inmate's heart—the death of his dear mother! God had to remove from him the only treasure of his life.

Frank knew she was dying. During her last visit, he noticed her tired and wasted appearance. She was in the last stages of cancer. Frank grieved for his mother. He knew it was her dauntless determination and courage that brought her to see him for the last time. She loved him to the very end. When she died, Frank had little left to cling to in his heart except the memory of her love.

The day of the funeral I thought Frank looked shaken. When he returned to his cell late in the afternoon, his deep grief was evident. I urged him to decide for Christ so he could meet his mother in heaven. He didn't respond visibly; but the Word of God was taking effect.

The following Sunday, Frank asked for prayer in the prison Sunday school. I knew he was under deep conviction of sin. That night I prayed earnestly for my friend's soul. The next morning when Frank placed his hand on my shoulder, I looked into a *different* face. The coldness had gone from his blue eyes. His whole countenance was free of that brooding hate. He looked like a different person, for he *was* a new man!

Soon after that, less than 10 years after his imprisonment, Frank received a parole. I have met him on several occasions since, and each time I found him engaged in some phase of the Lord's work. Frank is now pastor of a thriving church in the suburbs of Oklahoma City. He maintains his strong testimony and steadfast faith. He is married and has three fine children.

Recently I talked with Frank. All he wanted to discuss was his faith and his love for the Lord. He is a miracle that endures.

It is 20 years since this man, then in prison under the darkest, worst circumstances imaginable, gave his heart to the Lord. Now it is hard to realize he was ever a convicted criminal without a ray of hope.

I witnessed the transformation of his life. I saw that when Frank Potter gave his heart to the Lord, it was



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a total surrender. What else could he be now but an effective Christian leader and a friend of many people in need? His life is a monument to the saving grace and the keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ from whom he received the joy of perfect freedom even while behind prison bars.

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Both the writer and the subject of this story received considerable spiritual help through studying the free Bible correspondence courses prepared for inmates by the Prison Division of the Home Missions Department. Nearly 20,000 of these courses are distributed each year.

# STEPS TO REVIVAL

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years ago. The pastor said to me, "Brother Vick, we had a revival meeting about three or four months before you came. We thought it was the greatest revival our church had ever seen. I have the names of 150 people who came to the altar for salvation." He turned to his wife and said, "Do you know of any of those 150 who are still coming?"

"No," she said, "I don't know one." Not one, out of 150 at the altar, could be found in the church four months later.

There's only one way for people to be born again, according to my Bible. People are born again by the Word of God that liveth and abideth forever. If you get people to an altar under an emotional appeal, a sweet song, or a sentimental story, all of their tears do not necessarily indicate that a deep work of the Spirit has been accomplished. *It takes the Word of God.* Here is our weakness today. Our preaching so often is not Bible preaching, so how can it produce Bible results?

People say, "Brother Vick, I don't know how you folk have the nerve to call yourselves Pentecostal preachers."

"Why?"

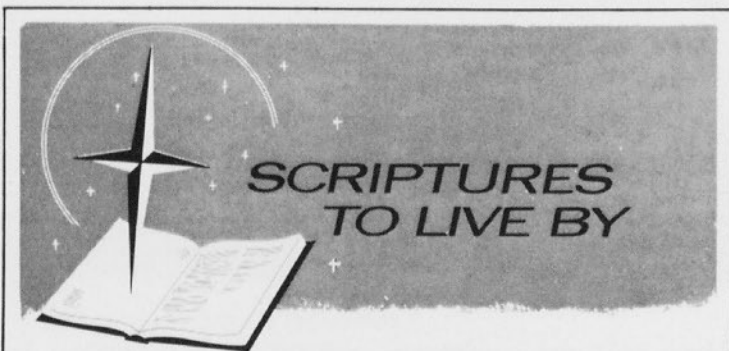
"You don't have the fruits of the Pentecostal ministry."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, look at the apostle Peter, for instance. On the Day of Pentecost he preached one sermon and 3,000 souls were saved. Most of you preachers today preach 3,000 sermons and no one is saved. How can you think that you're Pentecostal, if the apostle Peter was Pentecostal?"

I like to point out one great difference between Peter's audience and ours. Peter preached to a crowd of people who believed every quotation he gave them from the Old Testament. He preached to a crowd of Jews who had learned the Word of God from infancy. When he quoted to them from the Psalms, they could follow him word for word. They knew whether it was accurately quoted or not. When he quoted from Joel's prophecy, they were right with him. "This is that."

"That's right, that's what it says."



## DAILY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 17-23

Theme of the Week: **LOVE IN ACTION**

Mon. ....	John 15:12-17	Thurs. ....	1 Cor. 13:1-13
Tues. ....	John 21:1-19	Fri. ....	Ephesians 3:14-21
Wed. ....	Romans 13:8-14	Sat. ....	1 John 3:11-18
Sun. ....	1 John 4:7-21		

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

The seed of the Word was in their hearts, and what happened on the Day of Pentecost was simply that the Holy Ghost came down and germinated the seed already there. The Word of God that these Jews had carried in their hearts for years suddenly came to life and brought forth fruit.

I know something about this because of my own experience. I was reared in a Lutheran home, being Norwegian, and I was drilled in catechism and Bible history from childhood. I was entering my teens and the time when I was supposed to be confirmed was drawing near. My mother used to lock me in my bedroom and wouldn't let me out until I had learned my lesson for that week. I can see myself in that bedroom memorizing that catechism. I had to learn it to get out of the room. You say, "Now preacher, don't suggest that that sort of thing did you any good. We don't believe in forcing our children. We're of the modern trend of thought and believe in self-expression." The trouble with self-expression is that so often you are not very happy over what is expressed! The self you find expressed isn't all that could be desired!

Being only 13 I had to take what my mother gave me. I was "force fed." The Word of God was forced in me, and I hated the whole procedure. Again you might say, "That must have made a rebel out of you. Didn't that turn you away from God and His house entirely?" It didn't necessarily do that, but I drifted.

Some years later I was in a revival meeting where God was moving. I came into the meeting that night with no spiritual intentions, but just to kill a little time while waiting for another friend to meet me. It was an Odd Fellows' Hall. I sat down at the back. As I sat in that meeting, I began to feel very uncomfortable. All the things that my mother had forced into me from God's Book came to life. I had learned about Calvary from my catechism, but now Calvary suddenly became meaningful and personal. I had learned about the Virgin Birth, the Atonement, the Blood, and the Resurrection in an academic, theoretic, intellectual way. The seed of God's Word had been sown in my heart; now the blessed Holy Ghost came to do His work of germination, and that's what produces real conviction.

