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

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Will Jesus come this year?  
"Now is our salvation nearer than  
when we believed" (Romans 13:11).



# THE BIBLE - A LIGHT AND GUIDE

By WILLIAM W. PEELE

WHEN DIOGENES went about with his lighted lamp looking for an honest man, he was but one of vast multitudes through the ages who, each in his own way, have sought to find the real meaning of life. Where are life's values to be found? How may one best discover beauty and truth and goodness?

Christian people have long since realized that true happiness is not found in material possessions. Nor does life's deepest meaning come from the frills and foibles of daily living. In some way there comes to us instinctively the message that life in Christ is what most of us most need to find.

For him who is sincere in his search for beauty and truth and goodness, there are many lights to point the way, but none so indispensable as the light that comes from God's Holy Word.

President Woodrow Wilson once declared: "I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of its strength and pleasure. It is one of the most singular books in the world; for every time you open it, some new text which you have read a score of times suddenly beams with new meaning."

CONSIDER this wonderful volume, if you will, as a source of perennial beauty. Nowhere in all literature is anything that quite compares with the exquisite beauty of the Bible. Turn to the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. . . ."

Or turn to the New Testament. There is Paul's great chapter on love: "Though I speak

with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. . . ." The exquisite beauty of these lines is surpassed only by the richness of meaning they convey.

Think of the beauty that has received its inspiration from the Bible. Where did we get the great hymns of the church? From God's Holy Word! Consider how impoverished would be our services of worship and our lives if we were denied the privilege of singing these gospel messages into our hearts.

From poetry let us turn to art. Where are the truly great art treasures but in cathedrals and art galleries? The very best of them depict some scene from Holy Writ—Michelangelo, Raphael, Titian, Paul Veronese, Rubens, and other masters.

What was it that inspired the church to take the lead in education, and establish schools? in health, and build hospitals? in social betterment, and build community houses, orphanages, homes for the aged? What indeed was it but the life of Jesus, the great Teacher, the great Physician, and Friend of the friendless? All of these great movements owe their origin to God's Holy Word.

There is no beauty anywhere that quite compares to a Christ-filled life! Whether some missionary in a distant land or some unselfish worker in the church at home, whence came the inspiration for such a life? Whence the motive? Where indeed but from Christ and the Scripture?

When Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell was asked

why he went to Labrador as a missionary, he replied: "It is my habit constantly to ask God to teach me each day how rightly to use my faith. I have never had any doubt that He does so! I ardently looked for a niche in the world suitable for my talents, and left it entirely with Him whose guiding hand I have been able to see in the events of my life as plainly as ever I saw a pilot's hand directing my vessels on the many coasts I've sailed along." The relationship between the Bible and such faith as this must have been intimate indeed!

JUST AS GOD'S WORD has revealed to the world the essence of beauty, so is it the source of the good and the true. Human life was made for God, and only in God does life find meaning. But how can a man find God? We have the Book to guide the way.

While the Old Testament provides a progressive revelation of God, the climax really comes with the advent of Christ as revealed in the New Testament. If man would know what God is like, let him look at Jesus! Someone has well said that Jesus was God in one place, and that God is Jesus everywhere. Listen to Him as He tells the story of the Prodigal Son or as He proclaims the Sermon on the Mount; the life that Jesus here portrays is nothing less than a portrait of His Heavenly Father.

Or go with Jesus as He ministers to the sick or heals the blind or speaks words of encouragement to the heavy of heart. Here is the Father-God in human flesh, living the ideal life in the Person of His Son. When we see Jesus take little children in His arms and bless them, there comes to us the confident assurance that God's heart thus loves the little child and He bids the little children to come.

God is not the faraway Ruler with small concern for His creatures here on earth. Far from it! "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And God still loves us just like that. However, without the Bible to guide us, how helpless we would be in our search for Him!

NOT ONLY does the Bible lead us to God, it leads us also into a larger understanding of the problems of daily living and how to deal with them. Talk with almost anyone of your acquaintance; you will soon discover some deep-seated problem. It may relate to illness in the family or threatened failure or domestic discord or financial distress. It may appear in the form of a severe temptation or some heavy sorrow. Often the very pace of everyday living has set up tensions and inner struggles of one kind or another. Just what does the religion of Jesus have to do with situations such as these?

Christianity is designed to aid us at every point, particularly in the crises of life.

Take sorrow, for example. When Jesus thought of His approaching crucifixion and departure, He anticipated the grief and sorrow that would

come to His disciples. In order to comfort and strengthen them for this ordeal, He spoke those memorable words in John 14: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Or fear. After the Crucifixion the bewildered disciples returned to former vocations. They were sure the end of their dream had come. But when they heard the wondrous news of the Resurrection, their doubts and fears quickly vanished. He in whom they had trusted was indeed the Christ of God. He was the way to life everlasting. Therefore they went forth to proclaim the good news—not in their own strength or wisdom alone, for He would be with them.

Likewise with the pressing responsibilities of life. God does not remove the heavy load, but He does promise us strength to carry it. If we trust Him and relate ourselves to Him, the powers of heaven are at our disposal for the asking. All of these truths the Bible makes clear.

SOMEONE MAY OBJECT that the above counsel is enlightened selfishness, teaching us how to use God for our own purposes. On the other hand, when we live in His presence and think His thoughts after Him, the values here mentioned come as the natural result of such association with Him. But even here one does need to be careful of his motives. It is quite possible to try selfishly to use God. On the other hand, religion reaches its highest point when we undertake to do God's will simply because it is His will concerning us. The prayer of Jesus in the Garden is the ideal: "Nevertheless, not my will but thine, be done." When our motive and desire is to do His will rather than to ask His blessing on ours, we enter into that quality of life we speak of as eternal.

Not only does the Bible aid us in our search for God and throw light upon innumerable problems of daily living, it also points out to us how God wants us to live, and what He wants us to do in making a better world. God calls upon us to "go into all the world" and proclaim His truth and win men to Him. Obedience to this command brings a meaning to life that can come in no other way. Satisfaction and true happiness come not through self-seeking but through self-giving. The Master Himself had His cross to carry. Why should we worry and fret if we are called to follow in His steps?

WHILE ALL THAT has here been suggested comes to us mainly through the Word of God, the pity is that more people do not read it. No wonder the world is filled with discord and fear and strife!

Let us make it clear that the Bible is preeminently a spiritual book. It is not designed primarily to teach history or science. To be sure, there are

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## Great Bible Chapters

AS WE PREPARE FOR Impact '71—the third year of the Plan of Advance—we are challenged to “Take the Word”; and the challenge points both outward and inward.

It points outward to a world that is lost without Christ. It says, “Take the Word—and Go!” Go with the Word of Life to men and women who are dying in sin. Go with the message of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Go with the gospel which is the power of God to save all who will believe and obey His Word.

It also points inward to every Christian believer and says, “Take the Word—and Grow!” Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Grow into Christian maturity. Grow strong in the Spirit and do exploits for Him.

So a Bible-reading program is offered for the new year and, as in former years, the *Evangel* will carry the suggested readings from week to week. For 1971 the emphasis will be upon reading well rather than reading much. It is better to read one chapter meaningfully than to read several chapters so quickly that the content is not retained to any appreciable extent.

The 1971 program, therefore, will consist of a chapter a day. A selection of 365 outstanding Bible chapters will be offered in chronological order, from Genesis to Revelation. There will be a brief comment by Don Mallough concerning each chapter, pointing out the highlights and bringing an application of the truth to modern Christian living.

Each week a verse will be selected for memorization. Those who begin by committing this one verse of Scripture to memory each week will find before long that they are memorizing additional verses, and their lives will be blessed immeasurably by this method of storing the Word in their hearts and minds.

It has been said: “No one will dispute the assertion that the Bible is a unique Book. It is noteworthy if for no other reason than that so many people possess a copy and so few read it.”

But if we love the Lord we will read His Word, because this is the way by which He reveals Himself. Some read the Bible to know about God, which is good. Others read it to get personally acquainted with God, which is better.

Our taste for the Word is a good test of our love for the Lord. “Come unto me,” He says. “Learn of me.” By reading the Word we sit at His feet and learn of Him. We learn what He thinks about sin and righteousness. We learn how He feels toward men and women. We catch His ideas, imbibe His outlook, and this daily learning transforms our lives until we become more and more like our Lord.

Moses climbed the mount to receive the Word and he experienced a miraculous change in his own being. His face shone until he had to put a veil over it! Let this be our goal in 1971—to “Take the Word, and Grow!” To grow more Christlike, more representative of His glory, more useful in His service. We can do this by reading the Scriptures daily and be transformed into His likeness—“changed into the same image from glory to glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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# SALT AND THE SEA

By CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

**A** SCIENTIST ESTIMATES that if all the salt in the sea were put into one pile, it would form a mountain as large as North America and would be a mile high. He states there are seven-and-a-half million cubic miles of salt in the seas.

The ratio between salt and water in the sea is approximately 3 to 97. That is, all the salt added together forms only three percent of the bulk.

In spite of this, all the waters of the seas are thoroughly affected. The seas are salty.

"Ye [Christians] are the salt of the earth." What are some of the statistics regarding this "spiritual salt"?

Recent figures show that only 29 percent of the people in the world adhere to the Christian faith. Of this figure, a vast proportion is Christian in name only, bearing the name of Christ without practicing His precepts. But remember—it takes only three percent salt to make the ocean salty!

When Elijah felt discouraged about his people and their worship of Baal, God, said, "I still have seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Those seven thousand, plus the prophet Elijah, were the militant minority that turned the tide in that crisis of Israel's history.

About 150 years ago a young missionary became burdened for the downtrodden slaves of Jamaica. He finally persuaded his superiors to send him there.

Little did he know what lay in store for him. The conditions of slavery were almost indescribable.

Slaves had a lower status than cattle. When a slave became weakened, it was considered an economy to kill him and replace him with a new one.

The Jamaican Negroes would not listen to a new white missionary because their insufferable conditions were instigated and sustained by white men. It seemed as though his coming had been entirely in vain.

Then one day he found a way to bridge the gulf: he must become a slave himself! He must work with them in their cruel, unbearable surroundings!

This is exactly what he did. He sold himself into slavery. Immediately the slaves accepted him. Now they listened to the news of salvation through the Son of God. They came to him; they believed his story; they were converted.

But the terrible hardships were too much for the young missionary. He died a slave while still very young.

Years later the story of this heroic sacrifice reached the ears of William Wilberforce. It impressed the great Englishman so much that he decided to give the remainder of his life to liberating the slaves.

Only three percent salt—yet all the oceans are salty! Only an unknown, humble life—yet eternity rejoices from its influence!

Never underestimate what your influence can be.

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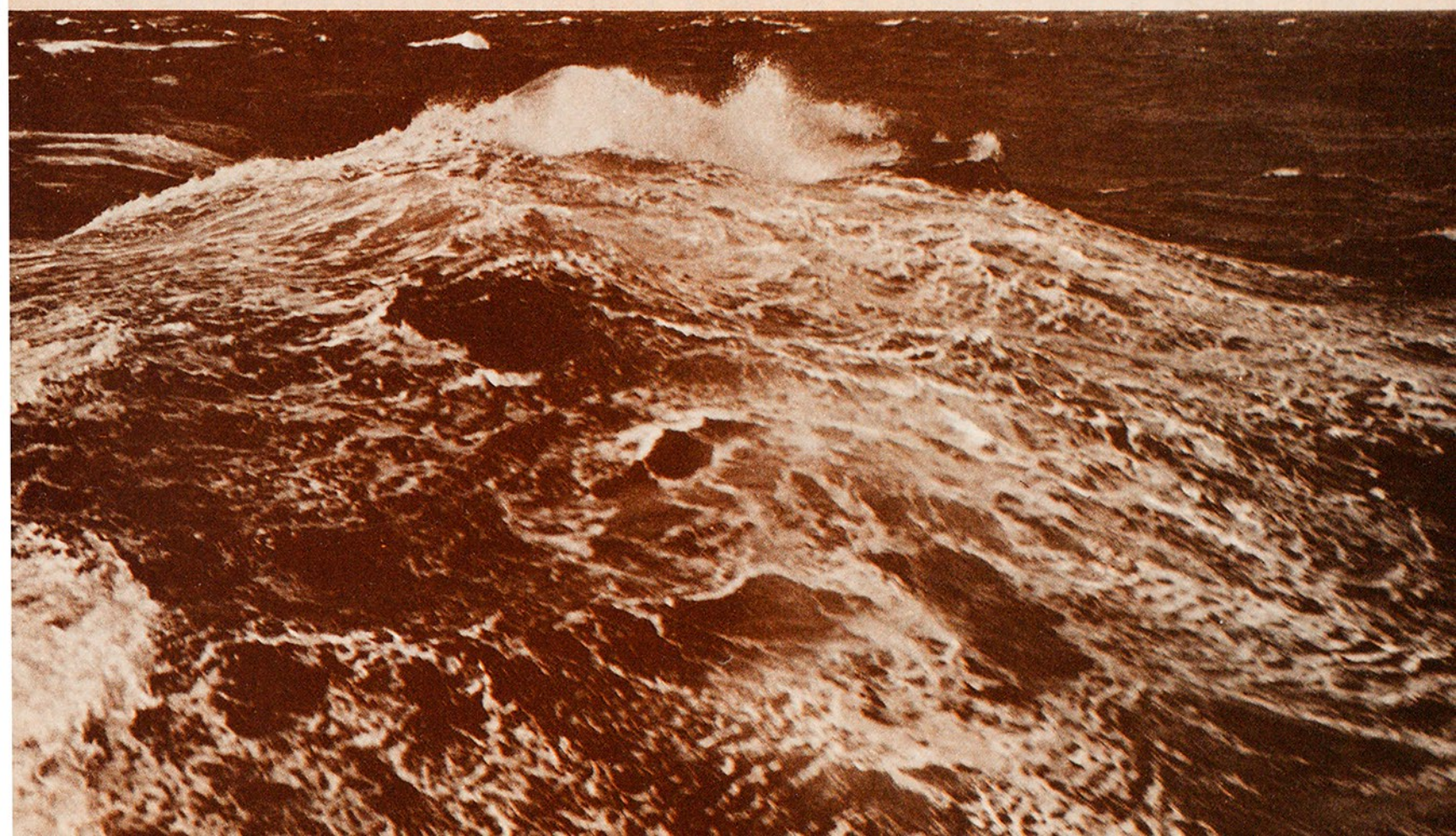




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# If we lose this generation...

