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

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When we say, "Stay off the ice," we show our unwillingness to face up to the problem!

Slippery places



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SECURITY BEGINS with sure footing. Nobody can really relax while slipping and sliding.

Slippery places portend danger. They are deceitful. A man may drive a car for many miles on solid ice, or even on wet pavement, without skidding. Suddenly, without warning and apparently without reason, the car turns sideways—and catastrophe results. Simply by being in a slippery place, the car was in danger.

This distinction needs to be kept in mind: the danger is not simply in the ice or the wet highway—these conditions only heighten the possibility of danger. Wrecks also occur when the weather is perfect. However, a slippery road magnifies the danger. There is a much greater chance of falling while walking on slick ice than while walking on a dry sidewalk!

This is like man's moral and spiritual journey through life. There are some places—morally, mentally, and spiritually—that are more dangerous than others. And the thing that makes them so treacherous is the fact that a few people seem to move so casually over them. Yet when we attempt to follow, we make a three-point landing!

This is such a touchy subject that we usually avoid it altogether. We detour the issue by philosophizing, "Stay off the ice!" But such

reasoning only displays our unwillingness to face the problem. It is impossible to always stay out of slippery places!

Suppose you are driving down a clear highway, and suddenly there is a rainstorm. Without warning you are on a slippery road. What is your advice now? Do you say, "Stop the car"? You can't pull this thing called "Life" over to the side of the road and wait for the danger to pass.

So we need to learn how to "drive" on ice. Admit the risk, but also recognize that the slippery condition does not require that you wind up in a ditch! Danger is imminent, yes; but disaster is not imperative. Awareness of the problem gives the able driver an advantage. With Paul we may say, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

Now no sensible driver would purposely drive on ice when a safer route is available. But many of these slick spots are unavoidable. Consider some slippery places over which the pilgrim must travel.

INACTIVITY is a precarious place in the Christian life. God's people are normally busy. There is a great work to be done and only a little while in which to do it. Christian believers put forth real diligence in "redeeming the time, because the days are evil." They toil fervently in the Master's

harvest field, knowing that the sun is about to set and the time of reaping soon will be over.

However, they are human. They need some times of rest. Jesus, in fact, instructed His followers to come apart and rest awhile. Our mental and physical natures require vacations. Woe to the man who is too busy to rest!

But be careful. Inactivity is a slippery place. While you rest, keep your guard up. While David was resting, he yielded to temptation and committed his horrible sin. Such a situation would never have developed on the battlefield. When David relaxed, he began to skid. And he was not prepared for it. An idle mind can indeed become the devil's workshop.

LIGHT IRREVERENCE is another slippery place confronting the traveler toward heaven. I call it "light" irreverence. Gross irreverence is, of course, unknown in the Christian life. We would sooner die than swear or blaspheme the name of the Lord.

But it is very easy to become so accustomed to spiritual things that we begin to slip on the ice of light irreverence. We sing about the blood of Jesus while we think about the cost of living. We praise the Lord by rote while trivial thoughts flit through our minds. We read the Bible without really thinking about it.

When the sacred things of God begin to lose their sacredness to our hearts, we become hypocrites at the altar. We are in danger of disaster.

UNCLEAN THOUGHTS can be another slippery place for the Christian. Do not believe the person who says he never has any impure thoughts. If he would lie about one thing, he would lie about something else. This world being as wicked as it is, and human nature being what it is, suggestions will come to mind that are extremely carnal.

Entertain them, and you will begin to skid. Treat them as friends, and a moral and spiritual crash is inevitable. There is no security in uncleanness.

QUESTIONING GOD'S DEALINGS can put us in a very slippery place. The Psalmist was there. He considered the prosperity of the wicked and the persecutions of the righteous, and he confessed, "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped."

It is permissible—and even good—to face reality. But we can go into a spiritual tailspin when we dwell on unanswerable questions. Our perspective is too confined. We are limited by time. There is so much that we do not understand. Beware lest egotistic logic lead to complete agnosticism. Remember that faith is as much higher than reason as the heavens are higher than the earth.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION may become slippery places in the lives of God's people. Though not harmful in themselves, they make eternal verities seem somewhat dimmer. Say what you will, an athlete's mind is not on the crucified Christ while he is sliding into second base!

It is good to smile, to laugh, and to enjoy God's beautiful creation. The Creator never intended for us to be sourpusses. But we somehow tend to overdo a good thing. Be careful! There's nothing wrong with owning a motorboat. The question is, "Where is it on Sunday morning?"

MATERIALISM is one of the most slippery places confronting us today. We have never had so much. We are sorely tempted to suspect that security consists in the abundance of the things we possess. It seems only natural to measure success by the preponderance of material things.

So many people of God have suffered fatal spiritual crashes on the slick spot of materialism. And such fatalities are completely unnecessary! Money becomes treacherous only when we fall in love with it. It can actually be a blessing if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

SLIPPERY PLACES are unavoidable in a Christian's experience. Our eternal fate is not determined altogether by our ability to hold the car on the road when conditions are clear—although that is important. Life or death for us is determined by the God-given ability to hold the road on the slick spots.