In Romans 7 the apostle Paul says, "I had not known sin, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." He was guilty of sin, but sin was unrecognized for what it was until the mirror of God's Word identified it for him, until the law said, "Thou shalt not covet." Then he recognized the thing in him as being that which God forbade, and conviction came. It takes the Word of God to make sin exceeding sinful.

If our preaching is built upon petty anecdotes, little smatterings of personal experience, with diluted drops of Scripture here and there, we shall look in vain for revival. Before their nets were filled, the Word of God went forth. Nowhere does God obligate Himself to confirm my stories, my illustrations, not even my opinions, but God Almighty has obligated Himself upon His honor to confirm His Word. His Word shall not return unto Him void. When the Book says, "Preach the Word," it means the Word. Not necessarily about the Word, but preach the Word, and the Lord will confirm the Word.

He finished His message, and Peter prepared to row back to shore, but the Master said, "Not yet. Let's go out

into deeper water." So Peter pulled the oars, and the ship went out into deeper water. The Master said, "Let's cast anchor here, Peter. Now, let down your nets for a draught." Here is the final step. There was still no miracle, no divine manifestation, no moving of God's finger. Preparation is still going on. Jesus said to Peter, "Put the net in here."

Peter's answer is given to us verbatim. The words are there, and the spirit must be determined from the words. I think when Jesus asked Peter to put down the nets, his reply was a mixture of despair, pessimism, hopelessness, and just pure protest. I catch this impression of Peter's words: "Master, you don't understand. You're not a fisherman. I've fished this lake for many years. I've been here all night. Look at my hands, red and calloused. My back is aching. I want you to know that all night long I've been pulling the net in and hauling it back. I haven't even got a bullhead. Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing. You come along blithe, cheery, and optimistic and tell me to start fishing all over again!"

Peter was wounded. This was the last hurdle, and if Peter had failed here, he still wouldn't have had any fish. He had to go all the way to get the miracle, just as you and I must do. He had to obey the final command.

Do you know what is keeping revival from many assemblies today? I believe it is the memory of our past failures. I've been in many assemblies and can almost read the minds of the people in the opening service of the campaign. They seem to say, as I look at them, "Oh, preacher, you're just another evangelist. We've had so many. We have had them all, but they didn't do much." Sometimes the kindhearted souls get me off to one side and say, "Brother Vick, don't work too hard. We can't have revival here. Just take it easy, take your offering, and go home and be happy." Unbelief! "We've toiled all the night and have taken nothing!" It's no use! Unbelief that ties the hands of God! Unbelief that paralyzes His arm! Unbelief that holds back His blessings! We close our hearts. Unbelief robs us of God's best.

Peter took another look at Jesus' face, and He saw something in the Master's face and so he took this attitude, "Master, we're weary with trying; we're heartsick and discouraged; nevertheless, at Thy word, we'll try it again." In goes a net, then on comes the miracle. The net is hardly in the lake before the water is alive, stirring and teeming with fish. The net hardly submerges before Peter is pulling it in again. The revival is on. Miracle-working power of God is in operation. God is doing His part now that Peter has done his. The human part of the contract has been fulfilled; now the divine side is likewise consummated.

There's an end to human effort. There's an end to what humans can do, but at the end of human obedience, the arm of God will be revealed when God's people have done all that He desires them to do. Peter had loaned Him his property, and the Word of God had gone forth. Peter then had launched out. Finally Peter had overcome his discouragement, his unbelief, and buried the memory of the past futile night, and that was the end of all the Master expected of Peter. Now Jesus stepped in; His miracle power was seen. The net was filled, and the glory of God was manifested.

I want you to see what happens the minute this net is  
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filled. The catch is so great that the boat is threatened with sinking. Maybe a moment before Peter had been worried about getting paid for his services. Maybe he had been saying in his heart, "I wonder if He's going to pay me right. He has taken all my time this morning. I should be repairing my nets; but He comes along, borrows my boat, and I have to help Him row, and here I sit. I wonder if He'll pay me union scale."

If Peter had any forebodings about his pay, believe me, they all evaporated now. Look at him, he's knee deep in fish. The boat is threatened with sinking. Peter had never seen such a catch. The first thing he does is to think about salvaging the catch. He knows that if the boat sinks he won't have any fish, so he calls to his partners, fishing in another ship, "Hurry over. There's plenty for everybody. Come and get it. Come and share."

Real revival produces brotherly love. Real revival produces a spirit of sharing. Real revival dissipates differences between partners. The manifestation of God's power is the greatest antidote to all human differences of feeling. Our hearts go out to everybody when the Spirit of God is moving.

After the others came they filled the ships, and they were astonished at the draught of the fishes. Both ships began to sink. Talk about God's abundance! Something is moving in Peter's life and heart. The Master was not just rewarding Peter with a great catch of fish; He was trying to get some work of grace done in his heart. Peter realized that this thing was obviously supernatural, and he fell down at Jesus' knees. Before the Master he voluntarily made a confession that couldn't have been dragged from him a while ago. "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." It takes this power to make sin appear exceedingly sinful. It takes the moving of God to bring people who are lukewarm, smug, and indifferent out of a state of worldliness, carelessness, self-righteousness, and self-sufficiency. It takes the moving of God.

Peter's heart had been searched and heart-searching brought conviction. I was in a meeting in Ottawa, Canada. They had built a beautiful new church there, and I was the first evangelist, following the dedication with a campaign. I think it was on the second Sunday morning, as I got to the close of my message, that the Spirit of God came on the meeting. The whole church became an altar; everyone knelt right where he had been sitting. Oh, it was rich. I knelt to pray, and in a moment or two I heard a commotion over by the pastor. Looking up, I saw a man with his arms around the pastor, weeping and praying. I didn't know the man and couldn't imagine what it was all about. Afterward the pastor told me, "That was the greatest miracle that ever happened in this church."

That man was a Baptist preacher who had been attacking Pentecost for years. Several months ago his own daughter, a girl in her late teens, had been wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Her father became so infuriated that he said to his daughter, "You must make a choice. Either you give up this 'tongue business' or you leave this house." The daughter said, "Father, I can't go back on what God has given me."

The daughter left the home because of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Pentecostal pastor and his wife took her in, and she was living at their home at this time. Now her father had come to the church. What brought him there, I don't know. Perhaps it was curiosity to see the




new church, or perhaps he came to get ammunition for his opposition. But that morning he had found a seat at the back; and though I had given no formal altar call, he had voluntarily walked the length of the church and come to the pastor with tears, asking forgiveness and prayer.