By DAVID WILKERSON / *Teen Challenge Director*

**T**HERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GENERATION as deeply in trouble as ours. It is corrupted by drugs, crazed by sex, plagued by rebellion and violence. But we will not lose this generation because of any of these things!

*The rebels and the radicals will never capture this generation.* Black and white rebels will curse God, spit on the flag, defy all authority, ridicule righteousness, stockpile weapons, kill and destroy.

But they will *never* capture the masses of youth.

Young people now are seeing through the revolution movements. Their leaders are consuming one another with hatred. Their leaders are writing books and making TV appearances and becoming rich capitalists! Less than two percent of our youth are involved with rebels. No, we will not lose this generation to the revolutionaries.

*We will not lose this generation to pornography or sex.* Certainly the floodgates of smut and

pornography are open. Movies are dirty. Books are filthy. The country is baptized in nudity and permissive sex.

But it is backfiring! The pendulum is beginning to swing back to old-fashioned virtues. Dirty movies are going broke. Kids prefer to get involved in something that is going to count, to discuss issues, to get back to nature and truth. We will not lose this generation to sex and smut.

*We will not lose this generation to drugs.* Drug addiction is growing among suburban youth and younger children. But in the cities—in Haight Ashbury, in Greenwich Village, where hippies set the trends—drug use is going out of style. Marijuana is getting boring. LSD has dropped in price and is going out. Heroin addicts are getting desperate and crying out for deliverance.

Teen-agers are organizing “righteousness revolutions” and cleaning up their schools.

I am sick and tired of all the cries of hopelessness and despair. All kids are not potheads. Not all college kids are acid freaks. They are not all "coming apart."

No, we will not lose this generation in the ghetto, or in dirty theaters, or on campus.

*If we lose this generation, it will be lost in the hearts of God's people!* In the pulpits! By saints and servants of God who were blind and deaf to the needs and cries of this generation. That is where we will lose this generation!

WHAT WE NEED to reach this generation is a new concept of patience and pity.

This generation can be doomed and damned by our unforgiving, impatient spirit locked in the hearts of parents, ministers, and Christian workers.

I believe the most dangerous backlash in the country today is in God's house, in sanctified hearts.

Some young people today burn and loot. They take over college campuses with loaded shotguns. They defy the government. They riot. They curse parents. They speak evil of dignitaries. They spit on the flag. They boast about drugs and sex. They dress wild.

And it makes our blood boil.

Our patriotic spirit is offended.

Our sense of decency is wounded.

Fear and anger overwhelm us.

And all too often we wind up with our hands around the throats of young people!

With righteous indignation we demand justice; we fight back with demands for conformity.

Suddenly we are no longer capable of Holy Ghost love. Pentecostal fire is replaced by the fire of indignation. Our love turns to bitterness. We thunder hellfire from our pulpits; our witnessing becomes warning.

And hope turns to despair.

How much the situation is like a parable Jesus told:

"Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt" (Matthew 18:23-27).

That story hits at the very heart of the problem in the world today: *we have forgotten how patient our God really is!*

Have we forgotten how much God has forgiven us? Some of us were reprobates and drunkards. We were guilty before God of every sin imaginable: gossip, hate, adultery, covetousness, stealing, dishonesty, gambling, addiction to cigarettes!

We can all identify with this bankrupt man—about to lose his family, home, everything. Only a miracle of pity could save him.

So the poor man cried out, "Lord, have patience with me. Give me more time. I'm in a crisis right now. I'll pay you, but now I need your understanding, pity, and patience."

Even a child can understand the application.

We have been saved by the God of patience. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. . . . For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:1, 4).

But having received God's pity and patience, we refuse to demonstrate it to this generation. How much we are like the servant. The story continues:

"But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid his hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt" (Matthew 18:28-30).

What a wretched man!

I say to myself, "How could he do such a thing? He was forgiven so much—and he is so unforgiving! Look at him with his hands on the throat of a poor, bankrupt person—demanding payment *right now!*"

But then I hang my head in shame. Because I am that man.

I am that man—demanding that all my converts walk like angels while I still struggle with deep battles.

I am that man—demanding that young people conform to my dress standards, demanding they pay their debt to society.

I am that man—more concerned about their hair and beards; about their getting a job; about their politics. And I demand they pay up now!

How can we honestly evangelize rebels if we call them Communists and hopeless criminals?

How can we reach drug addicts if we have no pity or patience? If we say, "They brought it on themselves"?

How can we honestly reach millions of runaways, hippies, devil worshipers—if we see nothing but their clothes, their long hair, their big talk—and spend all our time preaching against them?

COULD IT BE that we have become blind to what young people are trying to tell us?

Could it be that 400,000 kids at Woodstock Music Festival were sitting in the mud as if to say, "We are all bankrupt; we have nothing left. We are in crises; we are down and out. Please have patience."

Could it be that thousands of drug-crazed young people are crying out to us: "We are empty, bankrupt. We've lost our resources. We've wasted our substance. We have nothing to offer. Diagnose us. Threaten us. Warn us. Choke us. But it won't do any good! We have nothing left. Please just be patient. Try to pity, to understand. . . ."

Could it be that thousands of unwashed hippies and runaways are saying: "We couldn't meet the schedule. We've given up. We are dirty, low,

helpless. Have pity! We don't know how to pay up! We are lost. Please be patient!"

*God help this generation if His people cannot soon demonstrate pity and patience to them!*

Blacks will hate whites. Children will hate parents. The entire generation will turn against the church. And worst of all, we will lose our Christian youth who want honesty. They will say, "If this is love—if this is all there is to it—we don't want it!"

Some of us have been so busy preaching John 3:16 that we have forgotten Matthew 18:33.

John 3:16 tells of God's patience and forgiveness to man. Matthew 18:33 tells of our patience and pity to our generation.

What did the lord say to the unforgiving servant? "O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt because thou desiredst [besought] me: shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?" (Matthew 18:32, 33).

This is today's most relevant message! It shakes me to the deep of my soul. God is saying, "I have forgiven you so much; I've had such compassion on you. Shouldn't you be patient with them? Have you no pity?"

Hear Christ's conclusion to the story:

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35).

I wanted to lecture a dirty hippie boy about his filthiness. But he told me, "I'm homeless." Or how about the heroin addict who started on drugs when he was six? We must be patient!

WHAT IS NEEDED to reach this generation is a new concept of what young people are really seeking.

Young people are weary of sex, tired of drugs, disillusioned with rebels, sick of organized religion, suspicious of philosophy. They

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historical passages of great moment and chapters of literary beauty; but the main purpose of the Bible is to help man find God and live as God would have him live.

Many people think of Bible reading as mainly for the purpose of learning what happened in the long ago. Let us make it clear that the object of Bible reading is not just to collect bits of wisdom as one might collect postage stamps as a hobby. This truth is to be converted into Christlike living; it is to be translated into every phase of daily life. It will help us with our problems and perplexities and fears and responsibilities, as has been indicated. It will show us how God wants His children to live.

Coleridge said: "I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book." This experience can come to anyone who is willing to pay the price of faithful reading and study.

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are seeking for something.

They are the same kind of seekers referred to in John 12:20, 21:

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: the same came therefore to Philip . . . and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus."

Ministers of God, listen . . . please understand. Young people are *longing to see Jesus*.

Why are some of us reaching thousands of young people? Because we are giving them nothing but Jesus!

Young people are not interested in our fancy church buildings. They would rather see the money go to missions.

They are not concerned about the intricate denominational setup. They can see right through the pompous church leaders who preach nothing but social action.

They are sick of preachers who pretend to be politicians. They are sick of ritual and ceremony.

They want to hear about Jesus. Is He real? Does He still answer prayer? Can He break my habits? Can He give me peace?

They're telling us: "We've heard a lot of talk about Him, but now we want to see Him, to talk to Him, to get personally involved!"

THERE IS A JESUS REVOLUTION NOW ON—a veritable army of Jesus people!

Hippies, runaways, addicts are turning to Christ by the multitudes. And they all have a code message: "I belong to the Jesus people."

Young people have seen all the confusion, all the complications of a complex age. They are turning to a single, simple solution—Jesus!

God forgive us for being removed from the simplicity of the gospel. Let us say with Paul: "I am determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Drugs have opened the minds of young people to deep and mystical experiences. This generation will never again be satisfied with shallow religious experiences.

Thousands of them do go into trances through meditation. They talk about deep religious experiences with LSD. Some have gone into witchcraft, devil worship. But they are not satisfied.

There are now many thousands of hungry, seeking teen-agers and students wanting a deeper religious experience. They want reality.

That experience—that reality—is the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The Jesus revolution is sponsored by the Holy Ghost! When He comes, the revolution begins.

Addicts kick the habit and start preaching Jesus.

Blacks and whites join hands and praise God.

Rebels lay down their weapons and preach peace.

Children are reunited with their parents.


Prodigal sons return home.

Prostitutes become ladies and good mothers.

Gang leaders prophesy.

But it is going to take some patience and pity and forgiveness by God's people to reach this generation of youth. We're going to have to practice what we have been preaching.





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# Pentecost—the power for missions

By A. M. CAKAU / *General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Fiji*

**O**UR TEXT IS ACTS 1:8—"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

I stood with a national missionary a few months ago making an attempt to reach a tribe that desired no contact with the outside world. In the background of this village was an active volcano hissing and emitting black sulphuric dust and rocks. At intervals of two to five minutes the mountain would shake and a noise of explosion could be heard as the mountain spewed out rocks.

As we approached a side of the volcano, the black smoke cleared temporarily and we saw, perched precariously on the edge of the crater, an eight-foot cross painted red. When the wind blew the black smoke away, we could clearly see the cross against the background of the blue sky.

I do not know who staked it there, but it stirred our hearts afresh with the challenge of missions. Here in the midst of heathenism, among people who worshiped the spirit of the dead who (according to their belief) spoke through fire inside the mountain, someone had left a message—the message of the Cross—love, hope, power. The gospel of salvation is the solution to the needs of mankind.

No one can doubt that hell is erupting today with all manner of lawlessness. Unrighteousness is multiplied manifold. The message of the Cross is our hope and our sanity. It stands between darkness and light, between sin and righteousness.

It has been my privilege to declare this gospel to people of varying color and culture: to high and low, to the backward and the sophisticated, some with and some without the finer material things of life. But all gave proof that the gospel is the solution to the world problems of today. It is powerful and relevant to every people for all ages. God has given us the endowment of power and the authority to declare it, to carry it, to demonstrate it.

We cannot help but rejoice in the fact that Pentecost has leaked over the walls to bless all who are hungering and thirsting after God. This wonderful trend places a greater responsibility on us not to lose the divine objective of Pentecost. For Pentecost is the divine provision and divine endowment for missions. Missions started with Pentecost, and missions continue with Pentecost. The Pentecostal power is given to help us witness

to the whole world, even "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Notice with me again, if you please, this great missionary movement as seen in Acts. Notice particularly the simplicity of their faith. They did not stop to analyze or give a theological explanation of faith. They were concerned with the demonstration of faith. To them the best Bible version and translation is the gospel demonstrated in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Notice also the simplicity of their obedience to God, and their sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit. They could hear what "the Holy Ghost said" and they knew if "it pleased the Holy Ghost." They were living continually in a blessed relationship with the Third Person of the Trinity.

They felt the urgency of their commission. They were firebrands set aflame by the Holy Ghost and went everywhere preaching. They were the humble few, despised by men but endued by God with power and authority. They opened the door; they marched; and heaven marched with them. No place was too far, no price too great, and no task too hard. The all-consuming passion was evangelism. No kingdom was too strong for them, for their life was in flowing communion with the King of kings. His desire was their command. His life was their life. His word was their authority.

Hell was no match for them. They were threatened, yet they marched. They were beaten, yet they sang. They were imprisoned, yet they rejoiced. They had something that was unbreakable and fireproof. They had the flame of Pentecost—the power for world missions!

I come from the most wonderful area of the world—the isles that dot the blue Pacific. This is where the West ends and the East begins. This is truly "the uttermost part of the world." The international dateline runs clear through these islands of the sea.

In this geographic extremity today the Holy Spirit is being outpoured in marvelous ways. This is the area where little nations are assuming the stature of independence—and where nationals are going out into new nations in answer to the missionary call. Only a week ago I had the opportunity of standing in the conference in New Zealand when the united voice of the conference called for greater national missionary thrust into the islands of the seas. The Holy Ghost was pleased to confirm this in the conference in a very special way.

We consider ourselves to be at par intellectually with the best preachers of the day. We are theologically sound in our Biblical doctrine, even though the world

still questions our passion. In our great advance, let us be careful to keep the flame of Pentecost burning in our churches. The knowledge we have without the quickening touch of the Holy Ghost is a museum of yesterday's exploits, a relic of yesterday's discovery. But God has called us to be warm, living ambassadors of the living God to declare, demonstrate, prove the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We cannot do less. We are called to do more.

The passion for missions and power for missions came directly as a result of that baptism of fire on the day of Pentecost. The Early Church kept that flame burning to keep the mission going. We must not only pray for the fire; it is equally important to continue praying to retain the flaming passion to evangelize.

It is written in Joshua 3:17, "And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan."

Under the leadership of Moses the fathers had stood by the bank of the Red Sea. He lifted the rod at the command, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." The Red Sea parted. They marched on dry ground. But that generation died in the wilderness.

Forty years later a new generation now stood by the overflowing Jordan with the Promised Land in view. The words of Joshua were: "Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you. . . . Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth before you into Jordan." The ark must go ahead. The priests must bear the ark on their shoulders. It must be in front. There was no question as to direction, no question as to method. The responsibility was to rest on their shoulders to carry the presence of God.

Moses had stretched the rod from the bank. Under Joshua the people had to march into the water. This was a new generation with a greater responsibility to understand and to act.

The more light, the more responsibility. The order


was, *Go forward! Do not build a bridge, or a boat. The ark is sufficient.* It was a march of power. It was the presence of God with them and leading them. Their ankles sank into the muddy water—the water parted. The priests stood firm in the midst of the Jordan on dry ground!

May we reaffirm the call upon us as we carry the glory of the Lord. This world, flooded with sin and unrighteousness, can give way to the glory of the Lord. God can make a way where there is no way. Our direction is *forward* with the presence of God.