There are three basic rules about what to do when the car begins to skid. And they apply in the spiritual as well as in the natural.

1. *Don't hit the brakes!* To do so means definite loss of control. To try to stop is a natural reaction, to be sure, and demands strong willpower to resist. But don't do it.

Many a life has been ruined because the driver hit the brakes in a skid. The tempter said, "You had might as well give up. Your life is ruined. Hope is gone." So they tried to stop—and crashed!

Keep going on, my friend! The battle is not over yet. Suicide—physical or spiritual—is not the answer. You haven't crashed yet, so there is hope.

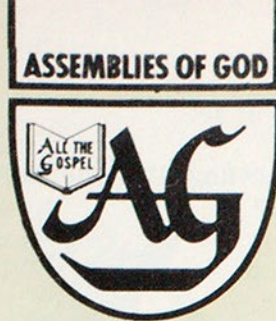
2. *Turn into the skid!* Again this is not a natural reaction. Normally we would try to turn *away* from the problem. But to do so in a skid may be fatal.

Spiritually, face your problem. Don't run away from it or ignore it. Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. God is on your side. Through Jesus you can be more than conqueror if you do not turn coward and run.

3. *Keep your cool!* I know that is hard to do, especially when your car is spinning like a top on slick ice. But, man, if you blow your mind, you don't stand a chance in the world. Pull your hair and scream and you will definitely wreck your car.

Christian, the Lord has not given you the spirit of fear, but of love and of power and of a sound mind. Let the storms rage—the Lord is by your side. Knowing Him you can sing in prison, you can laugh at lions, and you can walk through fire. He gives peace *in* the storm!

Learn to drive in slippery places and you will make it through—all the way through—to heaven! Jesus has been over this road before. Trust Him.



For senior readers

PEOPLE FROM 19 TO 90 read the *Evangel*.

The family of readers includes younger teen-agers also, and we know of several nearing the century mark. We are glad that many friends have been reading the magazine for 40, 50, or nearly 60 years.

If you are one of the older readers, we believe you will enjoy the article by Russell J. Fornwalt that appears in this issue. It is entitled, "Add Life to Your Years." It is very practical.

If you are advanced in age and have not yet accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, we hope you will read the story by Merle L. Cline entitled, "Something Better." It tells how Henry was converted at the age of 80.

No one is too old to find the Lord. Anyone can be saved, and filled with the Spirit, and initiated into a wonderful new life of thrilling spiritual adventure regardless of his age if he will dare to believe God's promises.

Have you noticed how many Biblical characters had the greatest experiences of their lives after they were 80 years of age?

Abraham was one. He had no son until he was an octogenarian—that is, in his eighties.

Both Moses and his brother Aaron were octogenarians when they appeared before Pharaoh and confounded the magicians of Egypt with the miracles God wrought through a simple rod.

Caleb was 85 when he conquered Mount Hebron. He said he was as strong at 85 as he had been at 45 when he first entered Canaan on that famous reconnaissance mission.

But not all the Biblical heroes were this strong in old age. David died at 70 and was infirm in his latter days.

His friend Barzillai the Gileadite was "a very aged man, even fourscore years," and he had lost his hearing and his sense of taste (2 Samuel 19:32-39). Nevertheless he was happy in the friendship of King David.

Anna the prophetess was 84. She "departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day." And that is how she happened to be in the temple that day when the infant Jesus was brought in, so that she had the privilege of seeing the Saviour.

John the apostle lived to be over 80 (tradition says he was nearly a hundred). At this ripe age he received the Revelation recorded in the Apocalypse and also wrote his Gospel and Epistles. "God is light," he said, "and in him is no darkness at all." Old age had no clouds for him, even though he was banished to the Isle of Patmos. "God is love: for love is of God," he wrote. John's love grew warmer, not colder, with the advancing years.

A good prayer is that of Bernard of Clairvaux: "Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee."

May our love grow stronger as our bodies grow weaker. Let us love God and all His children. If we love them we will serve them. We will pray for them, and find ways to help them, and in serving others we will find our own lives full and happy.

We need never outlive our usefulness. Longfellow expressed it very well in one stanza of *Morituri Salutamus*:

"For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress,
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day."

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WE BELIEVE . . .

. . . the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

. . . there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

. . . in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.

. . . in the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.

. . . the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

. . . regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

. . . the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.

. . . the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

. . . in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

. . . in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

THE WEARY PROSPECTOR was burning with thirst as he scanned the horizon once more. He was looking for some trace of life.

Charles Breyfogle had come to Death Valley in 1864 searching for the rich deposits of silver rumored to lie in this desolate area. But now his dreams of wealth were vanishing quickly, for he was interested in one thing only—*where could he get a drink of water?*

He could hardly see straight but he thought he saw something green in the distance. Did this mean water? Hopefully he quickened his faltering pace. A reddish hill lay before him, and as he struggled up the slope he kicked a rock.