Here's my point in telling this: I am sure that all the persuasion in the world could never have moved that man to do what he did. I am sure that all the eloquence of all the preachers would never have accomplished it. It was the moving of God's Spirit in the church that morning that accomplished that.

God can step into situations and do things that the human arm can never do. Peter didn't think he was sinful before that; he thought he was a good Jew, but now he realized his sin. When we pray through and get God's glory upon the meetings, sin becomes exceedingly sinful and sinners feel their need. The lukewarm are stirred, the careless are rebuked, and people are made willing to seek the face of God.

Peter was awed by the mighty miracle. He felt so small, so insignificant, and so sinful in the presence of the Master. But Jesus said to him, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him.

He who filled the nets that day can fill our nets. He who brought a multitude of fish together on that occasion can give us souls at the altar of prayer. Let's believe God together. 

## POTATOES AND PHILOSOPHY

WE HAD A BOUNTIFUL POTATO CROP, but Dad was too busy with field work to harvest it. Wanting to earn some extra money, I offered to dig the potatoes for 75c a row.

I don't remember how much money I made in that week of work, but I still remember the aching muscles, sweat, and fatigue! I really appreciated each potato we stored for winter use.

Then the first visitors came from town. Dad filled a basket with our precious potatoes and put it in the trunk of their car. More visitors came, and more potatoes left.

Finally I could stand it no longer. "Are you going to

## AUTUMN

With fragrance from the twigs and burning leaves,  
While granaries swing open for the sheaves,  
I dig the ground, unearthing Autumn's wealth,  
To feed these mortal frames with strength and health.

I eagerly descend the cellar stairs,  
To see each shelf display its toothsome wares.  
Each jar and bin is filled with harvest food,  
While everywhere I see that which is good.

The Husbandman has given me His Word,  
Not for myself alone, for miser's hoard,  
But sends me forth to sow in human heart,  
And water it with prayer, to see it start.

I toil through days of ceaseless watchful care,  
And pray for trophies, beautiful and fair,  
That when I stand, as other men have stood,  
Before the Husbandman, He'll say—" 'Tis good."

—WINNIFRED SCHWARTZ

give away all of our potatoes?" I asked. "A lot of work went into that crop."

Dad grinned. "I learned a long time ago that when I hoard something for myself, it always spoils." So he kept on giving away potatoes—to an orphanage, to a benefit supper, to a needy family, and to visitors.

His words probably would not have made such an impression if I had not heard a neighbor talking with my mother a few months later.

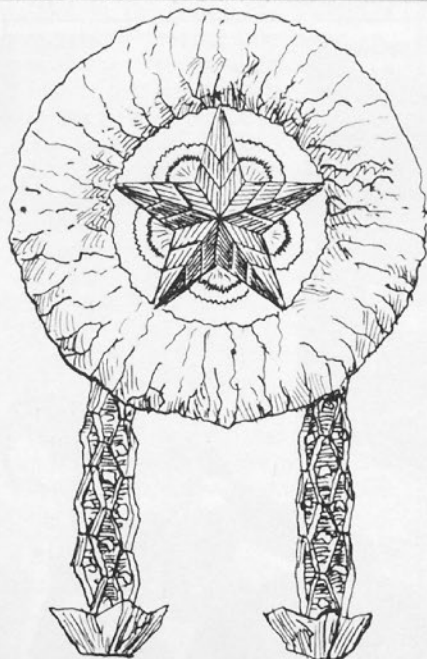
"We had so many beautiful potatoes, but we can't seem to keep them," the neighbor said. "They are spoiling. Soon they will all be rotten."

After the neighbor had gone, I asked Mom about our potatoes. "They seem to be keeping fine, just fine," she said.

We were the only family in the whole community who had potatoes until spring!

Perhaps it was only a coincidence, but Dad's philosophy was right. Whatever you hoard for yourself—time, talent, money, or potatoes—it will surely spoil. Only in sharing what you have with others will you find adequate measure for yourself.

—MRS. A. L. CLARKE



## Where Can A Person Find A Star-Shaped Lantern?

A special Christmas decoration, often made like a three-dimensional star, is found in the Philippines. Christmas lanterns made in intricate and beautiful patterns remind the Filipinos of the star that led the Wise Men to Christ.

Many nations around the world today know about the birth of Christ because missionaries in years past brought them the message of Christmas. Assemblies of God missionaries continue to proclaim the glorious message of the gospel. You can show your appreciation for their dedicated ministry by remembering them at this special time of the year.

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

### CONCERNED ABOUT 'GREATEST RESOURCE'

## COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE SCORES TV INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Violence on television encourages violence in real life, the National Commission on Violence stated recently in an 11-page report which focused primarily on the effects of TV violence on the young.

It accused the television industry of "pandering to a public preoccupation with violence that television itself has helped to create."

"It is reasonable to conclude," the commission said, "that a constant diet of violent behavior on television has an adverse effect on human character and attitudes."

"Violence on television encourages violent forms of behavior and fosters moral and social values about violence in daily life which are unacceptable in a civilized society."

The commission said the industry's self-imposed standards are inadequate. It recommended:

- Abandonment of children's cartoons containing serious, non-comic violence;

- Less time devoted to crime, western, and action-adventure programs containing violent episodes;

- A change in the basic context in which violence occurs in such programs so "resort to violence is depicted as an unusual and undesirable outcome" instead of the norm;

- More industry research into effects of violent TV programs—although meanwhile, "enough is

known to make inexcusable any delay in taking action along the lines we have recommended."

The commission also recommended presidential and congressional support and financing for a corporation for public broadcasting "so that it may develop the kind of educational, cultural, and dramatic programming not presently provided in sufficient measure by commercial broadcasting."

"Television is one of our significant resources," the commission stated, "but our greatest resource is our children. Children begin to absorb the lessons of television before they can read or write. In a fundamental way, television helps to create what children expect of themselves and of others, and what constitutes the standards of civilized society."

"Television entertainment based on violence may be effective merchandising, but it is an appalling way to serve a civilization," the commission asserted.

Some of the commission's findings were:

- Children and adolescents are the heaviest viewers of television, with some children in lower income families watching their sets five to seven hours each weekday;

- Children's cartoons, concentrated on Saturday mornings, "almost all contained violence";

- Nearly half of all the leading TV characters who kill, and more than half of all leading characters who are violent, achieve a clearly happy ending in the programs. "To this extent, violence is portrayed as a successful means of attaining a desired end."