We tried to carry the full gospel to a new land. The government of the land would not permit our entry. The missionary was sent home. We were threatened. We sent the missionary again by plane. They sent him back by plane. We sent him again by boat. They sent him back on the same boat. The people said, "We can't." But the order was *forward*. We were made a laughing stock; but finally, praise God, the water parted. Today there are churches in that land and people filled with the Holy Ghost who in turn are reaching out to new areas with the message of the Cross. The king of this kingdom came with his royal retinue and royal band and attended the opening of the church.

We of the present generation of Pentecostals must stand firm in our commission. Despite the flooding tides of sin and immorality, the people will pass over on dry ground if we hold firmly to the divine glory in these earthen vessels.

I stood with missionaries from Australia, among people just a step away from the Stone Age. Knee deep in stinking mud, with a tropical humidity, I heard a missionary remark, "These are our people." On the face of the missionary there shone a light. It was the fire of love for souls whom God loves and for whom He gave His Son—the One who said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . . ."

Pentecost is the power for missions, and missions calls for reality in Pentecost to produce after its kind. 

## FOR 1970



### DAILY READINGS

DECEMBER 27—31

- Sunday*  
Revelation 17, 18
- Monday*  
Revelation 19
- Tuesday*  
Revelation 20
- Wednesday*  
Revelation 21
- Thursday*  
Revelation 22

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14).

## FOR 1971



### Great Bible chapters—1971

Friday—Read Genesis 1

JANUARY 1, 2

Here is a simple, sublime, and sufficient declaration of origins. It forms a majestic archway leading to all truth. If we understand and accept this affirmation, we will find it easy to embrace all the works and pronouncements of the God of creation.

Saturday—Read Genesis 3

The seed-plot of redemption is found in this chapter. Sin makes its auspicious entrance, and suffering and sorrow follow in its wake. The end is a picture of calamity. Then the prophecy of eventual triumph over sin is couched in the figurative language of verse 15.

Read at least a chapter a day during  
Impact '71: TAKE THE WORD

# How to read the Bible successfully

By WILLIAM S. DEAL

**A** RELIABLE SOURCE estimates there are over 500 million copies of the Bible in circulation today—enough for every seventh person in the world to have one. In most American homes there are one or more Bibles, yet it continues year after year to be the best seller, selling between two and three million copies.

One would think that with this tremendous circulation there would be millions of ardent and very successful Bible readers everywhere. But according to observation in dealing with religious people for many years, this is not apparent. A man employed in evangelism said recently that for 10 years he made the offer in and around Los Angeles, California, to give \$10 to any person who could correctly quote 10 verses from 10 different books in the Bible, giving the correct reference also. No one ever claimed the \$10.

Evidently, there is a lack in the proper approach to Bible reading. Many feel they do not get from the Bible what they need or want. Part of this may be due to the way in which it is read. Often the Bible is read haphazardly, casually, or piecemeal. But if one is to receive maximum benefit from it, these suggestions may help:

1. *Read the Bible devotedly.* It is not a charm that will bring good luck by being on the table, but a power and light to guide one on life's way, and food to sustain his soul. Come to its pages with reverence, expecting the divine voice to speak to you.

2. *Read it regularly.* Just as one needs to establish habits of regularity to accomplish the most in life, so the Bible should be included in the daily order. Have, if possible, a definite time to read the Word. This time will become precious, and you will not want to miss it.

3. *Read it frequently.* Make it your closest friend. Turn to its sacred pages for advice in time of trouble or difficulty. When strength is needed, it will be found here. In the hour of sorrow one will find this Book his greatest comfort. No other book offers such hope to those who feel alone in the world.

4. *Read it prayerfully.* Come always to its pages with a spirit of prayerfulness, an attitude of obedience, and a willingness to be taught new truth and to receive new light. Be always openhearted when reading this Book. Never assume that your wisdom or judgment is sufficient. New truths to be discovered, new light to be seen, and more knowledge await you in its pages.

5. *Read it deliberately.* This Book can't be "skip-read." Read it slowly and thoughtfully, allowing its words, thoughts, and the convictions arising from

them to sink deep into the heart. Do not rush over a verse or so and run away from it. "Take time to be holy" in reading this Book. One who reads this Book should think. And this can never be done in haste.

6. *Read it repeatedly.* No one can master the Bible by a once-over reading. Even after you have read the Bible for years, you will discover new light will leap from its passages. Charles Spurgeon, the great London preacher, said he never preached from a passage of Scripture until he had read it 40 times! Repeated reading instills it deeper into the soul and mind.

7. *Read it directly.* It is good to read books about the Bible, but nothing takes the place of the Word itself. Let it speak directly to you. Make it a personal matter. Apply its truths to your own heart and life. Accept it with the personal force of a letter from a dear friend or relative. It is God's Word to you. Take its promises for yourself, where they can personally apply. Let every passage be yours, as the Spirit directs, and applies.

8. *Read it obediently.* Come to this Book always with an obedient heart, in the spirit of full surrender to its precepts, commands, and injunctions. Refresh the soul with the glad refrain of "not my will, but thine be done," as its pages are perused. Let humility and willingness for all God's will to be accomplished in you pervade your heart as you read, and great blessings will attend.

9. *Read it systematically.* Read it straight through to get a clear pattern of its contents. This may be done with profit several times. Then read it by books, as the historical, the poetic, the Gospels, and the Epistles. Again it may be very profitably read by themes, such as: sin, salvation, redemption, love, grace, holiness, forgiveness. One can also get much help by word studies and by studying doctrines.

10. *Read it sensibly.* The Bible is both a human and a divine Book. Approach its truth with reverence. It is not a Book on science nor philosophy; therefore do not look for the answers to these matters there. It is a Book on spiritual life and moral ethics, revealing God's will for man and proper relationships to each other. Let the soul be sensitive to the mind of God as its pages are read and one will find there strength of character, knowledge for daily living, and the way to heaven.

This Book is a gold mine for all who will take time to read it and diligently follow its counsel.

—The Wesleyan Advocate



# Facing the future with God

Sunday School Lesson for January 3, 1971

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

ACTS 20:22-38

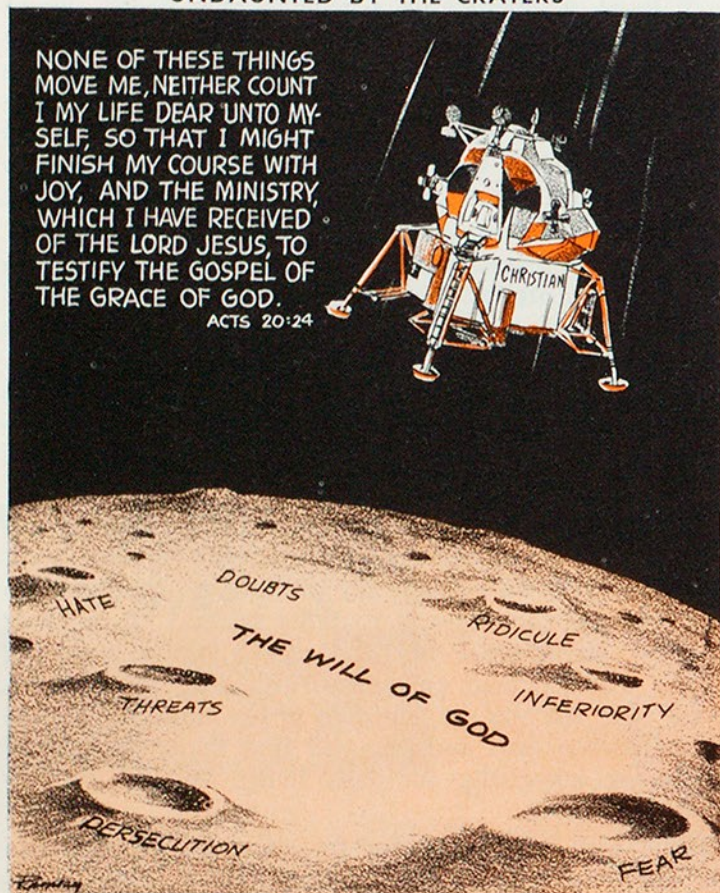
AFTER THREE YEARS OF MINISTRY in Ephesus, Paul paid a last visit to the churches in Macedonia and Greece. He then returned to Asia, bypassing Ephesus so as to be in Jerusalem in time for the Feast of Pentecost.

However, when the ship stopped at Miletus, 30 miles from Ephesus, Paul sent for the Ephesian elders and delivered to these men one of the most beautiful and heartwarming of all his messages.

### PAUL'S CHARACTER AMONG THE EPHESIANS

1. *He was humble* (vv. 18, 19). Some say he was conceited, but nothing is farther from the truth. Paul was sure of his position in God and at the same time fully aware of his own weakness, unworthiness, and helplessness apart from the grace of God.

### UNDAUNTED BY THE CRATERS



2. *He was compassionate* (v. 19). Paul served the Lord "with tears"—not of self-pity, or self-frustration, but tears of genuine Spirit-inspired concern and longing over the lost and over his converts.

3. *He was faithful* (vv. 20, 21). "I kept back nothing that was profitable." He had not preached to please men; he had not dwelt too much on honeyed words of Scripture; neither had he failed to correct and reprove when these were necessary.

4. *He was courageous and submissive to God's will* (vv. 22-24). "I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem. . . . But none of these things move me."

5. *He was devoted and dedicated* (vv. 24-27). Long before this Paul had died—died to all self-consideration, to the praise or blame of men, to the vain-glory of the world. His life now was lived solely for God's glory.

### PAUL'S COUNSEL TO THE EPHESIANS

1. *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves"* (v. 28). Paul knew that the elders must first take care of their own souls before they could properly care for the souls of others.

2. *"Feed the church of God"* (v. 28). This is a solemn obligation, not only of elders but of every Christian worker. Christ had placed strong emphasis on this when He talked to Peter after the Resurrection (John 21:15-19).

3. *"After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you. . . . Therefore watch"* (vv. 29-31). Paul knew that the church he dearly loved would be assailed by those who would pose as ministers and teachers professing godliness, but who in reality had impure motives and sought self-gain. There would be troublemakers within the church who by force of strong personality would seek to split the church and draw people after themselves.

The church today faces the same dangers. If we detect in ourselves selfish, stubborn, fleshly uprisings, let us take sides against ourselves, reckon ourselves dead unto sin, and take a firm stand for the will of God at any cost!

Paul's concern for God's people went beyond the extent of his own ministry and lifetime. He made provision for the welfare of the church after he was gone. Does our vision go so far?

4. *"And now, brethren, I commend you to God"* (vv. 32-38). Thus Paul opened the tender benediction. He pointed them not only to God but to the Word by which they would be kept. Holding up his toil-worn hands before them all, he reminded them of his unselfish action in working with his own hands to support himself.

After these words the great apostle knelt with his beloved friends and prayed for them. Undoubtedly tears flowed freely as they embraced each other; for they knew they would never again see him in this life. Then the Ephesians sadly walked down to the sea and watched the ship sail over the horizon, carrying on his way to martyrdom the great Apostle whose life and ministry had won them to Christ.

Paul could face the future unafraid because he had committed everything to God. As we face a new year, we need not fear if our lives are sold out completely to our Lord.

# IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME

By **WARD R. WILLIAMS** / Professor of Religion and Education, Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

**I** wish I knew the Bible better!

Really? Is that so? That's not the way you act. "Act?" What do you mean, "The way I act"?

Let me answer indirectly. I'll give you four pairs of names, and I'd like you to tell me which name in each pair you know the most about.

Which sounds more familiar to you? Petticoat Junction, or The Moabite Girls, starring Ruth and Orpah?

*Petticoat Junction.*

All right, here's the second pair. Which is more familiar—Bonanza, or Out West in Padan-Aram, starring Terah, Nahor, Bethuel, and Laban?

*I know about Bonanza, but I never heard of that other program.*

Third, Wagon Train, compared to that monumental epic, 38 years in the Wilderness of Zin, starring a cast of thousands led across the desert by a cloud of fire?

*Wagon Train, of course. That other title sounds vaguely familiar, but I can't place it.*

Last, The Edge of Night, compared with, From an Egyptian Prison to a Prime Minister's Palace, an award-winning production with what has been called the most perfect plot in all literature?

*Sounds exciting, but I have to admit The Edge of Night is more familiar to me.*

In other words, the TV programs are more familiar than the Bible stories. All the alternate stories I mentioned are found in the Scriptures; and if you had been reading them some of the time you've spent watching TV, you would know the Bible better. That's why I said you don't act as though you really wish to know it better.

Don't misunderstand. I am not opposing TV altogether, but I regard it as a dangerous thief of time. It takes many hours that could be spent in better ways.

TV has become so dominant that whereas children spend 11,000 clock hours in school during grades one through 12, by the time they have completed high school they will have spent 13,000 hours watching television. If all the TV programs were wholesome and educational, I would not be so critical; but much is wasteful of time if not actually detrimental to conduct and character.

No wonder you know more about the fictional characters of TV than the factual characters in the Bible who played their parts in God's program of self-revelation and redemption.

It takes five minutes to read an average chapter in the Bible (some chapters take more, some less). Think how many chapters you could read by giving up one 30-minute TV program each day!


You could read the first five books of the Bible in

32 days if you skipped just one program a day—or in 16 days if you skipped two. The historical books (Joshua through Esther) containing 249 chapters could be read in 42 days if you turned off TV for just 30 minutes each day.

The rest of the Old Testament (493 chapters) you could read in 92 days—or in 46 if you spent an hour with the Bible instead of sitting in front of the tube.

In the New Testament you could read all of the Gospels and the Book of Acts in 10 days; or if you skipped just one TV program a day it would take 20 days. All of Paul's Epistles could be read in even less time than that. And the eight General Epistles and Revelation would take only nine days if you turned off the TV for half an hour each day.

Don't say, "I don't have time for Bible reading." Everyone has the time. It is simply a question of what you want the most, isn't it?

Let's be honest. If you really wish to know the Bible better, you need only give up one TV program a day (starting January 1), spend that half hour reading the Scriptures, and by July 29 you will have read the entire Bible. 



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*So much depends on it...*

What would we do if we couldn't pray?

What if, in sickness, in disappointment, in discouragement, in heartbreak, in sorrow—what if we couldn't go to our Heavenly Father in prayer?

What if we faced the blackness of our age as most people have to face it—without hope, without knowing that changes are possible because God hears and answers prayer?

So much depends on our prayers. We can assist our Lord in His ministry of liberating the captives, of defeating the adversary, of strengthening the body of Christ around the world.

Why not begin the new year on your knees?

And join hundreds of thousands of other Christians around the world in observing January 3-10, 1971, as a Week of Prayer.

So much depends on it. Let us pray!