When he looked down at that rock he could hardly believe his eyes. It was yellow with gold! All around he could see rocks with streaks of gold. More gold tracings could be seen in the quartz ledge nearby.

His heart pounded with excitement! This was a dream come true! Here was a fortune—enough gold to make Breyfogle a rich man for the rest of his life!

But what good was it now? He was famished. More than gold, he needed water and food.

He filled his pockets with pieces of the golden ore and forced himself on. Where was this green something that he had seen? When he got to the little bush he was disappointed. There was no water there after all.

For many days he wandered, checking his course by the stars at night. He existed on bits of bunch

grass and briny water that he found occasionally. Not until he had trudged some two hundred miles was he found by a rancher.

When he recovered his health, Breyfogle told his story. Those who saw his samples were deeply impressed and went with him in search of this fabulous ledge of gold.

But Breyfogle, who had wealth at his fingertips, had no clear memory of the route he had taken after he left the site. He could not locate the right slope. Again and again he went back taking different partners with him. There were hundreds of reddish hills and slopes and they were so similar. He never did find the right one again.


The frustrated prospector's story spread far and wide. Year after year other men came to Death Valley and searched. Other deposits were found, but nothing that matched Breyfogle's description and samples.

Today, after prospectors have combed Death Valley and nearby deserts for over a century, his find is still undiscovered.

It is said that the deserts are filled with stories of men who had wealth at their fingertips but who, for one reason or another, could not bring it out or find their way back to it.

Man's search for happiness and peace is like this. These things always seem to lie just out of reach. Did you ever notice how few really happy people there are today? Why is it so? It is because the things of this world only satisfy a part of our being. We are made for God and for eternity. Earthly things just will not fit into the place that God has built into our being for Himself. Man is searching for something real that is only found in God.

The riches of your Heavenly Father's grace can be yours today. They are found in Christ. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). You can be rich in the things that really count—that really satisfy. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Here you are promised life to the full. Isn't this what you are looking for?

Accept Him into your life, and the true riches will be yours to enjoy. You will discover something more than gold. 

What is the reason for so many unhappy people in this world? The answer may be here in this Death Valley story.

More than gold



By MICHAEL HORBAN



Something better

By MERLE L. CLINE

SEVERAL YEARS AGO my two sons and I were living in an old farmhouse with no modern conveniences. My husband had left us. The struggle to raise my boys on a very limited income would have been impossible except for one fact: I had the Lord! He never failed.

That is why, when I awoke that morning to find the temperature far below zero, I was not worried. I put the last of our coal in the old cookstove, and the last of our wood logs in the furnace. We would have a warm breakfast. Then after the boys caught the school bus, I would walk the quarter-mile to the nearest telephone, call the coal company, and the coal I had ordered a week before would be delivered.

"My child!" exclaimed my neighbor when she saw me. "That road is a glare of ice! How did you ever walk so far without falling?" I knew how. I had prayed with each step.

I called the coal company.

"I'm sorry, lady," the dealer answered; "the roads are too icy; we can't get to the mines. Our supply is limited. We are giving each customer a half-ton only and that for cash on delivery."

"But," I pleaded, "my monthly check has been delayed, so I have no money. I'll send the money as soon as I can, but we must have coal. I have two small children, no coal, no wood, no fire at all!"

"Sorry, lady; no cash, no coal; that's the rule for to-

day. If your check comes, call again; we'll deliver." He hung up.

I began to be a little concerned. But I believed the Lord would see to it that the check came in the noon mail and I could get coal.

Returning home, I found both fires out. I donned another sweater beneath my coat and knelt again in prayer.

If only Henry would come over! Henry was the 80-year-old man who chopped wood for us and did other jobs too difficult for me. He had not been over for several days. Of course, he would laugh because I was trusting in prayer. He said prayer was silly, that there was no God. I had tried to change his mind. Preachers had tried for years, but he only laughed at our beliefs. He was a kind old man and had helped us so often. Surely he would think of us today.

Oh! the mailman was coming! I watched, ready to rush to the mailbox, but he drove past without stopping.

No check, no coal! What would I do? If only someone would come! If only some of the church people would think of us! That was it! God would bring us to someone's mind.

Yes, there was a friend, an elder in our church, driving by. No doubt he and his wife were going to the little country store and would stop when they came back. I would drink some cold coffee and eat a bite while I waited for them.

Cold coffee? It was frozen solid in the pot! The water in the bucket was frozen too. Why wasn't God answering my prayers? I looked out the window just in time to see my friends drive past, never even looking my way, intent only on the icy road.

I was cold, so cold! Why didn't God hear my prayers? The boys would be home very soon. How could I explain the unanswered prayers?