The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, headed by Milton S. Eisenhower, was formed by former President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The commission is publishing a series of reports on various aspects of violence in American life.

### Ministers not in favor of Sunday closing laws

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Early responses to a questionnaire sent to Protestant ministers in this area disclose that a majority opposes enforcement of Kentucky's Sunday closing law.

Several said they did not approve of legal restrictions because they felt religious organizations should not try to impose legal restraints, but only moral and spiritual restraints.

When asked if their congregations had taken any action on the Sunday-sales controversy, all of those responding said no official action had been taken.

### Poll finds generation gap on premarital sex views

PRINCETON, N.J.—Most people over 30—by a large majority—said in a recent Gallup Poll that premarital sex relations were "wrong," but adults in their 20's were closely divided in their opinions.

The pollsters also took a sampling of college students last May in which students approved premarital sex by 2 to 1.

### Special guests are Peace Corps officials

## Lebanese dignitary is White House speaker

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Charles Malik, a former president of the United Nations General Assembly, was guest preacher in a White House worship service recently.

He prayed that President Nixon

would be able to help lead the world toward peace.

Introduced by the President as "a philosopher of the world," Dr. Malik once served as Lebanon's ambassador to the U.S. He is now a professor of philosophy at the

American University in Beirut.

Special guests at the service included top officials of the Peace Corps, 60 country directors of the Corps, and ambassadors whose nations participate in Peace Corps projects.

**JERUSALEM**—Australian sheepshearer Denis Michael Rohan, 28, listens from behind bulletproof glass to proceedings during his trial here on charges of setting fire to El Aqsa mosque, considered by Muslims to be their third holiest shrine. The defendant pleaded innocent, but later changed his plea to guilty and claimed temporary insanity. The fire at the mosque heightened tensions between Arabs and Jews and set off a cry by the Arabs for a holy war. (RNS photo).



## 'Wall Street Journal' wrong; Bible sales are increasing

NEW YORK, N.Y.—In reply to a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal* stating Bible sales are dwindling, Dr. James Nettinga, executive secretary in the National Distribution Department of the American Bible Society, says the opposite is true.

"In 1958 the ABS distributed in the U. S. 540,126 Bibles compared

with 624,262 last year," Dr. Nettinga said. "And 1,051,997 New Testaments were distributed compared with 4,862,600 last year. Those figures do not include the Scriptures distributed overseas or the smaller portions and selections which are distributed by the millions here and abroad."

The ABS spokesman said also

## New Scripture selection developed for inner-city ministry distribution

### 'Moving On Up!' focuses on blacks in U.S. history

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The American Bible Society recently published a new Scripture selection entitled "Moving on Up!" for use in inner-city ministry.

The selection, containing Romans 12 in Today's English Version, is interwoven with historical sketches on significant black men and women in American history.

Schools in Hancock County,

Ga., are using "Moving on Up" as a curriculum supplement in their classes this year.

While students are studying the historical events of black Americans, they are also exposed to the Bible.

This selection has been distributed in inner-city areas of Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Buffalo, N.Y.; and Newark, N.J.

ABS hopes to reach all 130 American cities whose population is over 100,000 with this new Scripture selection.

## Governor welcomes Billy Graham for California crusade

ANAHEIM, CALIF.—"You have come in the name of Jesus of Nazareth who told people to love one another. This is a message the whole world needs to hear." With this statement Governor Ronald Reagan welcomed Evangelist Billy Graham to this southern California city for his 20th anniversary crusade.

To emphasize California's need of the gospel, Governor Reagan cited some alarming statistics of

crime among youth and appealed to young people to get with Christ and go with Him.

"There is no need in our nation today like the need to rediscover our spiritual heritage," the governor stated.

The Graham crusade drew the largest crowd ever to assemble in the Anaheim Stadium. Close to 2,000 decisions for Christ were recorded each night.

that statistics reported in the *Wall Street Journal* showing a decline from 19 million Bibles and Testaments sold in 1958 to 14 million last year, are only for commercial publishers and do not include figures for the ABS or other non-profit publishers.

The peak year for ABS was 1967 when the society distributed 693,331 Bibles and 9,034,267 New Testaments in the U.S. alone. The huge increase in New Testament distribution—up from 1,777,814 copies the year before—reflected the first full year's circulation of the society's new translation, *Good News for Modern Man*, Today's English Version of the New Testament.

## WCTU leader calls for return to prohibition

DETROIT, MICH.—The president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union declared in a speech here that repeal has failed and that a swing back to prohibition is necessary to halt human and economic losses caused by alcohol.

"It has been said that prohibition will return when drink and drunkenness adversely affect a majority of the American people, either directly or indirectly," said Mrs. Fred J. Tooze. "I submit that these are such times."

The WCTU leader called on the churches to mount a new crusade against alcoholic beverages. She charged that some churches have wavered in their opposition because of the influence of drinking members.

"The liquor traffic is again firmly entrenched and is protected by the people's ignorance," she said. "We must move in everywhere and anywhere for a hearing and action."

## LSD flunks test as useful drug

NEW YORK, N.Y.—LSD has flunked rigorous, scientific testing as a treatment for alcoholism, which was its last frontier as a medically useful drug.

The first medical experimenters had made glowing reports. It appeared LSD had converted habitual drunks into abstainers at a phenomenal rate. These reports were based on an experiment where LSD takers seemed to be overcoming their drinking problems after two months on the drug, as opposed to drinkers who were not on the drug.

A further check in six months, however, showed no notable differences in the two groups.

This test was the last stand for those doctors trying to find a beneficial use for this extremely dangerous drug.

### Marks 85th birthday

## Missionary-educator says education is cure for world poverty, hunger

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—The only permanent cure for world hunger and poverty is education, missionary-educator Dr. Frank C. Laubach said here.

Urging the "one billion Christians of the world" to join in a fight against illiteracy, Dr. Laubach described illiterates as "the hungry people, the impoverished people, the often violent people egged on by demagogues."

Dr. Laubach, whose "Each One Teach One" concept has taught an estimated 60 million to read the Bible, spoke at a dinner here that marked his 85th birthday.

## JEWS WANT PRAYERS IN HIGH SCHOOL TO STOP

NETCONG, N.J.—The high school in this town has started a program of reading from the *Congressional Record* prayers which Senate Chaplain Edward L. R. Elson has delivered in Congress. But the American Jewish Congress calls the practice "improper, divisive, and harmful," and wants the prayers in Netcong High to stop.

School officials contend that since the "reading" session is voluntary and is conducted before regular classes begin, it does not violate the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against prayers in public schools.