## Week of Prayer

JANUARY 3-10, 1971

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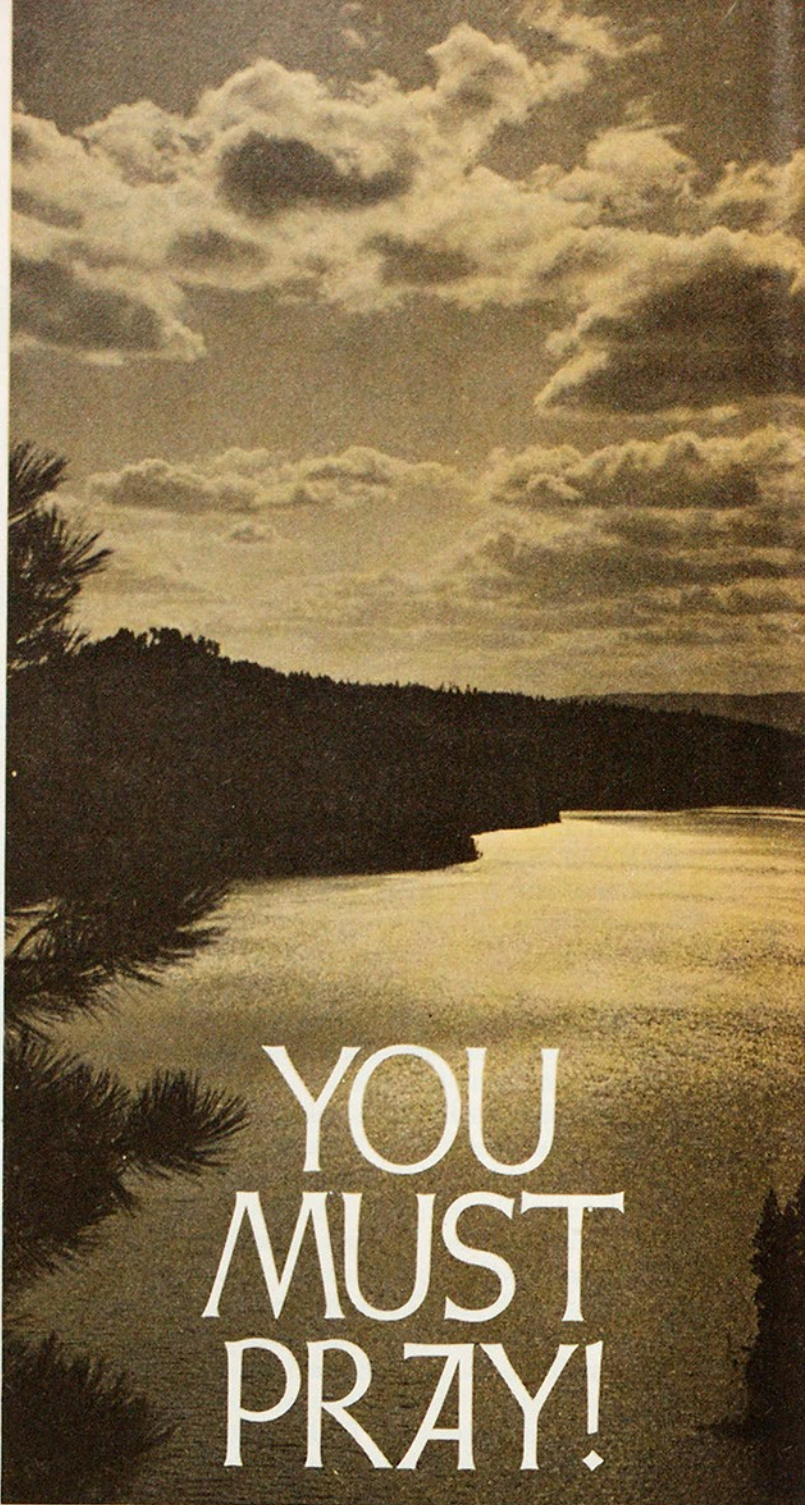


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# YOU MUST PRAY!

By J. C. RYLE

**A** MAN MAY REACH HEAVEN WITHOUT LEARNING, without books, without knowledge, but no man ever reached heaven without prayer.

Prayer is the life-breath of a man's soul. Without it we may have a name to live and be counted Christians, but we are dead in the sight of God. The feeling that we must cry to God for mercy and peace is a mark of grace, and the habit of spreading before Him our souls' wants is an evidence of sonship.

Prayer is the appointed way to obtain the relief of our spiritual necessities. It opens the treasury and sets the fountain flowing. If we have not, it is because we ask not.

Prayer is the way to procure the outpouring of the Spirit upon our hearts. Jesus has promised the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. He is ready to come down with all His precious gifts, renewing, sanctifying, purifying,

strengthening, cheering, encouraging, enlightening, teaching, directing, guiding into all truth. But He waits to be entreated.

And here it is that men fall short so miserably. Many fall on their knees and say words. But there are few who pray, few who cry out to God, few who call upon the Lord, few who seek as if they wanted to find, few who knock as if they hungered and thirsted, few who wrestle, few who strive with God earnestly for an answer. Yes, few men pray. It is one of the things just assumed as a matter of course, but seldom practiced; a thing which is everybody's business, but which hardly anybody does.

Believe me, if your soul is to be saved, you must pray. God has no dumb children. If you are to resist the world, the flesh, and the devil, you must pray. It is vain to look for strength in the hour of trial if you have not sought for it. You may be thrown with those who never pray; you may have to sleep in the same room with someone who never asks anything of God; still, *you must pray.*

No doubt you find great difficulties about it, difficulties about opportunities, and seasons, and places. I dare not lay down positive rules on such points as these. I leave them to your own conscience. You must be guided by circumstances. Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed on a mountain; Isaac prayed in the fields; Hezekiah turned his face to the wall as he lay upon his bed; Daniel prayed by a riverside; Peter on the housetop. I have heard of men praying in stables and haylofts. All that I contend for is this: You must know what it is to pray behind a closed door—to “enter into your closet.” There must be stated times when you speak with God alone, face to face; you must have a time every day for prayer. *You must pray.*

Without this, all advice and counsel are useless. This is that piece of spiritual armor which Paul named last in Ephesians 6, but it is first in value and importance. This is that meat which you must daily eat if you would travel safely through the wilderness of this life. It is only in this strength that you will make progress toward the mount of God.

I have heard it said that the needle-grinders of Sheffield sometimes wore a magnetic mouthpiece at their work, to catch all the fine dust that flew around them and prevent it from entering their lungs. Prayer is the mouthpiece you must wear continually or else you will never work uninjured by the unhealthy atmosphere of this world. *You must pray.*

I believe no time is so well spent as that which a man spends upon his knees. Make time for this, whatever your employment may be. Think of David, king of Israel, who said, “Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:16). Think of Daniel; he had all the business of a kingdom on his hands, yet he prayed three times a day. See there the secret of his safety in wicked Babylon. Think of Solomon; he began his reign with prayer for help and assistance, and hence his wonderful prosperity. Think of Nehemiah; he could find time to pray to the God of heaven even when standing in the presence of his master, King Artaxerxes.

Think of the example these godly men have left you, and go and do likewise. *You must pray.*

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*Who are the elders spoken of in James 5:14 who were to pray for the sick?*

In the Early Church the elders were the spiritual leaders, men sound in the faith, as described in 1 Timothy 3:1-8. Of them, at least one was to be capable of feeding the local flock of God (1 Peter 5:1-4).

Some denominations of our day consider the pastor as the leading elder, while local men chosen to eldership are considered “lay elders.” Concerning their position and appointment, see Acts 20:17 and Titus 1:5-9.

*Ought a person with a bad past continue to live where the past is well known, or should he move to a different locality and begin life anew?*

To live for Jesus where a person has formerly lived for the devil is a wonderful testimony to the soul-saving, life-changing grace of God.

*In one verse Paul says, “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not” (1 Corinthians 14:22). Then he says, “If . . . all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?” (v. 23). Do these verses not contradict each other?*

Speaking in a tongue under the quickening of the Spirit might be a convincing sign to anyone hearing it for the first time. But if a service is largely given to speaking in tongues, the effect on strangers would be the opposite, causing those who hear to look upon it as madness. To avoid giving such an impression, Paul instructed that not more than two, or at the most three, utterances in tongues be given in any one service, and he recommended that these be accompanied with interpretation.

*Since hearing a sermon on “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,” my soul has been troubled. Fear has taken the place of joy as I have thought of the sins I have committed. Will I reap for every sin I ever committed?*

I think the devil has made use of the sermon to accuse and torment you. When Jesus becomes our Saviour, He blots out all the past; it is remembered no more before God.

He who is saved is instantly made a new creature and is justified, or declared righteous. “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). No condemnation means “no sin judgment”—guilt is gone. A person may be stung with regret as memory recalls the past, but before God the past is gone.

Do not dwell on the past; turn away from it and look unto Jesus. Be assured that “the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

*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.*

**M**ANILA, a bustling metropolis on Manila Bay, is divided into 14 municipal districts. Surrounding it are 10 suburban cities and towns.

The Greater Manila population exceeds three million and is growing rapidly. In 20 years experts expect it to top 10 million. It is now the cross-

roads of Asia—the hub of air and sea lanes for the Far East.

The Philippines is a part of Asia, and yet physically it should belong in the Pacific Islands group. Although it is an Oriental country, it is the third largest English-speaking nation in the world. In point of population

and use of English, it is next to the United States and Great Britain.

The Philippine Congress has chosen 1971 as the year the people will formulate a new national constitution. History—past, present, and future—seems to run together in Manila. The Fourth Centennial celebration of es-



**ABOVE:** Modern Makati City, one of 10 suburban cities in Greater Manila, was an area of rice paddies just 10 years ago. **BELOW:** The literature for Impact '71 was printed on the Manila press. Missionary Calvin Zeissler (left) and printer Phil Acena examine press proofs. **RIGHT:** A Christian worker distributes a Good News packet. Funds for this literature were furnished by Light-for-the-Lost.



PHOTO BY CALVIN ZEISSLER

# CHRIST OR CRISIS

By PAUL PIPKIN / *Missionary to the Philippines*





tablishing the city of Manila by Miguel de Legazpi is also scheduled for 1971.

What a contrast between the original old walled city of Manila and the modern Makati City in the Greater Manila area.

Manila's fascinating history is wo-

## Manila, Philippines, will be the site of the first foreign Impact '71 Crusade



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ven out of the achievements of such venerated personalities as Magellan, the navigator; Legazpi, the city's founder; Commodore George Dewey, who outgunned the Spanish Navy; and General Douglas MacArthur, the liberator who kept his word—"I shall return." But the end is not yet. History is still being made in the metropolis.

Manila, the administrative capital of the Philippines, has more than 200,000 college students. Sixty-six percent of the population is said to be under 21. These young people have been active in demonstrations this past year, demanding still greater changes in the nation's social, political, and economic life. The city's strategic importance may be observed by the selection of the streets of Manila as the forum for most of the student demonstrations.

The Filipinos claim that Manila is the largest Christian city in the only Christian country in Asia. Indeed, it is a devoutly religious city in many ways. The majority of the people profess Roman Catholicism as their religion; however, they are not committed deeply enough to Christ Himself.

Shrines, altars, and processions with the Virgin Mary or patron saints in the vanguard are common. One of the most famous shrines is the "Black Nazarene" in the Quiapo Catholic church.

There is spiritual complacency. Filipinos have been tested sorely this past year by devastating upheavals—fires, earthquakes, tidal waves, typhoons, and floods. Many hundreds have lost their lives, and hundreds of thousands have been left homeless. Manila needs to know how Christ can be the answer during the 70's.

It is timely that the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department has selected Manila as a target site for a giant Impact '71 Crusade in the Rizal Baseball Stadium, January 24-31, with Evangelist Mark Buntain of India. The theme chosen is "Christ or Crisis."

Many are praying, hoping, and expecting a deepening of faith and a genuine spiritual and moral commitment of the Filipino people to Christ. This 1971 spiritual emphasis is designed to make a new and deeper impact for righteousness on the occasion of Manila's Fourth Centennial. This impact which can exalt the en-


tire nation is needed now—and was never more urgent.

Many people are saying that the Philippine 1971 Constitutional Convention may be the last peaceful chance to prevent a bloody revolution. It is said that 90 percent of the wealth of the nation is controlled by 10 percent of the people. As in many countries, there is a deterioration of law and order. In some areas of the Philippines, the situation is especially tense. However, to the Assemblies of God it is obvious that these 37 million precious Filipinos occupy a valuable place not only in world history, but also in the heart of Jesus Christ.

Therefore we anticipate the blessings of Almighty God and the response of the people in a great outpouring of love and dedication to Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, during the Manila '71 Impact Crusade. This is an important time in the history of the nation, and a spiritual awakening is imperative.

The Philippine Assemblies of God named January 1971 as Impact Crusade Month in Greater Manila. The 12 Assemblies of God churches in this area will conduct simultaneous open-air evangelistic services near several key churches one or two weeks before the united Rizal Stadium Crusade.

Through these sectional and local church campaigns the public will be made aware of the central stadium crusade. The local church members will be brought together to pray for the Rizal Stadium Crusade and be mobilized in every way possible for choir members, ushers, and personal workers. Many will help with handbill distribution and make arrangements for food and accommodations. All our Greater Manila churches will be involved in gathering the Manila harvest!

We believe that the eyes of the nation and all Asia will be focused on this Pentecostal evangelical "Christ or Crisis" crusade. 

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World leaders from Washington to Moscow,  
from Rome to Peking anxiously watch the explosive Middle East.  
And Bible prophecy indicates the world is in for a surprise.

# *Arab-Israeli reconciliation ahead?*

By C. M. WARD / *Revivaltime Speaker*

**T**WO EXPLOSIVE "ACCOUNTS PAYABLE" with long sizzling fuses have threatened a world holocaust since the Book of Genesis. They are: (1) *the quarrel between Isaac and Ishmael*, and (2) *the blood feud between Jacob and Esau*. God is involved in each dispute.

*I believe one of these threats is about to be miraculously solved.* I believe the 33rd and 34th chapters of Genesis foreshadow astounding developments in the Middle East that are ready to unfold before us.

A *deep fissure* now threatens to divide the Pan-Arab world. The fact has been incorporated in our Bible all along. *Esau's problem is different from Ishmael's problem.* And Esau's descendants will come to terms before Ishmael's. There is an "inner periphery" and an "outer periphery" to Israel's dilemma and her struggle to find acceptance.