The school bus came. "O God," I prayed, "You haven't answered my prayers today. I don't know why. Dear God, my boys will know I have been praying; please help me explain the cold house, the empty coal bin in such a way that they will not lose faith. They are coming in now, Lord; please help me! Give me the words to speak!"

"Boys," I began, "I'm sorry we have no coal. I tried but couldn't get any. We'll have to eat a cold supper and go to bed to keep warm."

"Didn't you pray for coal, Mom?" asked my youngest son.

"Yes, I did, Son, but..." Just then the back door opened and Henry entered. Seeing me with boots and so many clothes on, he exclaimed, "Girl, are you that cold?"

"Yes, I am. The coffee and water froze solid and I almost did," I laughed.

"We can't have this," he exclaimed. "I'll cut some wood for you, then I'll send my son over with a few bags of coal. I've had you on my mind all day. Three times I started over but it was so icy I didn't come. But somehow I couldn't go to bed without coming over."

He hurriedly cut some wood, built a fire in the stove and furnace, and started to leave. Promising to come back the next day, he added with a laugh, "I suppose you prayed."

"Yes, I did. All day," I replied.

"See," he said triumphantly, "your God didn't hear you. He didn't answer you. It took an old fellow like me to take care of you."

"But there is a God, Henry," I answered, "and He used you to answer my prayer. Why do you think you have been thinking of me all day? God just wouldn't let you go to bed without coming over." Henry laughed and was gone.

The next morning he came, chopped some wood, then came in to get warm. There seemed to be something different about him. I asked him to have lunch with me. He refused and started home. I watched as twice he stopped; the third time he came back to the house.

"Girl, is that invitation still good? I want to talk."

When we sat down to the table, he asked me to pray. I was sure he was only mocking, but I prayed. While we were eating, a truck loaded with coal drove up and, to my surprise, two tons were dumped in my coal bin! The truck had no lettering. No one would tell me who sent it. There was no bill then or ever.

We finished our lunch. Henry asked me to play some music for him. He loved music and for some strange reason liked hymns. Today I was glad to play hymns; God seemed so very close! I played the old familiar tunes. As I played "Just As I Am," I heard a strange sound. It was Henry. Tears were streaming down his cheeks. With a sob he said, "Don't mind me. I can't help blubbering. I never even cried at my mother's funeral, but somehow today I can't quit.

"Oh," he sobbed, "I've been wrong, so wrong all my life. There is a God. I know it now. But why did He use an old infidel like me to answer your prayers?"

"Because He wanted you to know Him," I answered. "Christ died for you too, you know. Won't you ask Him to forgive you and begin to live for Him?"

"Yes, if He will have me," was the answer.

People wondered from that time on what had caused the change in Henry. He never argued anymore. He attended church every Sunday.

Some couldn't understand, but I knew. God had said no many times that day when I asked for a half ton of coal for cash, in order that He might give me two tons free—and so that an infidel might find Him!

How wonderful to know that God sometimes withholds what we ask for so that He might give us something better.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

When Christ comes for the Church, will our physical bodies rise to meet Him in the air, or will they be left behind to plague the nonbelievers?

The Bible says "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." Our bodies will be changed, not left behind (1 Corinthians 15:50-53).

Does Romans 7 describe Paul's experience before or after his conversion?

In this chapter Paul was describing his condition before his conversion, when he sought to be righteous through fulfilling the Law. His deliverance through Christ is described in Romans 8:1-4.

Some Christian believers live too largely in Romans 7, which is much below the level on which they should be. It is their self that is the trouble. Let such give their lives wholly to the Lord, and move into Romans 8, trusting the Holy Spirit for overcoming power.

We know Jesus did not baptize converts, although His disciples did. Is there any proof that the apostles themselves were baptized in water?

I know of none. However, since Jesus taught that "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," we can safely assume that the apostles were baptized. Probably they baptized each other. We do know that the apostles baptized the converts, though Jesus Himself did not baptize anyone (John 4:1, 2).

John 1:35 indicates that Andrew, who became one of Jesus' disciples, had previously been a disciple of John, and no doubt he was baptized by John. Perhaps all or most of Jesus' disciples had been baptized by John. However, we learn from Acts 19:4, 5 that the apostles did not look upon John's baptism as Christian baptism. Converts who had only received John's baptism were re-baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus said, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). Why are so many prayers not answered?

Years ago we used to sing a song, "God answers every prayer; to some He says, yea, to others, no, but He answers every prayer." I do not know that it was a scriptural song, but it had truth in it.

If God answered every prayer as requested, what confusion there could be! One might pray for rain, another for sunshine. Both could not be answered at the same time. James said, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (that is, upon your carnal desires) (James 4:3).

Our first need is willingness to let the will of God be done. Next, we need the direction and help of the Holy Spirit in our praying since "we know not what we should pray for as we ought." It is the Spirit that "maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).