The first prayer was read to some 300 pupils in the gym, and was taken from the August 8, 1969 *Congressional Record*.

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Joint service installation

John Lindvall named chaplain for new field command

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—An Assemblies of God chaplain, Army Colonel John A. Lindvall, has been named chaplain for the new Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency at Sandia Base, a joint service installation here.

A veteran of three major conflicts, Chaplain Lindvall came here from an assignment as staff chaplain of the



HOWARD SHAFFETT IS 40TH A/G CHAPLAIN

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The appointment of Howard L. Shaffett

U.S. Army Munitions Command in Dover, N.J.

Commissioned in September, 1944, he served in Europe during World War II. During his 25 years of Army service he has been stationed in Germany, Japan, Korea, Dominican Republic, and Vietnam.

Chaplain Lindvall attended Southern California College in Costa Mesa, Calif., and is a graduate of Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., where he was Alumnus of the Year in 1967.

Chaplain and Mrs. Lindvall have four children.

to active duty as a Navy chaplain brings to 40 the number of Assemblies of God ministers currently serving as military chaplains.

Chaplain Shaffett is assigned to the Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va. He serves four of the six ships in Amphibious Squadron Twelve.

The new chaplain holds degrees from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

He spent two years as director of servicemen's activities in the Assembly of God at Anchorage, Alaska. He has also served pastorates at Stapleton and Faribault, Minn.



LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Royal Rangers leaders look on as Governor Winthrop Rockefeller signs a proclamation declaring a Royal Rangers Week for Arkansas. Left to right are James O. Murphree, senior commander for outpost 21; Carter Rogers, district Sunday school director of Arkansas; Governor Rockefeller; Allen Gill, national aide-de-camp; and Glen Moody, district director of Men's Fellowship.

WITH CHRIST

Carl E. Reynolds Sr., 65, of Shreveport, La., went to be with the Lord on August 3, 1969. Ordained in 1935, Brother Reynolds held pastorates in Houston and San Augustine, Tex.; and Prescott, Kingman, and Tucson, Ariz. He served the Arizona District as sectional and executive presbyter for a number of years. He was also a chaplain of the Arizona wing of the Civil Air Patrol. During the past six years he engaged in evangelistic work. He is survived by his wife Valentine, one son, and one daughter.

Alfred W. Buckley, 69, of East McKeesport, Pa., went to his eternal home on June 20, 1969.

Ordained in 1930 by the Eastern District, Brother Buckley held pastorates in Freeport, New Kensington, and Bradenville, Pa. While serving in New Kensington he conducted a religious broadcast for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Naomi and four children. One son, Gordon, is the Royal Rangers commander for the Eastern District. Norman, another son, is the Pittsburgh commander.

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS

TIMMY EDUCATIONAL CENTER

PORTLAND ASSEMBLY HONORED FOR MINISTRY TO RETARDED

Receives recognition from 'Christian Life' magazine

PORTLAND, OREG.—The editors of Christian Life magazine recently presented the Sunday School of the Month award to Northeast Assembly here.

The church received this recognition because of its concern for mentally retarded children, which resulted in the establishment of a Christian day school for these children.

Members of Northeast Assembly responded kindly to a Mongoloid boy who began attending the church several years ago. Then a youth with congenital handicaps and personality problems started attending the church, and the congregation took him to their hearts and gave him love and understanding.

When 15-year-old Timmy Sum-

ner, also a Mongoloid, started attending the church, the people realized they had to do more than offer love and understanding to these "different" children, so they organized what is now known as the Timmy Educational Center for retarded and disturbed children.

The school began its fourth year of operation this fall with 16 students enrolled. Classes are held in a new unit added to the church this summer.

Timmy School has brought the church local and national attention. "Our community knows we care, because the Lord's concern for people is translated into action," says Pastor Larry Steller.

Recently the school was awarded a grant-in-aid from the Model Cities Program of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

"We haven't been able to give a lot of help to some of the chil-

dren," Pastor Steller admits. "However, one girl, after being with us a year and a half, was accepted in high school. Three others, after one year in Timmy School, were received in Portland grade schools. Others, while still in Timmy Educational Center have been visibly helped."

One mother told Douglas Pew, director of the school: "I was ashamed and bitter because she [her daughter] wasn't like other normal children." After enrolling the girl in the school and becoming a Christian herself, she said: "I know that she is one of God's special children, and I must be special in God's eyes for Him to have given her to me."

Tuition for full-time students is \$45 a month. The school is also supported by fund-raising campaigns and contributions from businesses; the church has invested \$12,000 in it during the three years of operation.

Classes are conducted five hours a day, five days a week. There are four teachers, including Mr. Pew.

The church also conducts a Sunday school class for retarded children. The youngsters are taught

through the use of a regular primary quarterly.

"They can be converted the same as other children," says Pastor Steller. "Several mentally retarded children were converted last year."

Both the school and the Sunday school class are racially integrated with about one-fourth of the pupils coming from minority groups.

Pastor Steller told Christian Life: "We have had the satisfaction of helping children, giving a spiritual touch to some who would never in any other way hear of Christ's love, and reaching some parents and families with the gospel."

The story of Timmy Educational Center is in the October 1969 issue of Christian Life.

AURORA, MINN.—The local Assembly of God recently sponsored a three-week meeting with Evangelist Robert Remick of Minneapolis, Minn. Services were held in a 50- by 80-foot tent seating 400 people. People of many denominations were active in the meetings, and the attendance was good.

Workers prayed with 17 seek-

ing salvation. Thirteen persons were reclaimed; and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brother Remick was used of God in praying for the sick. A number were healed.

Two new families are now coming to the church, and we are expecting more as a result of these tent meetings.

—Vernon D. Peterson, pastor

**OSAGE, ARK.**—The Assembly of God here is rejoicing over the results of a two-week meeting with Evangelist Luther Moore of Denver, Colo. One person was filled with the Holy Ghost, and two were reclaimed.

—Fornie McGehee, pastor

**DELAWARE, OHIO**—Calvary Assembly just concluded two weeks of special services with John Masto from Nutterford, W. Va., as the evangelist. God wonderfully blessed in every service.

Eight persons were saved. Seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled.

Some outstanding healings took

place. Three people testified that their eyes were healed. One person's injured foot was healed; and for another man an operation was made unnecessary.

—M. Ray Moore, pastor

**MT. HOLLY, N. J.**—The Assembly of God here has been experiencing a mighty move of the Holy Spirit.

Many people have been saved, and many healed. Recently 17 new converts were baptized in water. A number have been added to the church.