These Genesis chapters describe Jacob's return to the land after exile. They reveal material resources on both

sides. They speak of *threat* and *fear* and *maneuverings* that bring unreconciled parties to the brink. The motive is a long-simmering desire for revenge. It is the revenge of a relative who feels he has been shamed before a world audience and made to look weak and stupid.

Israel's pride and strength—her confidence that she can even wrestle with Almighty God and write history in her favor—is *about to be touched*. There is a reconciliation in the offing. Read these wonderful lines from Scripture again:

"And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; *because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.* And he urged him, and he took it" (Genesis 33:9-11).

Watch that scene as it again comes into focus! Note these prophetic words: "I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, *and thou wast pleased with*

This article is a condensation of "Esau and Ishmael," a chapter in C. M. Ward's newest Bible prophecy book, *Rumors*.

me." Israel's problems, as tension grew, seemed almost insurmountable.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told a Tel Aviv audience that Israel was strong enough to reject directives from her friends "but she is not so strong that she can afford to lose allies."

There was that specter—a possible nuclear-power confrontation in the Middle East. Russian pilots began flying defensive patrols along the Suez. Then, suddenly, a turn in events—a move toward understanding!

Could you choose a better description, "I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me"?

Remember! There is the story of *Esau*, and there is the story of *Ishmael*. These stories are different. *The story of Esau is the story where diplomacy prevails.*

Esau sold his right. Ishmael was driven out. Go back to the story of Esau!

Isaac said: "What shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing my father? Bless me, . . . also, O my father. . . . And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; and by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother: and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck" (Genesis 27:37-40).

It's a strange contract. Unusual events are in the making.

And there is another interesting corollary to this strife between twins. It is a detail that a casual Bible reader can miss. "And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took . . . wives" (Genesis 28:9). So, you see, it has been an old alliance.

But a point of live-and-let-live must be reached, where each must go his own way. That is Isaac's promise to Esau: "It shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck" (Genesis 27:40). *That moment in history seems to be approaching.*

Every Bible student should read the amazing directive found in Deuteronomy 2:4, 5: "Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a footbreadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession."

Russia is going to discover that Jacob and Esau are twin brothers, and that there is a limit to how much misunderstanding and strife can be promoted between them. That is what this story in Genesis prophetically forecasts. This world is in for a surprise. "And Esau ran to meet him (Jacob), . . . and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept" (Genesis 33:4).

There are land promises to Esau which cannot be abrogated. That is why the Suez and Sinai will be negotiated. Joshua 24:4 says: "And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it." Seir is the great fortress city, Petra, a modern tourist attraction. It has been known as "The Rose-red City" and "The Rainbow City."

Daniel gives us an amazing prediction before he

closes his prophecy. He tells us that the Man of sin, Antichrist, will not infest the Sinai or Petra. "He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (Daniel 11:41).

Isaiah and Jeremiah reveal even more amazing details! When sin has reached its zenith and Antichrist has set himself forth in the temple, *a great counterinsurgency will arise.* "Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs (Jeremiah 49:22).

The sense of expectancy and fulfillment will reach their final crescendo. It will be the knowledge that *He has come.* Let Isaiah add further detail. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save" (Isaiah 63:1).

So the outlines of the Lord's return grow more and more firm.

There are *blood ties.* They will be sorted. There are *multiple contracts* of God to these varied, interrelated seeds. Each contract will be kept. God is not confused. History will be written God's way. Military and geographical adjustments will be made to confirm to prophecy. God deals in what mankind thinks impossible.

Never reckon without counting God in! *He is in the business of turning hatred to peace.* There had been days when Esau hated Jacob. "Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob" (Genesis 27:41). That changed! "And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept" (Genesis 33:4).

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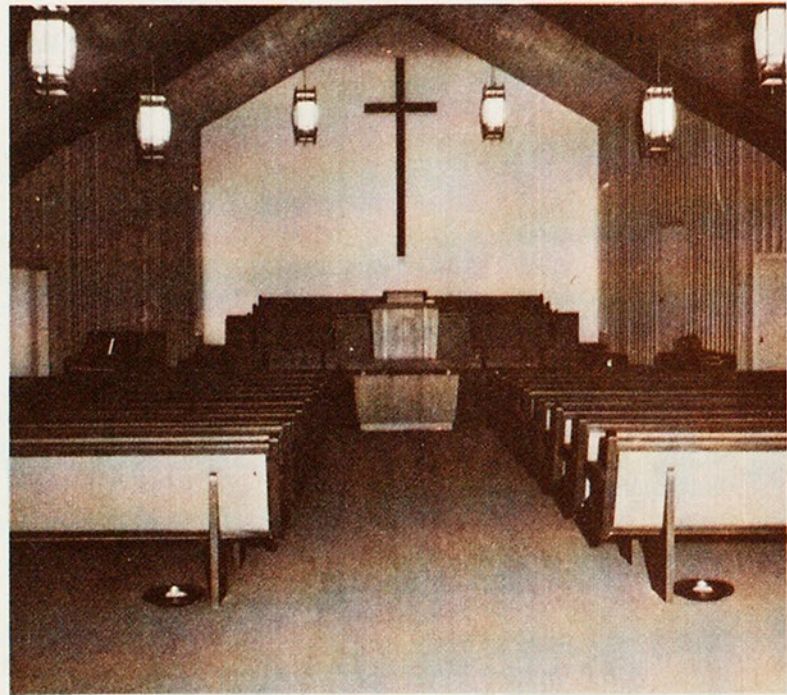
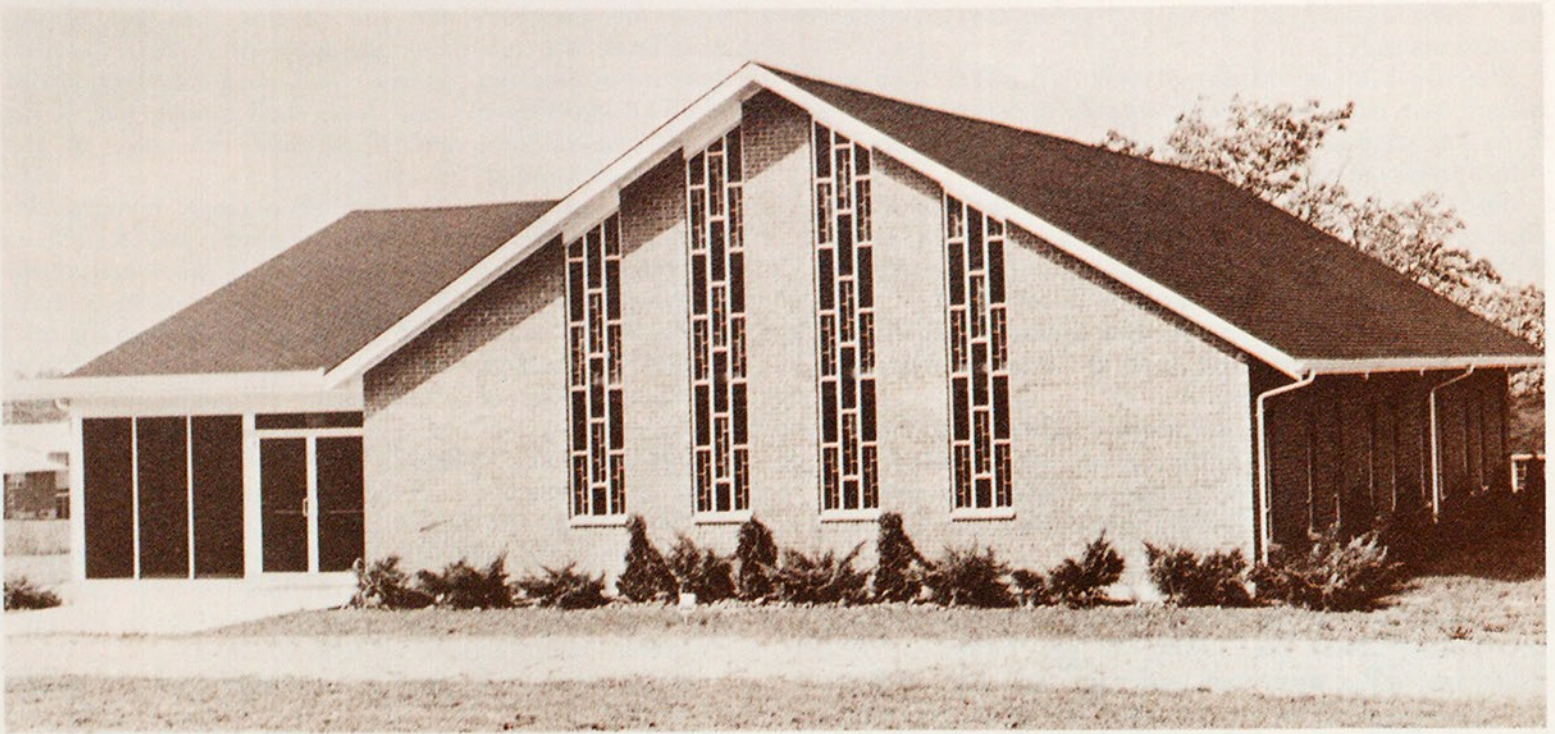
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ABOVE: Exterior and interior views of the new chapel for the Northwest Assembly congregation in Dayton, Ohio. Pastor and Mrs. Roger Hillegas are at left.

# Ohio's 'Operation Advance'

By ROGER HILLEGAS

**T**HE NEW NORTHWEST ASSEMBLY, Dayton, Ohio, was initiated on September 8, 1968, in a service conducted by District Superintendent Arthur H. Parsons. Members of most of the churches of the section were present to witness the new district program called "Operation Advance."

This program was developed through the vision of the district superintendent, brought into reality by a special district council, and structured by a committee of dedicated men.

The goal of "Operation Advance" is to keep pace with the population growth and meet the needs in the

metropolitan areas of one of the largest states by establishing new churches and to help existing struggling works.

For Northwest Assembly the Lord made possible the purchase of three choice acres one-half mile from the major shopping area in northwest Dayton. District leaders asked us to take charge of the new work.

We conducted services in a school until a building could be completed. Now, two years later, two buildings have been completed—a small fellowship house, consisting of a parsonage apartment and a small fellowship room, and a chapel. The fellowship house was



Men involved in the Ohio District "Operation Advance" are pictured as follows (left to right): Don McMannis and Charles Anderson, members of the "Operation Advance" Committee; Arthur Parsons, district superintendent; Roger Hillegas, pastor of the new church in Dayton; Howard Davidson, district secretary-treasurer; and Hugh Rosenberg, district missionary secretary.

completed in December 1968 and is valued at \$30,000. This building was effective in helping to establish the new work.


In March 1970 the second building, valued at

\$75,000, was completed. It is fully carpeted, has pews for seating 200, and Sunday school facilities for 225.

"Operation Advance" has backed the financial load of the church by cosigning all mortgages and providing monthly support. Through this help a church has been established.

Only nine attended the first service. But attendance continued to grow until today it averages 75! The first Sunday's offerings amounted to less than \$60, but the total income of the church (not including any money from the district) for its second year of operation was almost \$16,000, an average of \$305 a Sunday.

It is obvious that starting a church requires vision, a workable program, a dedicated pastor, and district cooperation and concern. But as important as these are, the constituency must be willing to sacrifice, work, and pray that God will move in a community.

Northwest Assembly has registered 24 conversions during the two years it has been a lighthouse in its community. Where once there was only a cornfield, now there is an active Assemblies of God church. And Ohio intends to repeat this story over and over again! 

## Miracles of grace

By MONTY GARFIELD / Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**W**E MISSIONARIES to the Jews are gratified when we see converts growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage all who accept Christ through our efforts to be baptized in water, to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and to attend some Assemblies of God church.

Leah, a young Jewess, and Mario, her Italian husband, were some of the firstfruits of our ministry soon after we were appointed as home missionaries about 17 years ago. Mario, a guitarist, had used his marvelous tenor voice in his church and in nightclubs. After his conversion I would write songs, and he would set them to music.

At that time Mario and Leah could not work because they were ill. Both were healed through prayer. After we baptized them and Mario received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the couple joined one of our Assemblies of God churches. For many years we had no contact with them.

One day Leah telephoned to tell me Mario was critically ill in an oxygen tent. She requested that I visit him.

Dressed in a white hospital robe and with a mask over my mouth, I was allowed to go into the isolation room. Mario was breathing heavily. I placed my hands on him and prayed for his recovery.

As I saw Mario gasping for breath, I thought he was dying. I began to sing the chorus of a song we had composed together:


*"Forever, forever, you'll live forever!  
Christ has promised you'll be like Him.  
From the grave resurrected, His life to impart  
To all who will heed Him; a new life they will start.  
Forever, forever, you'll live forever!  
Oh, listen to Jesus and give Him your heart."*

As I continued singing some stanzas of this song, Mario tried to sing with me. Then he began to sing in the Spirit. This he did for days. The nuns of the hospital did not understand and thought he was dying. But his voice became stronger as the days went by.

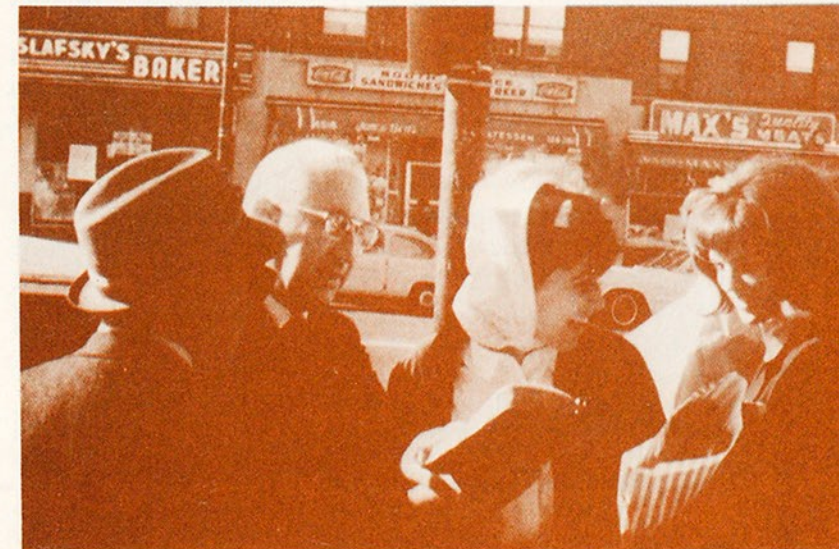
One night at our Bible study I taught the verse, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). Then I told the group about God's presence and Mario's deliverance. The next day Mario called and said he and Leah were ready to fellowship with us. For several months they have been coming regularly to our midweek Bible study.