Don't be frustrated by longevity and leisure—

Add **life** to your years



By RUSSELL J. FORNWALT

giving never impoverishes the giver. They know that when you seek first the kingdom of God—service to the Father and others, “all these things” (the material needs) will be added.

But though financial resources are small, you still have much to give, regardless of how old or young you may be. As a result of your faithful devotion to God, you are rich in spiritual qualities and attributes. As you lovingly give these to the world, you add life to your years; and you also give life and hope to others.

You might be reaching the century mark in terms of your age. But you have a specific contribution to make, and our society needs it.

If you truly want to add meaningful life to your years, let your basic attitude be one of service to others and concern for their welfare. Never say, “I have lived my life.” No life is ever fully lived on this earth until God makes the decision and calls that person home. Never give up living; never give up giving.

Another way to add life to your years is by sharing your abundance of love with others. Even though you are homebound or confined to a wheelchair, you can share your love in your prayers. Pray for the sick, the afflicted, and the needy. Pray for the cause of peace and justice. Pray for the minorities whose rights have been trampled upon. Pray for the orphans and others who are disadvantaged in our society. Pray for the starving masses and the severely diseased in various parts of the world.

When you reach 70, 80, or 90, you may possess an understanding, a maturity, and a wisdom that younger people do not yet have. Share that understanding, that experience, or that wisdom as the occasion presents itself. For example, you know that the loss of a job, a sudden illness or accident, or even a failure in business does not mean the end of the world. Your own experience can help others put things in the right perspective. Your support and encouragement may make the difference.

Continue to vote; be active in local and national political affairs. Share your views with your congressman, senator, mayor, or governor. Our elected officials need guidance if they are to do the best possible job.

In every community you will find opportunities to add life to your years and give purpose to your extra leisure. In some cities public schools use retired men and women and housewives as teachers' aides. They tutor retarded children in reading, spelling, and arithmetic. They monitor tests, check attendance, grade pa-

IF SCIENCE IS DOING ANYTHING for you these days, it is giving you extra time.

Science is adding years to your life. Of the people who died in 1900 the average age was 47.3 years. In 1960 it was 69.7, a whopping increase of 22.4 years. If longevity proceeds at the same rate, by 1990 the average person will be close to 81 years of age when he dies.

Then too, science is giving you more hours of leisure every day of your life. The 25-hour workweek may become a reality for all in a few years.

Most of us alive now are going to have up to 30 more years of living to do than did our grandparents. With the reduced workweek and the lesser time required for household chores, we will have leisure galore. But what we choose to do with our longevity and leisure is another question.

The real issue is not adding years to one's life or more free time to one's day. The big challenge is, or will be, adding life to our ever-increasing years and leisure.

The secret for adding life to your years lies in the simple art of giving. True, you may be on a fixed income. Your financial resources may be only a small pension, bank interest on meager savings, an insurance annuity, or some kind of government aid. You may have to spend every dime keeping body and soul together. So you will not be able or expected to donate large amounts to charity.

However, I know elderly people who tithe. In spite of everything, they continue to give one-tenth of their limited incomes to the church. With all their giving they never lack for any material needs or comforts. Spiritually they are well-based, and they know that

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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

GOD DELIVERED ME FROM NARCOTICS

FOR ME the road to narcotics addiction started in a hospital.

In June 1966 I had back surgery. The pain was severe, and I was given narcotics.

The next year I was in another hospital—and was given more narcotics.

In 1968 I had a second back operation. This required a lot more narcotics.

By June 1970 I was totally disabled and in constant pain. By this time I was taking dope like a kid eating candy. I knew I was hooked.

My doctor, a good surgeon, said my condition would not improve but would get worse. I knew that in time I would probably lose my family and all I had to live for, but I couldn't help myself.

About a year ago my doctor sent me to the University of Missouri Hospital at Columbia. The first thing they put on my papers was that I was addicted to narcotics. They also said that the scar tissue was so bad on my back that they couldn't operate again. So I came home with hope almost gone.

I am 44 years old, but I had never read the Bible. One day when my wife was gone, I picked up her Bible. I wondered what to read. The first thing I saw when I opened it was: "I will lengthen thy days."

Now I had hope! I started praying—and my life started changing.

A Baptist minister whom I had known since I was a child was conducting revival meetings at a country church, so I decided to go. After attending two nights I told him I thought I was saved. He asked me to testify the next night, and I told him I would.

That night my wife, daughter, and I went to church. But before the minister could call on me to testify, I left the church—for God showed me I wasn't saved. I went home crying and praying that He would send that minister to see me.

He came by after the meeting and prayed with me. This time I knew I was saved. I prayed and cried for hours as God washed me clean. The next night I went back to church and told the people what God had done for me.

When I was a boy I had gone to Pentecostal churches with my grandmother. Since the Assembly of God in Rich Hill, Mo., was having a revival, we decided to attend. I couldn't wait for the prayer time but had to get

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

on my knees and pray. I knew I should be a Pentecostal, and that Sunday night I gave my testimony in this church.