We attribute these victories to the intercession of about 15 people who gather for a cottage prayer meeting one morning a week and earnestly seek God. We

are trusting Him for even more answers to prayer.

—James Occhipinti, pastor

**FREDERICK, MARYLAND**—The Shookstown Assembly near here has been revived in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Seven persons received the Baptism during a four-night meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Frank J. Fratto of Cumberland, Md. Five more, including two who had been backslidden, were refilled with the Spirit. A young girl accepted Christ.

God began to move even before the special services. A woman was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Five people were baptized in water.—Edgar A. Hare, pastor

**DE SOTO, MO.**—Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo., held a successful series of meetings at First Assembly.

Three people were saved, and five reclaimed. There were five baptized in the Holy Spirit. Attendance was very good.

—Arlie M. Roberts, pastor

**BOLIVAR, MO.**—First Assembly has experienced a revival. Evangelist S. K. Biffle of Joplin, Mo., ministered for two weeks and was a great blessing.

Four people were filled with the Spirit, and a number were refilled. The entire congregation was inspired and felt a desire to walk closer to God.

—L. R. Hampton, pastor

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS


STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ashford	First	Nov. 18-30	Kenneth & Theda Wright	J. W. Wooldridge
	Mobile	Parkway	Nov. 16-21	Randall A. Walker	Jack Fowler
Ark.	Alma	First	Nov. 17-23	Norman L. Kilpatrick	H. L. Barnett
	Dardanelle	First	Nov. 18-30	Robert Louis Stephens	Donald Duvall
Calif.	Daggett	<sup>1</sup> First Indian	Nov. 18-23	Knouse-Stovall Team	Tessie Myers
	Daggett	First Indian	Nov. 25-30	Knouse-Stovall Team	Tessie Myers
	Madera	First	Nov. 18-23	Singing Kolenda Family	Warren Pine
	San Pablo	Calvary	Nov. 16—	John & Freda Bryant	James S. Murrell
Colo.	Pueblo	Park Hill	Nov. 18—	H. H. & Mrs. Woods	Bob Wilson
	Yuma	A/G	Nov. 23-30	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	H. L. McCloud
Fla.	Pensacola	Brentwood	Nov. 17-23	Billy & Cherie Cotton	William D. Slay
Ga.	Macon	Central	Nov. 16-26	Quentin Edwards	Cortez Frazier
	Pekin	First	Nov. 18—	James & Beulah Mae Pepper	C. E. Richeson
Ill.	Zion	Christian	Nov. 18-23	Gene Burgess	William H. Douglas
	Hamburg	A/G	Nov. 16-30	Larry & Coleen Griswold	John Perry
Kans.	Humboldt	A/G	Nov. 16-21	Larson-Stiver Team	Fredrick J. Wilbur
Ky.	Versailles	First	Nov. 11-16	Paul Hild	John W. Davis
La.	Shreveport	Glad Tidings	Nov. 16-30	Corbett & Mrs. Berthelot	J. M. Cason
Mass.	Quincy	Glad Tidings	Nov. 26-Dec. 7	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	William McPherson
	Brighton	A/G	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	Wesley C. Wibley	Stanley G. Hicks
Mich.	Ferndale	A/G	Nov. 16-23	Arthur & Anna Berg	Albert Marialke
	Flint	Bethel	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Lyle Phillips
	Ishpeming	<sup>2</sup> Bethel Tab.	Nov. 23-30	Victor Etienne	Larry E. Hale
	Ypsilanti	A/G	Nov. 19-30	William Caldwell	Harvey A. Krist
Minn.	Duluth	Glad Tidings	Nov. 28—	Tanner Team	R. H. Dean
	Mora	A/G	Nov. 18-30	R. M. & Elizabeth Abbott	Charles Kelly
Miss.	Biloxi	Victory Temple	Nov. 26-Dec. 7	Walter C. Mills	D. Sterling Chapman
	Cape Girardeau	Bethel	Nov. 26—	Glen Shinn	J. S. Watson
Mo.	St. Louis	Bethel Temple	Nov. 19-30	Star Thomas	Gordon Zercher
	Bozeman	First	Nov. 19-30	Roy & Arlene Brewer	John Weaver
N. H.	Canaan	A/G	Nov. 18-23	Paul Hild	Andrew Maracle
	Batavia	A/G	Nov. 12-23	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Bruno Glodkowski
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	Nov. 19-30	George & Evelyn Butrin	George Hubbard
	Fulton	First	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Daniel Raught
	Utica	First	Nov. 18-23	H. A. & Mrs. Christopher	Louis Lisi
	Windsor	Bethel	Nov. 19-30	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Roy Denton
N. C.	Akron	Springfield	Nov. 18-30	David Lewis Family	Joseph Serbin
	Burton	A/G	Nov. 16-30	Daena Cargnel	Clark Grable
Okla.	Battiest	First	Nov. 23-Dec. 7	Les & Sandra Merrick	Fred R. Myrick
	Yoncalla	A/G	Nov. 16-23	Marlon Jannuzzi	Cliff L. Murray
Pa.	Houtzdale	Parsonville	Nov. 18-23	Dave & Jan Olshevski	James Grove
	Irwin	Pentecostal	Nov. 12-23	Walter Schell	Samuel Weidler
S. Dak.	McKeesport	A/G	Nov. 26-30	J. L. & Dortha Pittman	David Blattner
	Pottstown	Community	Nov. 17-23	James L. Snyder	Martin J. Busse
Tex.	Selinsgrove	First	Nov. 25-30	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Ira Rebugia
	Wilkes-Barre	Pentecostal	Nov. 26-Dec. 7	Woodrow Oxner	D. J. Paglia
W. Va.	Edgemont	A/G	Nov. 23-30	Doyle H. Thompson	Richard O. Tufte
	Baytown	A/G	Nov. 26—	E. B. (Eddie) Costilow	W. M. McKnight
Wis.	Canyon	First	Nov. 18—	The Pratt Family	A. J. Pettit
	Cedar Hill	A/G	Nov. 19-30	Ervin Asiatico	James Jones
Va.	Center	First	Nov. 18—	Mike & Linda Murdock	Charles Wigley
	El Paso	First	Nov. 12—	Tommy & Esther Lance	William Hageman
W. Va.	Houston	Garden Oaks	Nov. 16-23	Doyle Jones	Harvey M. White
	Killeen	Bethel	Nov. 23—	Robert & Esther Salter	Odell Roberts
Wis.	Plainview	First	Nov. 18—	John David Burkett	Jerry Roberts
	Port Arthur	First	Nov. 18-23	Doug & Judy Maners	M. J. Dickson
W. Va.	Ralls	A/G	Nov. 15-23	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	Paul Holmes
	Terrell	Faith	Nov. 16—	James & Peggy Hazelton	A. A. Ferris
W. Va.	Waxahachie	First	Nov. 16-30	Fisher-Cheek Team	L. W. Dollar
	Wink	A/G	Nov. 19-30	Dale & Jean Gentry	Jerry Venable
Wis.	Galax	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 7	Gene Wilson Team	Ernest Edmonds
	Garrardstown	Faith Tab.	Nov. 18-30	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	G. R. Thomas
Wis.	Milwaukee	Parklawn	Nov. 18-30	Don Lunsford	Paul Baldwin