Mario is singing and playing his guitar. Please pray for him to receive his full strength so he can once again help us in street meetings and in Jewish hotels.

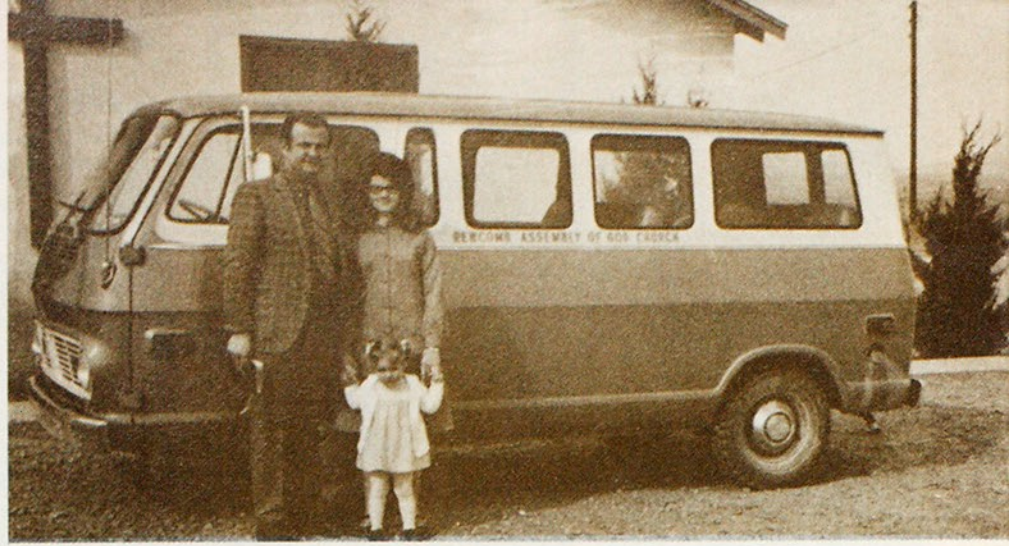
Gladie, another Jewess, phoned to let us know she would be at our Bible study although it was Passover Night. She attends church with us and is growing in grace. We expect her soon to be baptized in our church.

Leah, Goldstein, Gladie, Allister—all Jews—were at our Bible study on Passover Night learning about Christ our Passover. 

Monty Garfield witnessing on the street and giving out gospel literature to the Jews.



# Greetings from Navajoland, USA



"Navajo Joe" and his new family, the Roger G. Davises, at Newcomb, New Mex.

"I tried everything, but nothing satisfied"



By LYLE L. NOAH

**W**HEN 19 YEARS OLD I started using drugs—marijuana, pep pills, barbiturates—and was constantly trying something new. The introduction to pep pills or marijuana almost always leads to addiction of some type of hard narcotics.

For many years, while trying to be a businessman and civic leader, I still lived the nightmare of being hooked. I constantly felt helpless to the ever-increasing craving of mainlining.

To keep my habit, I could not maintain my business and be respected, so the underworld contacted me to be a narcotics pusher. To obtain my own narcotics, I consented to do so. This went on for 10 years while I was a slave to my tormenting desires.

Although my parents were Christians, I considered myself an agnostic. I wanted no contact with anyone who professed to be a Christian. Later, after being arrested and placed in a county jail, my thinking changed. I was put in a cell to go through "withdrawal."

*Note:* Mr. Noah is director of Teen Challenge in Dallas, Tex., one of 33 such centers operating across the United States and in Puerto Rico under sponsorship of the National Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God.

# NO MORE

The pain and suffering of this ordeal is indescribable. In moments of clarity of mind, I would try to collect my thoughts on how to control mentally the suffering in my body. Then my body would convulse and I would scream out in agony and claw at my flesh. When my suffering would subside for a moment, I would ask for something to read just so I could collect my thoughts.

One of the trustees brought a tray of food, which I couldn't eat, but on the tray was a *Gideon New Testament*. This was an infraction of the rules, but thank God for this man. His single act was to bring me eternal help.

Although I swore and threw the Testament against the wall and said, "I don't want to read that trash,"



These young people are enrolled in the new convert training school at the Dallas Teen Challenge Center.

**M**Y NAME IS Navajo Joe. I'm the proud new Speed-the-Light bus at Newcomb, N. Mex. I never would have dreamed that someday I would be on an Indian reservation working for the Lord.

I want to thank the Christ's Ambassadors in Oklahoma and across the nation for their part in helping my new owners, the Roger G. Davis family, buy me at a car lot in Albuquerque, N. Mex. Certainly God will bless each one for his part in this ministry.

My new life on the reservation is full of excitement and fun! You never know what you will be called upon to do next. I'm everything from a bus to a truck—even an ambulance when the need arises.

My main job is picking up people for church, people who have no other way to get there. This wouldn't be so bad if the roads weren't like washboards! The

Indian people walk out to the road to meet me. *Some of them walk almost a mile.* God bless them. There are times when I wonder if my driver knows where he is going and if I will get lost because of so many roads, but Brother Davis always gets through. (So far so good!)

We just had special services with Gene Steele of Flagstaff, Ariz., as evangelist. Although I didn't get to go in, I could hear the people singing and praising God, and it sounded as if they really were having a revival. One night I picked up 25 people, and I don't believe I could have held one more!

Thank you for backing the Davises with your prayers and offerings. Pray that God will keep me running and that I won't burn so much gas.

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# DRUGS

later on I picked it up and started reading. It wasn't long until I came to Scripture verses that started me to thinking about myself and made me realize what I was in relationship to Jesus Christ. One was Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

As I continued reading one Scripture verse after another, each verse was tearing down my agnostic thinking and also revealing my physical and spiritual condition. I then came to the verse: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

With many Bible truths penetrating my heart, I

decided to do something about it. I knelt by my cot and asked God to forgive all my sins. I really believed that Christ died for my sins and rose again. I accepted Him as my Saviour. Then something happened. It may not happen to some people but I thank God it happened to me. A feeling started from the bottom of my feet and went through my stomach, where the pain was immediately gone, and up to my swollen tongue and lips which now were shouting, "Oh, I feel so good! I feel so good!" I did not know how to approach God or how to thank Him, but I knew He had heard my prayer.

Today I am associated with Teen Challenge, working with young people whose lives have been wrecked by drugs, habits, and sin. I can readily say to them or anyone, "Christ is the Answer."

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# BGMC builds missions-minded members

**B**ELIEVE the best way to build a solid missionary program in the church is to develop systematic missionary giving by boys and girls. And you don't find a better way to do this than through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade." This comment from David A. Knight, pastor of the Little Falls (Minnesota) Assembly of God, typifies responses from pastors and children's workers all over the nation who were asked to tell what BGMC means to their church.

Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is a Sunday school missions-education program organized in 1949 to reach children age 12 and under. In 21 years more than \$2.5 million has been gathered through monthly offerings and one month each year designated for special emphasis.

Pastor Knight continues: "Recently we conducted our annual missionary convention. What a joy it was to see many boys and girls and youth who have been, or are now, a part of BGMC, involving themselves further by making faith promises to the church missions budget."

Minnie Tomlinson, writer of the BGMC theme song, founded the BGMC work in Bethel Pentecostal Church,

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Jim and Carol Gay with Karen Lynn and Jimmy III of Bethel Pentecostal Church, Baltimore, Md. Jim learned to give to missionary work through BGMC when just a lad.

Baltimore, Maryland, in 1949. Says Sister Tomlinson: "When I heard about BGMC, it had just been born. I was church missionary secretary-treasurer and also superintendent of the primary-junior Sunday school department. Trying to promote giving to missions was my goal. BGMC was an answer to prayer."

Sister Tomlinson recalls one boy who gave three silver dollars to BGMC. She checked with the lad's mother about the offering and was informed that the three silver dollars were a gift to the youngster. However, the boy insisted that the coins go to BGMC. He said, "Mom, it wouldn't be right for me to keep them when Jesus needs them for the BGMC. He wants them to buy Sunday school papers for boys and girls that don't get any." Today, that young boy is a businessman, active in the church, with two small children who will soon be of BGMC age.

Pastor David A. Hastie of First Assembly, North Little Rock, Arkansas, writes: "This year has been the greatest for BGMC in the history of our church, and it looks certain at this date that we will far exceed our goal. At one point in our history of BGMC giving, we gave only a set amount per month. But for a number of years now we have been giving the total offering of our beginner, primary, and junior departments the first Sunday of each month to the crusade. It was after we started doing this that our BGMC effort really began to catch fire.

"As the children grow into adulthood we can see the love and reverence for missions reflected in their stewardship," Pastor Hastie noted.

Cecil Thomas has pastored the Blackwell (Oklahoma) Assembly of God for the past 13 years. Pastor Thomas says of his church's BGMC work: "The program has been a blessing not only to our church, but also to our boys and girls. . . . At an early age it teaches them to support the work of the Lord with their giving. I am sold on BGMC."

Other members of Pastor Thomas' church feel the same way. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dow write: "Through BGMC our children have an opportunity to learn more about missionaries. This is an excellent time for children



to hear more about the work of missions and let Jesus speak to their hearts."

Mary Crews, BGMC director of the church, sums up the popular feeling in one short sentence: "I thank God for giving to us this wonderful plan for spreading the gospel."

These remarks exemplify the feelings of BGMC workers everywhere. The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is an effective way to teach missions as well as involve children in missionary giving. If your church isn't participating, why not discuss BGMC with your pastor and leaders, making them aware of your interest?

## Two bicycles

IT WAS GROUP GUIDANCE TIME in public school. The first half hour each day was devoted to this important phase of teaching and I tried to make it inspirational and Bible-centered.

There were two teen-age boys in this class who came from low socioeconomic homes. In fact, the only meal one of them had all day was the free one the school served at noon. You can imagine how hungry he was on Mondays after a long weekend fast. This deprivation had led to theft and already one of his brothers was in a reform school because of stealing.

During the guidance time that morning I felt impressed to emphasize to the class that they shouldn't steal. I told them that they should pray and God would give them what they needed.

I then told them how God had always supplied my needs after I prayed.

When I told them God would supply all their needs, Steve looked up rather doubtfully and said, "Even a bike?"

"Yes," I assured him without thinking, "God will give you a bike."

"Me too?" spoke up Billy.

"Yes, you too, Billy."

Suddenly I realized what I had promised these boys. I had promised them two bikes—on faith!

Now I had faith for these two little black boys and it was evident they did too. No one had ever told them God possessed bikes and gave them away! It was with joy and anticipation that they left school that Friday, believing God would give them the bikes.

That afternoon on the way home from school I stopped to visit my sister. She had a teen-age son, and during the course of our conversation she said, "Evelyn, Buddy got a new bike for Christmas and I wonder if you know anyone who needs two used bikes. They're out back if you can find someone to give them to." *Could I?*

There was a great deal of excitement in the air on Monday as two happy boys came to my door and rode away on bikes.

God had honored our faith, and so suddenly! Every morning at 8:15 as I watch Billy and Steve come to school on their bikes, I see the results of faith.

The Bible says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). Two boys with two bikes will tell you it works.

—EVELYN C. GUNTER

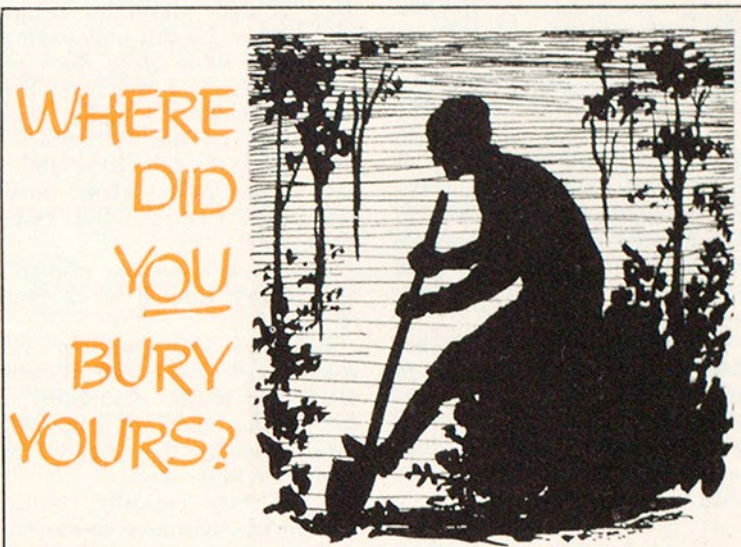
## God's care for a missionary's son

MICHAEL HODGSON'S BEDROOM in the Congo was at the opposite end of the house to his parents' room. He was a sensible, level-headed lad and not at all nervous. However, once in the middle of the night he came into his parents' bedroom and said, "Father, there's something strange. I don't know why, but I feel that I've got to come in here."

The next moment there was a thunderous crash. They lit the lamp and ran to see what it was. The white ants had completely undermined the wall of Michael's bedroom, and the whole wall had collapsed.

The bed was smashed to matchwood, but Michael was safe. Don't you think that ministering angels warned him just in time?

—C. E. M. Report



YOU KNOW THE PARABLE of the unfaithful steward and his hidden talent as well as we do. But have you ever thought about it in relation to you: money and property? Have you considered that the "nest egg" you have banked or invested may be buried as far as God's work is concerned? That's right. Just as truly as if you'd wrapped it in a napkin and hidden it away!

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*Russell T. Hitt*, editor (62 pages, paper; Zondervan Publishing House; 95c).

These "perspectives on witnessing" will be particularly meaningful for all who want to become more effective in their personal witness for Christ.

In six short chapters this book answers the questions: "What is witnessing?" "What is a witness?" and "What is my responsibility, as a Christian, to share my faith?"

Different aspects of outreach are discussed such as neighborhood witnessing, coffee cup evangelism, witnessing to relatives, and one's motives in witnessing.

The authors of these chapters give practical guidelines for sharing your faith, and offer the concerned Christian valuable insights and suggestions. The chapter, "The Secret of Effective Witnessing," states that the greatest lesson one can learn in witnessing is "the importance of knowing the needs of people before trying to introduce them to their greatest need. When people see that you are interested in them they are quite likely to become interested in Him."

In this little book you are likely to discover the answer to many questions you have on witnessing. At any rate, it will cause you to examine your own commitment in fulfilling the Great Commission.