I told them how wonderful it was to be saved. But I also told them about my narcotics addiction. I had taken no medicine since the night before, and before the service was over, withdrawal pains started. It was real bad.

Pastor Kenneth Smith, Evangelist Robert N. Cooper, and the congregation prayed for me. Then I went home.

After I left, the pastor explained to the congregation how terrible withdrawal is and asked them to pray around the clock for me. While the members were praying in their homes, the ministers were at my house praying me through the night.

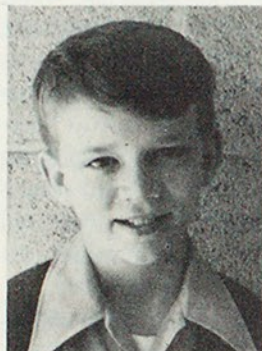
It took me two weeks to withdraw. The doctors wanted me to come to the hospital; they said it couldn't be done at home; but God gave us the victory.

I am thankful to be able to say now that God has relieved me of all medicine. I must be one of the happiest men in the world. I am saved and delivered from narcotics. My wife is saved. Our daughter is saved. And I keep telling myself that nothing is impossible with God; all you have to do is ask.—Ralph Thomas, Rich Hill, Mo.

(Endorsed by Kenneth Smith, pastor of the Assembly of God in Rich Hill, Mo., at the time of Brother Thomas's conversion and healing. He reports: "Ralph's salvation and deliverance is indeed a miracle, a testimony to the entire community.")

DEAF EAR HEALED

THE DOCTOR'S RECEIPTED BILL, dated May 24, 1967, said: "This is to certify the fact that Timothy Phillipie has a profound nerve deafness in his right ear." We don't know what caused it; maybe it was an infection when he was small.



His deafness hindered him in school. Unless his left ear was toward the person talking, he didn't always hear what was said.

We were told an operation would not help. He was examined three times for a possible hearing aid, which would cost about \$400.

We believed God had something better than that for Timothy. We believe the change started when our pastor prayed for him.

Then in March 1971 Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa came to our church for meetings. I took Timothy forward for prayer. Brother Caldwell asked the other boys and girls to come around and help pray for him. He laid his hands on Timothy's ears, and we all prayed and praised the Lord. Immediately he was hearing with the ear that had been deaf.

Now he uses the telephone with that ear, and can hear ordinary conversation. We notice he doesn't need to have things as loud around him. Only God could do this, and we give Him all the glory.—Clifton M. Phillippe, Burlington, N. C.

(Endorsed by Pastor Howard Thompson, Assembly of God, Burlington, N. C.)

HEALED OF VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS

AFTER DAVEY BULLARD returned home from attending our Wednesday night church service on November 18, 1970, he complained of a headache. His mother gave him an aspirin and put him to bed. The next morning he was unable to go to school. He complained that he was seeing double.



His parents noticed his eyes were crossed, and they immediately called the doctor who prescribed antibiotics. After the doctor examined him on Saturday, he immediately admitted him to a hospital. A series of tests showed he had spinal meningitis. The local hospital could do nothing for him and requested the family's permission to have him moved to the children's hospital in St. Louis.

The neurologist there told the family Davey had brain damage caused by viral encephalitis. He told them he would be no better, giving them no hope at all.

We held a special prayer meeting at the church on Tuesday evening. Many others were also praying. On Wednesday morning, when the family looked in on Davey in the isolation ward, he gave them a faint smile. He had just come out of a five-day coma.

The next day, Thanksgiving, the family found Davey sitting up. When they left that afternoon, the doctor said he was 99 percent well and would recover completely.

Davey is eight. He and his 12-year-old brother Jim are now singing for the Lord. He is very active and full of life—completely well.—Pastor Carl Tillery, Spring Street Assembly of God, Alton, Ill.

RECOVERS QUICKLY FROM INJURIES

ON MAY 4, 1971, my fiancée Karen King fell from a banister on the campus of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex. She fell about 12 feet to a concrete sidewalk and landed on her head. She was knocked unconscious immediately and began bleeding profusely from the mouth and nose. Her left eye had popped out about one-half inch. She appeared to be dying.

An ambulance rushed her to the hospital. The driver said later, "She looked like she was dead." He also told me she stopped breathing on the way to the hospital.

Several students were standing around when the accident happened. They immediately began to intercede for her. The news got around campus, and students, faculty, and staff began to pray. Some of the students called their parents, so people all over the nation were praying.

Karen was rushed from the Waxahachie hospital to one in Dallas where she was examined and X rays were made. They showed a brain concussion, a skull fracture of the superciliary arch, and a separation in the sphenoid part of the skull. She was placed in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

She remained unconscious for 26 hours. Then she began to improve steadily every day. The doctors were amazed and baffled at her quick recovery.

On Wednesday, May 12, Karen was to be transferred by ambulance to the hospital in her hometown. Instead, on May 9, just five days after the accident, she was taken home by automobile. She still had two black eyes and a bruised body, but by May 13 she was walking and talking and acting normal in every way.