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

<sup>2</sup> Youth Crusade

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## COLLEGE PROFESSOR CONDUCTS SUMMER MEETINGS IN EUROPE

EUROPE—George W. Flattery, assistant professor at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., held evangelistic meetings in France, Switzerland, and Belgium during this past summer.

The first two weeks of his tour, Mr. Flattery conducted 13 services in five Pentecostal churches. Seven of these services were at Nantes, France, where 20 people accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Traveling by train, Mr. Flattery went to Switzerland where he held nine meetings in the French-speaking Assemblies of God churches. While there he spoke at the monthly ministers' conference.

In Southern Belgium, Mr. Flattery held 10 meetings in seven days. With the cooperation of the pastors he ministered at several churches in that area, and also at the church in

Maubeuge, France, across the border.

While in Belgium, Mr. Flattery spoke at both Sunday services in First Assembly of Brussels, and three were saved.

Keen interest was shown in the missionary films Brother Flattery showed of his summer campaigns in Haiti and French Guiana, as well as the missionary work he and his wife formerly did in Africa.

Mr. Flattery spent his last week in the Assemblies of God church in Agen, France, located in the southern region known as the Midi. Six were saved in these meetings.

During his summer tour Mr. Flattery held 51 meetings in which a total of 39 people made decisions for Christ. The trip was arranged by Kenneth Ware, Assemblies of God representative in France.



George Flattery, right, stands with Pastor Robert LeBel in front of the Assembly of God in Nantes, France.

Brother Flattery conducted a week of meetings here, and 20 accepted Christ as their Saviour.

### Russian listeners respond to FEBC broadcasts

PHILIPPINES—Broadcasts aired over the Far East Broadcasting Company facilities are reaching into Russia, and Missionary Alex Shevchuk reports they received seven letters from that country in 1967; 35 letters in 1968; and 40 letters since the first of 1969.

Brother Shevchuk says: "We have received many other letters

written in the Russian language from listeners in the satellite and free nations. This is God's doing, and we give Him the praise."

One said: "This is my fifth letter to you and I have not heard from you yet." Apparently for each letter that reaches the Shevchuks, there are many that never get through.

### PANAMA WORK EVIDENCES GOD'S BLESSINGS

PANAMA—This country, whose waterway connects two commercial worlds, has been experiencing great revival.

Two years ago, Assemblies of God Missionaries David and Doris Godwin stood on Panamanian soil with a prayer for an awakening in this country. They were later joined by the Paul Palsers and the Richard Larsons.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES funds paved the way for the first revival effort which is bearing fruit in the form of regenerated souls.

There are now 25 local workers helping to tell their own people of the good news. Seventeen churches and outstations dot the face of this hilly country, and

nearly 1,400 people have identified themselves with Christ and the church. About 375 of these have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

In addition, five radio broadcasts extend waves of light to a potential audience of 25 million people and reach beyond the borders of Panama.

Here lies the fruit of missions dedication. Fourteen hundred new names have been added to the Book of Life, and 21 students, now enrolled in the new Bible school, give evidence that the work will continue.

In the place where God joined two continents, He also sent revival.

### Attendance reaches 125

### Pastor returns home to start new work

BOTSWANA—Brother and Sister Drew Monaheng, former national pastors of a church in Rustenburg, South Africa, left that country to pastor in Botswana, his homeland.

The chief used his influence to get a temporary room for them, and the congregation began meeting during the midweek in the shelter of cement blocks made for the future church.

Missionary John Richards says,

"The couple are real prayer warriors and are doing well in their new charge. With cold weather coming on, something had to be done quickly for both pastor and assembly, so we built a house."

Some of the partitions of the house were left out to provide a meeting place until the church is built. A member of Parliament visited one Sunday night and was surprised to see 125 people attending the church service.



## Minutes of Missions

**LEBANON**—Middle East Evangelical Theological School (MEETS) opened recently with five boarding students and several day students enrolled. Four others were unable to attend the first semester because of political complications in their countries. Those students who have been accepted have all reached the college level before entering MEETS.

**SPAIN**—Presently, International Correspondence Institute (ICI) in Spain has over 500 students enrolled and is reaching into 70 cities in four countries. Churches are being strengthened, new members enrolled, and the unconverted saved through the influence of ICI.

**FRANCE**—The Bill Williamses are busy establishing an International Correspondence Institute in Paris. The first course to be translated into French will be **The Great Questions of Life**. This course of six lessons will be used during the forthcoming GOOD NEWS CRUSADES with Missionary-Evangelist Willard Cantelon.

**TONGA**: Sixteen students went to Bible school this year, and the Tonga Assemblies of God dedicated two more country churches. The Tongan Christians have a burden to expand their witness into the Ha'apai group of islands, which are yet untouched with the gospel message.

**SAN SALVADOR**—Missionaries Sterling and Lois Stewart walked nine miles through the mountains to meet with 13 pastors. They reported six outstations would soon be ready for a pastor and four new churches have been started within two months' time.

**WEST AFRICA**—The Ghana Christ's Ambassadors have presented Speed-the-Light bicycles to Pastors Abampanga Mbila, Yakubu S. Kujar, Peter Mahama Braimah, E. A. A. Amarah, and Emmanuel Adri. With offerings received on their CA Day they will present more needed bicycles to deserving pastors.

**TAIWAN**—Nine of the 12 students attending a short-term Bible school received certificates of attendance. These Aborigine believers are now back in the mountains preaching to their own people.

## Work in Peru experiences phenomenal growth

CAJAMARCA, PERU—Missionaries Arthur and Shirley Cannon have enjoyed God's blessings during the past few months in this section of Peru.

They report that the work continues to grow at a phenomenal rate since the campaign which was held with Evangelist Gladys Pearson.