—JULEEN TURNAGE

## COMING ALIVE

*Jamie Buckingham* (71 pages, paper; Logos International; \$1.75).

*Coming Alive* is to help boys and girls form a positive attitude toward the origin of life. It is specifically beamed to fifth and sixth graders to give them a Christian view of sex and to help them understand their own physical and emotional changes.

The author is a pastor and professional writer. His brother, a doctor, was medical consultant for the book.

Putting the entire matter in a Biblical context, it clearly states what God expects of each person. Typical questions are answered, and God's creativeness is emphasized in the conception and birth processes.

The clever artwork sprinkled throughout adds to its effectiveness. A glossary of terms and a bibliography of other helpful books on the subject is also included.

With the present controversy regarding sex education in the

public schools, parents, teachers, and church workers can use this book with confidence to help present the facts of life from a Christian standpoint.

—EDITH DENTON

## TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK

*Kenneth N. Taylor* (474 pages, cloth; Tyndale House Publishers; \$6.95).

Kenneth Taylor is author of the "Living" series of Bible paraphrases—a project he first undertook to make the Bible more understandable to his own children. It was almost inevitable then that he would also produce an understandable children's Bible story book.

His own experience of sharing the Scriptures with his 10 children in daily devotions helped prepare him for this undertaking.

*Taylor's Bible Story Book* retells familiar Old and New Testament accounts in highly readable style. Of the 198 stories—each taking from a page and a half to two pages—about three-fourths are from the Old Testament.

The book is written primarily for children from 6 to 12 years of age.

Beautiful art work—in full color—by Frances and Richard Hook add to the desirability of the volume and will help children visualize the people and events of Bible days.

Each story basically retraces the Biblical narrative in easy-to-understand English. A series of questions (generally factual) at the conclusion will help the parent review the highlights of the story, but application to life is left primarily to the parent. An index gives Biblical references for each story.

Mr. Taylor seems to stick closely to the Biblical narrative in most places. He does occasionally get into interpretive narrative that seems to be at variance with the Bible record. For example, in the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 he has the bread and fish multiplying in the hands of the disciples as they distributed the food to the multitude, whereas the Bible seems to indicate that the miracle took place in Jesus' hands: "Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude" (Mark 9:16).

Such deviations seem quite minor and do not detract from the overall usefulness of what will probably be another best-seller for Ken Taylor.

—R. G. CHAMPION

## BREAKTHROUGH

*Tom Rees* (196 pages, cloth; Word Books; \$4.95).

Tom Rees, who died very suddenly last May, was a well-known British evangelist who preached for many years on both sides of the Atlantic. He was held in such high esteem that a large share of the entire evangelical leadership in Great Britain attended his funeral.

This book represents the discovery that thrilled his heart during the latter part of his ministry.

He had become greatly troubled because the gospel was not being communicated to the public. Then he discovered what he called "The Breakthrough"—the thousands of prayer and Bible study meetings being held in

private homes across America. He felt this was the way God was going to reach the modern world.

So he wrote this book to describe a number of "Bible cells" or "coffee hours" he visited. He tells many stories of neighbors being converted at these meetings, some of which he explains in great detail. Informal Bible study and prayer are the main features with a sharing of personal testimony added.

The purpose of the book is to motivate the reader to begin a meeting in his home, and to show him how to conduct it. The flavor is distinctly British. The author exalts the Word and calls for a high level of practical Christian living.

—R. C. CUNNINGHAM



## evangeletters

READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

### Halloween "Treat"

On Halloween our CA's distributed bags of candy in each of which they had enclosed a gospel tract and a note.

One of these "treats" fell into the hands of Raymond Greenwood, editor of the newspaper (*Burkburnett Informer Star*) and the following comment appeared in his editorial column the next week:

"Halloween was bustling with little goblins and their shouts of 'trick or treat,' and I greatly enjoyed it. But something I enjoyed even more came from a 'treat' bag from the Burkburnett Assembly of God. Inside the bag of candy was a note that stated, 'This treat is presented to you by the young people of the Assembly of God. We have found the greatest treat in the world is serving Jesus Christ. We offer no trick now or ever. We hope you enjoy our treat. I wonder if there will ever be a greater treat to a person than quoting that one sentence to him?'"

God has greatly blessed our CA's. They love to witness for the Lord at every opportunity.

PASTOR JOHN HOCKER  
*Assembly of God  
Burkburnett, Tex.*

### Non-Christian Mate

The article, "I Thought My Fiance Was a Christian" (September 20 *Evangel*), was of special interest to me since it is so nearly my own story. Somehow

reading the article has given me new courage.

My husband knows the truth of God's Word, and he knows the right way to live, but he ignores this.

I'm glad I know the Lord and can trust the situation into His hands. I don't know *how* or *when* He will make things come out right, but I believe that if I keep trusting Him He *will*.

READER IN WASHINGTON

### "Jesus Freaks"

While I ordinarily enjoy your magazine, I was very disappointed in the article entitled, "Street Christians," in your October 11 issue.

There are, no doubt, any number of "religious weirdos" among these young and rather unconventional Christians. But to deprecate and dismiss the whole phenomena is certainly unwise. Never once in the article did the author hint that these "weirdos" might be brothers in Christ.

READER IN ZION, ILLINOIS

**Editor's Note:** A closer look at the article will show it was not unbrotherly. On the contrary, it criticized those who may sneer at "street Christians," and called "Time's" article "a compliment of first rank." The question is, Will we leave it to bearded hippies to do all the street preaching?

# Evangelical NEWS Digest

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

### President signs

## Drug control bill becomes law; support is asked

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Nixon has signed the Drug Abuse Control Bill which, if given public support, can “save the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people who would otherwise be hooked on drugs.”

The legislation is considered a cornerstone of the administration's anticrime program. Congress added extensive provisions for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug users and for an antidrug education program, all to be maintained by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

### Penalties Changed

Under the new law, penalties for narcotic pushers are increased, but those for users are lightened.

Mere possession of a drug is no longer a felony that could bring up to 20 years in jail; it is

now a misdemeanor. Judges are empowered to dismiss charges or grant parole or probation to first offenders.

However, penalties for selling dangerous drugs are increased, ranging from five years to life depending on the nature of the selling operation and the type of drug involved.

The new law also provides for 300 additional federal narcotic agents and the use of the controversial “no-knock” power under which homes may be entered by the police without warning (to prevent destruction of evidence).

An expenditure of \$189 million was authorized to build and staff treatment centers, support rehabilitation programs, and increase antidrug education. Another \$1 million will be spent to create a Presidential Commission on Marijuana.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said the federal legislation was designed as a model for similar laws in each state. The new law also broadens the attorney general's power to regulate dangerous drugs, including tools to control the flood of drugs from legitimate manufacturers into the illicit market.

### Support Asked

Calling on the nation for support of the bill, President Nixon declared that the use of narcotics and dangerous drugs by young people, even by elementary students, had reached crisis proportions.

“In every house in America, in every church in America, this nation faces a major crisis in increasing use of drugs by our young people,” he said.

Law enforcement provisions of the bill became effective October 27.

## Church of England seeks ban on smut

LONDON—A complete ban on material which is “plainly pornographic” and “doing dirt on sex” was recommended in a Church of England report based on a two-year study by the Anglican Board for Social Responsibility.

“Material which is plainly pornographic and which has no other objective or intention should be entirely prohibited,” it said.

“To allow such material a free market is to pollute the social atmosphere and to stimulate, for profit, a taste for sexual display, including sexual perversions. The same considerations apply to the horrific and the cruel.”

The board chairman said that in preparing the report the board had considered the law as it affected everybody, which was “quite a different exercise” from advising only Christians.

On the White House lawn President Nixon watches a demonstration of the use of trained dogs in detecting hidden marijuana. The Customs Bureau is training dogs to sniff out marijuana and hashish and is using these dogs at international mail facilities around the country and along the Mexican border. At the White House one of the dogs picked out a package of marijuana from among 34 other parcels.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

## At a glance . . .

- • • The Speed-the-Light total vehicle count supplied to missionaries around the world reached 3,800 in September. Of this number there are 2,124 cars, Jeeps, station wagons, and trucks; 33 airplanes; 82 boats; 78 buses; 319 motorcycles; 1,000 bicycles; and 61 trailers. Speed-the-Light is the youth missionary program of the Assemblies of God.

- • • An all-Mennonite consultation on evangelism, known as “Probe '72,” will be held in April 1972. The meeting will explore how evangelism is being done throughout the Mennonite brotherhood. “Revival is the key to evangelism we feel is so necessary in our world today,” the Mennonite director of evangelism states.

- • • A proposed plan for reuniting the nation's two major Presbyterian churches (the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.) will be presented to the high court of each in the spring. The two churches separated more than 100 years ago during the Civil War.

- • • The Family Prayer Crusade is distributing free of charge to stations across the U.S. a series of short, brisk television and radio commercials with ethical-religious points. After each brief film segment, lasting no more than a minute, comes the punch line: “The world doesn't have a prayer without yours.”



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Quechua-Spanish

**NEW HYMNBOOK  
IS PUBLISHED  
FOR BOLIVIANS**

ELGIN, ILL.—A joint project to encourage national hymnology in Bolivia has been completed with the publishing of *Diosman Taquiycuna* ("Songs to God"), a bilingual hymnbook.

The collection of 15 national hymns in Quechua and Spanish was produced under the sponsorship of the Quechua Writers Club, Wycliffe Bible Translators in Bolivia. Nearly 2,000 copies of the 32-page hymnal were sold within two weeks of publication.

Wycliffe Bible Translators staff members will use the hymnals among the Bolivian Indians, descendants of the famed Incas who founded the highly civilized Andean empire 700 years ago. Unlike many tribal languages, Quechua is not dying. Its use is expanding in Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia.

Only approximately 15 percent of today's Incas speak Spanish.

**COURT BARS ADOPTION  
BY ATHEIST COUPLE**

CARTERVILLE, ILL.—"She's my baby, and I won't give her up! Nobody else wanted her."

Those are the sentiments of Mrs. John Burke who, with her husband, is fighting a New Jersey court which is blocking their attempt to adopt a 15-month-old girl.

The New Jersey court says the Burkes can't adopt the baby because they do not believe in God. The couple moved here from New Jersey after being given the child by the New Jersey Children's Aid and Adoption Society.

References found them to be "persons of high ethical and moral standards," and they had previously adopted a boy. Despite these facts, the Essex County Superior Judge ruled that the Burkes "were not suitable parents for the adoption of the child because they didn't believe in God."

Mrs. Burke said she believed in the teachings of Jesus Christ, but not in formal Christianity. Her husband said his beliefs were based on the writings of Thomas Jefferson. He charged that under the judge's ruling, Jefferson, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin would not have been able to adopt a child.



## Congregation dedicates new facilities

GALVA, ILL.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here, led by Pastor Robert Karjala, dedicated its new building to the Lord in October.

E. M. Clark, Illinois District superintendent, brought the dedicatory message, and Kenneth Wallace, sectional presbyter, participated in the dedication service.

The new 60- by 35-foot frame building is of colonial design. The sanctuary will seat 180. Eight classrooms, an office, kitchenette, and nursery complete the new unit.

During dedication ceremonies Brother Clark presented a check for \$1,000 to Pastor Karjala from Illinois District WMC's to be used in liquidating the indebtedness. Total value of the church and property is \$40,000.

The church, which was started in 1933, has worshiped in the basement of the building since 1952. A loan from the Church Extension Loan fund made possible the completion of the structure.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—In a three-night crusade with Evangelist Bob Larson, the congregation of Calvary Temple saw about 75 decisions made for Christ. Most of these were young people.

Bob Larson, a former rock 'n' roll performer, exposed the effects of rock 'n' roll music. Teen-agers brought their rock 'n' roll albums and broke them at the altar.

The church was filled to capacity for the Sunday evening evangelistic service. At least 50 persons responded to the invitation, and a thrilling altar service climaxed the crusade. Buses brought delegations from the surrounding areas, and the response and interest were remarkable.

—Jack West, pastor



These people met God in a new way during the revival meeting with Evangelist J. E. Winstead in Elkins, W. Va.

ELKINS, W. VA.—Lives were deepened in the Lord in a recent three week revival with Evangelist J. E. Winstead of Orlando, Fla., at the Assembly of God here.

One Sunday afternoon nine persons were baptized in water, and that evening three of those received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. During the meetings 14 were saved or reclaimed, 14 received the Baptism, and many were refilled.

There was a record Sunday school attendance of 132. Many

new families are now attending the services.

—Dean Bohl, pastor

HARRISON, MICH.—Highway Tabernacle Assembly experienced a blessed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a one-week November revival with the Farina Evangelistic Team.

Five persons came to know the Lord during the week, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Dennis Goodrow, pastor

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**SHERMAN, N.Y.**—The presence of God was very real in a week-long October revival conducted by Evangelists Wayne and Vi Marshall, Salineville, Ohio, at the Assembly of God here.

The altars were filled night after night as 14 were saved, two were reclaimed, three were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one refilled. Each service had good attendance, and there were many visitors.

The church has been growing steadily, and these meetings have helped put it over the top with the largest attendance in its history.

—C. Lyle Bemis, pastor

**DYERSBURG, TENN.**—At least 24 were saved, and many re-dedicated their lives to the Lord in an October revival at First Assembly. Evangelists T. Doyno and Gladness Jennings of Springfield, Mo., conducted the meeting. Young people are now witnessing in the high school, and revival fires continue to burn in the regular services.

—Jerald Ogg, pastor

**SAGINAW, MICH.**—First Assembly had a three-week revival with the Musical Vann's of Toledo, Ohio, in October.

Over 300 visitors attended the services.

Christian workers prayed with 75 at the altars for salvation, and a new Sunday school record was reached with 453 in attendance the last Sunday.

The church is making plans for a new building as a result of the continuing growth.

—Thomas E. Trask, pastor

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**New Year's Day Rally**—January 1, Gospel Tabernacle, Hartford, Conn. Afternoon and evening sessions will feature an evangelism emphasis. David W. Flower, district superintendent of Southern New England will speak.

—Donald R. Moulton, sectional presbyter.

**VERNON, TEX.**—First Assembly enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Leo Gaston of Springfield, Mo., in November.

A number of adults were won to the Lord, and several young people were reclaimed and refilled.

During the revival a lady in the church was healed of arthritis of the spine. She was able to attend the remaining services.

The church is still feeling the benefits of this revival.