I believe as Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark, "With God all things are possible." Thank the Lord for His miracle-working power.—Rickey Cleghorn, Foreman, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor Roy H. Carpenter, First Assembly, Jacksboro, Tex.)

HEALED OF DEAFNESS

FOR SEVERAL YEARS the hearing in my left ear was becoming worse until about three years ago I became completely deaf in that ear.

In April 1971 Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., came for special services in our church. The first night of the meetings a man who had been deaf for many years received healing. Other sick people were healed too.

Then Brother Caldwell prayed for me and immediately I could hear. He told me I should use my left ear when I listened on the phone. That is what I did.

The next day I called people and invited them to the meetings. And for the first time in many years I listened with the ear that had been deaf.

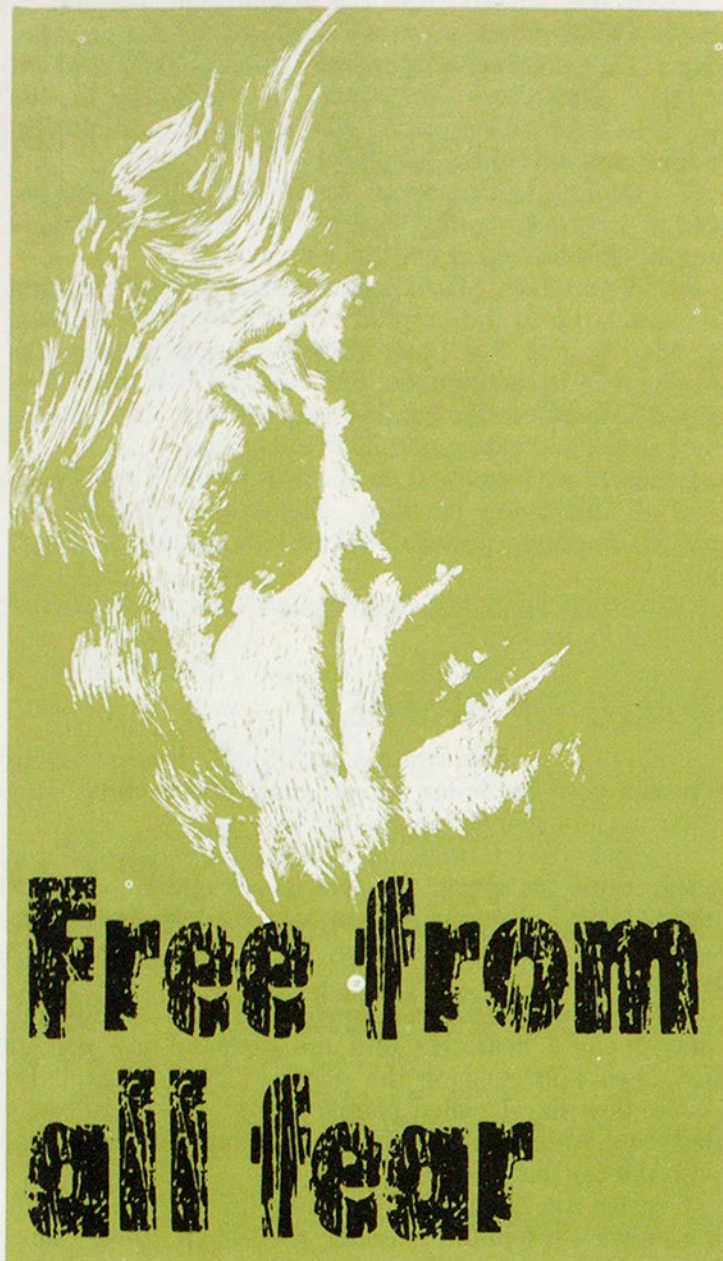
I praise the Lord for His wonderful saving and healing power.—Josephine Huscher, Levittown, Long Island, N.Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor James George Jr., Assembly of God, Bethpage, N.Y.)

READ IT EVERY DAY
CHAPTERS FOR
JANUARY 23-29

Sunday—Exodus 16-18
Monday—Exodus 19-21
Tuesday—Exodus 22-24
Wednesday—Exodus 25-27
Thursday—Exodus 28, 29
Friday—Exodus 30-32
Saturday—Exodus 33-35

This Week's Memory Verse
"And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not" (Exodus 20:20).



By **JOHN W. EVERETT**
Pastor, Crystal Assembly, Minneapolis, Minnesota

FEAR IS ONE OF THE MOST ENERVATING emotions known to man. It paralyzes his potential, erases his effectiveness, and handicaps him in life.

Some fears seem justified but most are unreasonable. All are entirely unnecessary, according to the Word of God. God has promised His children freedom from fear, saying, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).

God has some specific things to say throughout the Scriptures about fears that are common to man.