Every phase of the work is experiencing growth, especially the areas of Sunday school and literature. The demand for literature

is so great that the Cannons have found it necessary to organize a book and literature deposit in addition to the bookstore.

The Northern Peru Bible Institute continues to function with unusual success. It has formerly operated two months out of the year, but this year will be operating four one-month terms, with an expected enrollment of 60 students. This school receives nearly 70 percent of its support from the Northern Region.

Presently there are seven churches under construction in Peru. The evangelistic center being built in Cajamarca will serve as a center of evangelism and will house the regional Bible school and a bookstore. This building program is still short of funds.

The Cannons have recently launched the radio program, *La Voz de la Conciencia* (The Voice of Conscience), by Paul Finkenbinder. The costs for this broadcast are paid by the central church of Cajamarca.

Speed-the-Light has provided two motorcycles for use by mem-

bers of the regional presbytery.

The Cannons and the Northern Region of Peru are very grateful for this and for audiovisual equipment given by the youth of Assemblies of God churches in the United States.



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R. Jones Family



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H. Griffin Family



D. Dobson Family



H. Ridings Family



P. Davis Family



B. Johnson Family

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Melvin Jorgensons** (Belgium); the **Walter Kornelisons** (Sierra Leone); the **Paul Davises** (Liberia); the **Loren McRae** family (Thailand); the **Paul Wrights** (Rhodesia); the **John Buenos** (El Salvador); the **Herbert Griffins** (Ghana); the **Gordon Markers** (Mexico); **Ruth Melching** (Taiwan); and **Rosa Reineker** (Germany).

**Ralph Cobb** is returning to Nigeria; his wife will remain in the States due to illness. **Gerald Falley** and the **Kenneth Godbeys** are in Biafra surveying the situation and representing the Assemblies of God in the relief program there. Mrs. Falley and the children are remaining in the States.

Newly appointed missionaries going to their fields of service are: the **Bernhard Johnsons** (Brazil); the **Dwight Dobsons** (N. India); the **J. Roland Jones** family (Rhodesia); and the **Howard Ridings** (Singapore).

The **Ralph Roberts** (Dahomey) and the **Edwin Spulers** (Spain),

newly appointed missionaries are on their way to language study. The **Delbert Tarrs** (Togo) will attend language school in France before going to their new field.

Missionaries completing language study and going to their respective fields are: the **David Hansens** (Peru); the **Jack Bledsoes** (Togo); the **Bobby Hernandons** (Senegal); and the **Ernest Joneses** (Senegal).

Missionaries returning to the States for furlough are: **Pearl Estep** (Bolivia); **Flora Shafer** (Bolivia); **Lulu B. Hough** (Hong Kong); the **Wilfred Morris** (Venezuela); the **Eldon Browns** (Korea); the **Glen Davenport**s (El Salvador); **Katie Jean Jones** (Sierra Leone); **Betty Savage** (Sierra Leone); and **Adele Dalton** (Spain).

The following missionaries have transferred to different fields: **Florence Metcalf** from Nigeria to Malawi; the **John Weidmans** from Upper Volta to Ghana; **Elizabeth Handy**, Spanish Literature, has transferred to the ministerial list.

J. Bueno Family

M. Jorgenson Family



BEING A CREATURE OF CHOICE,  
MAN MAY CREATE A GOD IN HIS OWN IMAGE  
OR SELECT A GOD OF HIS LIKING.



## WHICH GOD IS YOURS?



By FORREST SMITH / Pastor, First Assembly, Pecos, Texas

**J**OSHUA RODE TALL IN THE SADDLE before the nation of Israel during the conquest of Canaan. But this stalwart leader was never greater than when he challenged: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

Was there a tinge of sarcasm in his list of alternatives? ". . . Whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell."

If he referred to strange gods the Israelites had adopted in the land of Egypt, he implied their impotence—deliverance had not come until Jehovah arrived!

If he referred to the bull and the frog that the Egyptians had deified, the one came down with murrain and the other became a stench in the nostrils—"and the land stank."

In any case, none of Egypt's gods could revive Pharaoh after the Red Sea baptism. And as for the gods of the Amorites, "Aren't you dwelling in their land?" What god could withstand Jehovah?

Joshua's challenge brought the Israelites face-to-face with reality. They had a choice to make at this point in their history, a choice that would influence the nation from that moment on—a choice of gods. For Joshua knew something that many of today's leaders do not realize: man will serve something. Man was created with a capacity for worship. The question is what, or whom?

Man may worship money, mentality, morality, or materialism. He may worship his extensive library, advanced technology, many skills, or his attainments in other fields. He may worship the body, social status, wine, women, song, or all of these: *but he will worship!*

Every man is a creature of choice to some degree. He may think. Or he may refuse to think, as some do. He may eat or he may abstain. He may exert his willpower and stop smoking or drinking or swearing, *but by no act of the will can he avoid worshipping.* He will worship something or somebody, for he has an insatiable appetite to worship. He was created to serve Someone greater than himself.

Being a creature of choice, he may create a god in his own image or select a god of his liking. If his spirit is

bent away from positive worship, it will substitute negative worship. The spirit diverted from worship of a clean and holy God will stoop to worship the unclean and the unholy. Man may confuse his spirit, pervert it, spoil it, besmirch it, and soil it, but he lacks the power to destroy his capacity for worship.

The Christian man has a simplified system of worship. He believes in the one great and unsearchable miracle, God. All other miracles are explained in this central miracle. "In the beginning God. . ." "By him all things were made, and without him was not anything made that was made." "He is before all things and by him all things consist."

He who rejects this central miracle must manufacture for himself a luxuriance of miracles. For without the miracle of God the innumerability of miracles required to put this universe together is without fathom. To reject the creation story is to set the stage for the multibillions of miracles involved in many indescribable materials coming together to form this vast complex of planets and planetoids and galaxies, these myriads of species of plant and animal life and improbable man.

To enlarge on the ridiculous, this phantasm of joining debris in space over an incomprehensible eon (all quite by accident, of course) is advanced by people who reject God as impossible.

As if this were not enough, people who author books on the subject of these improbables change their agnostic minds every twenty years or so. One such is now writing another book about another completely altered but equally empty concept. After spending twenty years duping students in a tax-supported healthy stipend, he has changed his mind!

No wonder the Psalmist wrote, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." The ultimate tragedy was voiced by Voltaire in his final hours: "O Christ! O Lord Jesus! I must die—abandoned by God and men!"

The challenge given by Joshua as he stood before Israel echoes to our generation: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

Which God is yours?