—W. J. Rogers, pastor

**OVERLAND PARK, KANS.**—Several were saved and a number reclaimed in a two-week revival conducted by Evangelist I. D. Rayburn at First Assembly this fall.

Brother Rayburn, from Yates Center, Kans., preached on prophecy almost every night. Interest and attendance were good.

—Gail Howard, pastor

**DOVER, DEL.**—God moved in every service of a 12-day revival held in September in Calvary Assembly. Evangelist Tom Waggoner of Farmington, Mo., was the preacher.

Altar services were spontaneous lasting until midnight almost every night. An entire family found an inner peace in Jesus Christ they had never before experienced.

A high school teacher and four of his high school and college friends also found Christ as Saviour. Another teen-ager was delivered by the power of God from a demonic spirit.

A total of 16 were saved, four others were reclaimed, and 12 were refilled.

Several healings occurred, including a lady with a painful back condition, and another suffering from a kidney infection.

The congregation of the church is composed largely of Air Force personnel stationed at the Dover Air Force Base. As a result of

transfer, church attendance has greatly fluctuated. However, several families permanently residing in Dover have recently come into the church.

The effects of the revival are continuing.

—George M. Dashiell, pastor

**SAPULPA, OKLA.**—In a recent two-week revival at June Rose Assembly 13 souls were saved and one lady was filled with the Holy Ghost. Evangelist Bill Weaver of Tulsa, Okla., conducted the meetings.

On the closing night of the revival a family of five knelt at the altar and gave their hearts to the Lord. The following Monday a man telephoned for the pastor to come to his home where he knelt and gave his heart to Christ.

Sunday school attendance is still climbing as God continues to move in the services.

—Jimmie R. Ballard, pastor

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Hartford	New Post Oak	Jan. 3—	K. L. Claycomb	Charlie Glover
	Phenix City	First	Dec. 27—	Billy & Cherie Cotton	W. L. Baker
Ariz.	Tucson	Eastside	Jan. 6-17	I. D. Rayburn	R. A. Sites
Ark.	Siloam Springs	First	Jan. 3-10	Winn & Donna Griffin	Lonnie Nelson
	Anderson	First	Dec. 30-Jan. 3	Paul Clark Team	Jim Logan
Calif.	Campbell	AG	Jan. 3-10	Watson Argue	Herbert Johnson
	Garden Grove	First	Dec. 30—	Thomas Ming	Ralph Markey
	Kingsburg	Full Gospel	Jan. 3-17	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Lee Roy Rogers
	Lamont	Hilltop	Jan. 3-15	Ralph & Mrs. Copeland	Elizabeth Beckett
	Los Angeles	Calvary	Jan. 3-17	O. D. Burkett Party	Warren Berwick
	Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	Dec. 27-Jan. 11	Norman Surratt	E. L. Surratt
	Morgan Hill	First	Jan. 5-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Floyd Cagle
	Rialto	First	Jan. 3-17	T. W. & Mrs. Carlton	Cecil Branson
	Rio Dell	AG	Jan. 3-8	Charles J. Senechal	R. L. Waters
	Rio Linda	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 8	Dawson & Jeannette Wheeler	Tim Zemanek
	Rohnerville	AG	Dec. 30—	Roy Lee	Joseph Murray
	Fla.	Orange Park	First	Jan. 3—	John Stallings
Sebring		First	Jan. 6-17	Dave & Jan Olshovski	James White
Ga.	Atlanta	AG	Dec. 31—	Doyle Jones	James Mayo Sr.
Ill.	Granite City	Community Hgts.	Jan. 3—	Ronnie Dean McRaven I	S. G. Cunningham
Kans.	Eudora	AG	Dec. 28-Jan. 3	Charles O. Hudspeth	J. W. Leppke
	Galena	AG	Jan. 6-17	Charles O. Hudspeth	J. P. McCamey
Md.	Kansas City	Bethel	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	E. E. Krogstad	Paul Johnson
	Baltimore	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	J. L. & Dortha Pittman	Robert McIntosh
Mich.	Baltimore	Middle River	Jan. 5-17	Frank J. Fratto	Clyde Oliver
	Edgewood	AG	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	Gay Benson	Frank G. Sharp
Minn.	Ferndale	AG	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	E. A. Manley	A. O. Marialke
	Barnesville	AG	Dec. 27-Jan. 3	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	M. J. Strandberg
Miss.	Willmar	AG	Jan. 5-10	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	Ernest J. Moen
	Moss Point	First	Jan. 3—	Jimmy Merritt	Guy Howell
Mo.	St. Charles	First	Jan. 3-17	Al D. Hewison	A. W. Pettet
N. Mex.	Alamogordo	Mountain View	Jan. 3-8	Charles Farina	Harold E. Hill
	Bixby	First	Jan. 3-17	B. P. Carroll	Billy Guthrie
Okla.	Clinton	First	Jan. 3—	David Baker	Olen Rainey
	Tulsa	Carbondale	Dec. 27-Jan. 3	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Harley Pieratt
Oreg.	Aloha	AG	Jan. 5-10	Joe & Omena Sherrod	John Fuiten
	Philadelphia	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 3	Dave & Jan Olshovski	James Griep
Pa.	Greenville	First	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	David Lewis Family	Edward Blount
	Baytown	Trinity	Jan. 3-10	Russell & Stella Rexroat	J. J. Krimmer
S. C.	Corpus Christi	Glad Tidings	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Thomas Calk	Bythel Hagee
	Dalhart	First	Jan. 3-17	Danny & Patsy Rogers	Paul Thompson
Tex.	De Leon	AG	Jan. 3-17	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Terry Chapman
	De Soto	AG	Dec. 27-Jan. 3	Ken & Mrs. Ross	R. L. Clemmons
Va.	El Paso	First	Dec. 31—	The Pratt Family	Wm. F. Hageman
	Ft. Worth	Lakeworth	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	James & Peggy Hazelton	A. H. Roeber
W. Va.	Greenville	Central	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	William Caldwell	D. Paul Clark
	Houston	Long Point	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	Mike & Linda Murdock	Leo Tippit
W. Va.	Logan	AG	Dec. 28-30	Bob McCutchen	Glen Ketchum
	Lubbock	First	Jan. 3—	Leon Ammons	L. F. Ammons
Va.	Mesquite	First	Jan. 3—	Norman Jones	Hulon Hood
	Paris	First	Jan. 3-10	Joe E. Hancock	D. R. Decker
W. Va.	San Antonio	First	Jan. 3-17	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	J. R. Hembree
	Whitesboro	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Bob McCutchen	Ernest Smith
W. Va.	Wichita Falls	South Side	Jan. 3—	Patricia Adkins	Carl Alcorn
	Arlington	AG	Jan. 3-10	Singing Kolenda Family	C. R. Qualls
W. Va.	Ranson	Calvary	Jan. 5-17	Homer Peterson Sr.	W. P. Reed

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This newly remodeled Indian church in Gresham, Wis., is pastored by John C. Gunderson (inset).



To accommodate growing congregation

### Wisconsin Indian church remodeled

GRESHAM, WIS.—The Indian Mission here recently dedicated its parsonage and rededicated the newly remodeled sanctuary, according to Pastor John C. Gunderson.

Charles Slater, a former pastor of the church, was the afternoon speaker; and Harley Olson, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin—Northern Michigan District, was the evening speaker.

The church building recently underwent an extensive remodeling program. The parsonage which was located in the back part of the church, was incorporated as a part of the auditorium, and also as Sunday school rooms and an office. The

church purchased a house across the road for a parsonage.

Brother Gunderson has served as pastor since 1965.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL GIVES BUILDING TO CHURCH

MENTASTA, ALASKA—An 18-month-old Assemblies of God outstation of the Tok mission, Mentasta, has a log church—a gift of the Mentasta village council.

Joseph Filancia is now in charge of the Sunday afternoon services here while Gerald Silliman is on furlough.



Forrest Comer



Paul Curry



David Torres



Homer Specter

### MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

Forrest E. Comer is ministering to Indians in Fort Hall, Idaho, and Paul Curry is in charge of the Indian work in McDermitt, Nev. David L. Torres is director of Teen Challenge in Seattle, Wash. Homer Specter has been appointed to Jewish ministry in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Floyd Cruse family left Scottsdale, Ariz., and are ministering on the Tule Indian Reservation located in Porterville, Calif.

Valda Brown, who formerly ministered at Coolidge, Ariz., is now working among the Hopi and Navajo Tribes on the San

Carlos Indian Reservation in Cameron, Ariz.

Orville Greaser Jr. is now ministering to the Jicarilla and Apache Indians in Dulce, N. Mex., where Brother Greaser formerly ministered.

Doris Nixon, who taught at Trinity Bible Institute for several years, is now dean of the Good Shepherd Indian Bible School in Mobridge, S. Dak. The Norman Rehwinkles, who formerly ministered to Indians in Wisconsin, and Dianne Harvey have joined the teaching staff at the school. The Tom Fords have assisted with the construction of the Bible school in Mobridge.

### Spanish church establishes outreaches

TAMPA, FLA.—Missionary Assembly of the Spanish Eastern District here is rejoicing over the addition of five families to the church through its radio ministry.

The two-year-old church has acquired a piece of property valued at more than \$75,000.

In addition to ministering in this city where there are more than 125,000 Spanish people, the

church also ministers in the Ruskin, Palmetto and Bradenton area where more than 20,000 migrant workers live.

Last spring Missionary Assembly workers began holding services in Bradenton in a rundown old house with only a few in attendance. The work grew so rapidly that they had to tear down all the walls to accommodate the nearly 100 people who were attending. A few months ago the city condemned the property so the workers were forced to hold meetings in different houses.

Now Missionary Assembly has made a down payment on an acre of land in Bradenton on which to build a new church. The congregation has enough funds to pour the foundation for a new building. First Assembly in Clearwater is providing some volunteer help, and its pastor, Arthur Shell, will supervise construction of this new church.

### ALBUQUERQUE IMPACT HELPS INDIAN CHURCH

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Workers engaged in the Impact Crusade here in August contacted 32 new Indian families. C. E. Conley, pastor of the Indian church, served as coordinator of the Impact.

The Indian church had a booth at the fair this summer, and gave out more than 20,000 pieces of gospel literature. They printed much of this material, using testimonies of their own Indian people.

Brother Conley reports the church is now printing a paper which will be mailed to tribes in their area who have had very little contact with the gospel. These tribes include the Sandia, Santa Ana, San Felipe, Santo Domingo, Cochiti, Laguna, Acoma, and Navajo.

The new paper will feature the Indian people and be written mostly by them. The church already has names and addresses of more than 600 Indian families in these tribes who will receive the first issue of the four-page periodical.

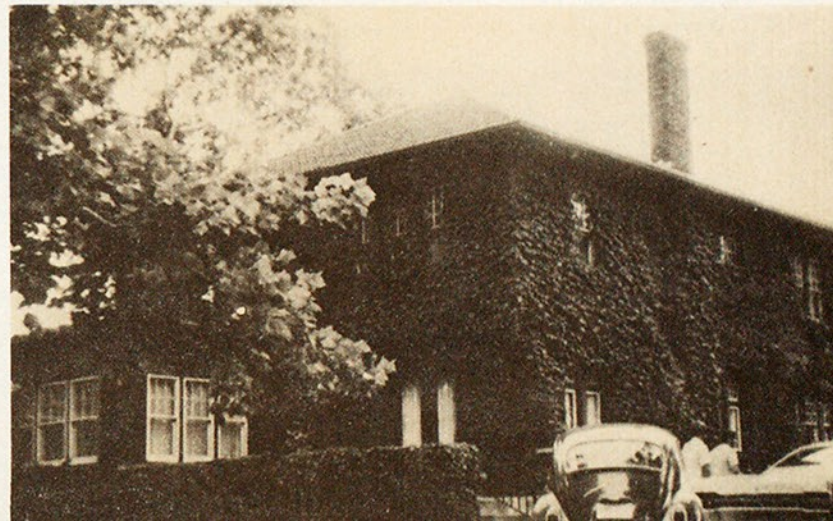
### Illinois District plans 30 churches in next five years

CARLINVILLE, ILL.—Presbyters of the Illinois District recently set a goal to reach during the first half of the 70's—the 30 cities of Illinois of 10,000 or more population which do not have an Assemblies of God witness.

According to the district, these churches can be started for an average of \$10,000. Several Illinois churches have already pledged \$10,000 each to be given over a five-year period.

### NEW TEEN CHALLENGE CENTER SEES RESULTS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—This lovely old building serves as the Teen Challenge Center for this area. Although the center has only been open a short time, 12 young people already have received deliverance from drugs through its ministry and are remaining true to the Lord. Betty Violette is director of the Indianapolis Teen Challenge work.





# *A new life for a new year*

By GEORGE WELLS ARMS

**H**APPY NEW YEAR," we say, and we mean it. The difficulty is, just when does the New Year begin? We reply, "That's easy, on January first." But does it?

The early Christians appropriately observed March 25, the resurrection season; and so England continued with the rest of Christendom until 1753 when she changed over to the Gregorian calendar and January first.

The Hebrews have their ecclesiastical New Year at the spring equinox, and their civil New Year in October. So we might go on.

The point is that the year is the measure of time it takes the earth to revolve about the sun. So to be exact, we should start the New Year with the day it began to run its course. But who knows when that was?

With the individual, each one's New Year is his birthday.

The difficulty is that after we start the New Year, whenever that happens to be, we find that in spite of its celebrations and resolutions, after it gets along a bit, it's the same old year after all. Just as the earth goes about the sun in a circle, we do not get anywhere, and often lose the race.

What we need is not a New Year, but a new life for the New Year. And there's the rub. If only we could be new, then the year would be new indeed.

And here is the glorious good news; we can be! The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The margin reads, "A new creation." The day that

happens, not only the New Year begins, but a new life as well. The "New Life Day" becomes the real New Year's Day. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). There is no better news or better wishes than that.

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Not that we might have more money, or clothes, or gadgets. These things don't make an abundant life. Jesus came that we might have more inner joy and peace, true love in our hearts, goodness, faithfulness, self-control—the things which money cannot buy, the things that make life rich indeed. These are called "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22, 23). When we are born of the Holy Spirit, they become part of our lives.

Then we shall say not just "Happy New Year," but "the happiest New Year ever!" And it will be if Christ is within us. If you have not let Him in, listen to what He says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Remember, the latch is on our side, and only we can open the door. Open up and let in Him "who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3).

Only Christ can make the old new.

Let Him in.

Happy New Year!

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