NOT AFRAID OF THE PAST

Don't let past failure haunt you. Yesterday's mistakes can shadow today and blight tomorrow. If you allow it, Satan will put the shovel of regret in your hands and keep you laboring in the cemeteries of yesterday. Paul reached a conclusion on this matter: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press

toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

Some things of the past must be dealt with. Past injustices should be righted if possible. Zaccheus found Jesus as his personal Saviour and immediately declared, "If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8).

Past sins must be forgiven; they can't just be forgotten. But when you sincerely repent and find God's forgiveness, don't let the past become a "skeleton in your closet," making you a slave of fear.

NOT AFRAID OF FAILURE

Those who expect to fail usually do so; those who anticipate success usually find it!

The latent potential within most people remains forever bound by fear of failure. Great ideas within them struggle for release, but the fear of failure raises its ugly head—and they retreat to the security of mediocrity.

There is a scriptural formula for eradicating this binding fear of failure. Paul found it: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). I remember committing this verse to memory early in my Christian life. I stood on it when I entered Bible college to prepare for the ministry. I have felt the thrill again and again of the assurance it gives when self and Satan suggest the possibility of failure.

"All things through Christ..." Christ cannot fail! As you walk hand in hand with Him, confident that you are in His will, the specter of failure will vanish like the mist before the morning sun.

NOT AFRAID OF PEOPLE

It is strange that the countenance of man strikes fear in so many hearts. Fears of opposition, of criticism, of censure, of incurring displeasure become a straitjacket which paralyzes.

David found the answer for deliverance from this fear when he cried, "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Psalm 56:11).

David knew the bitter reality of opposition. "Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul" (Psalm 56:5, 6). But with God's smile of approval upon him, how puny and useless were the designs of men against him.

NOT AFRAID OF SICKNESS

Multitudes live in the constant fear of becoming physically incapacitated. We may experience pain while we are yet robed in human flesh; man is not yet immortal; but why let this become a morbid fear?

Long before the full meaning of the atonement and the ministry of Christ to heal was clear, God promised the Israelites, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

Any suffering in this life is only temporary. Eternity

will harbor no sickness. This mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible shall put on incorruption!

NOT AFRAID OF LONELINESS

Many psychiatrists declare nothing is as debilitating as loneliness. The born-again Christian need never live in this aching void. The presence of Christ in the heart will eradicate the fear of loneliness. Hospital walls and convalescent rooms cannot shut Him out. Old age and infirmity will not cause Him to depart. He promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

If you are lonely, invite Jesus into your heart to dwell. He wants to be your constant Companion. Those who walk with Him are never alone.

NOT AFRAID OF DEATH


Psalm 23 is the favorite of more people than any other portion of the Bible because it speaks confidently of the victory which man can have over the fear of death: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

The ungodly and unrepentant have a valid reason to fear death. Death will forever bar them from the presence and favor of God. Death will wipe out their last opportunity of salvation. Death will deport them into the regions of the damned to suffer eternally.

But for the Christian it is so different! Paul declared, "To live is Christ . . . to die is gain." For the Christian, death is a promotion, a transition from a life of toil and perplexities to an eternity of rest and happiness.

It is only natural to desire to live. That is a God-given instinct. But the fear of death can be forever abolished by a personal experience of salvation which brings the assurance of eternal life.

The yoke of fear has been broken through Christ. Place your trust in Him and walk out of the darkness of fear into the glorious sunlight of faith. He longs to set you free from fear, and "if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). 



PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST

By NORMAND J. THOMPSON

ONE OF THE MOST THRILLING messages of encouragement to the born-again, Spirit-filled person is found in Jude 20: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, *praying in the Holy Ghost.*"

How often distraught men and women seek the pastor's help with such crucial personal problems as: "I know God can heal me, but . . ." "My son is out in sin, and I've prayed and prayed, but . . ." "Oh, how can I get more faith?"

Jude challenges our faltering faith with a remarkable remedy. Simply and boldly he states that our grain-of-mustard-seed faith will be adequate to the mountain-moving job *if we pray in the Holy Ghost.*

R. A. Torrey believed that praying in the Holy Ghost means to pray as the Comforter, the One who "leads us into all truth," inspires us and guides us to pray. As we pray, the Spirit reveals to us God's desire, so that we can be sure we are asking according to His will and that our petition will be granted. Torrey said, "The Holy Spirit makes God's presence real to us. He gives us that intense earnestness in prayer that prevails with God."

Equally challenging as Jude's is the arresting statement of Paul to the Corinthian church: "I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also." This plainly indicates *two* ways of praying.

Praying to God in tongues is a miraculous, supernatural means of communication, a gracious gift bestowed by heaven on the believer. Often the one pray-

ing in tongues does not know what he's praying about; neither do others.

Smith Wigglesworth wrote, "You have the same power to pray with your understanding (in your own language) under the unction of the Spirit as you have to pray in tongues." Even before we receive the gift of tongues, the Holy Spirit is present to help us pray. But after we receive the gift of tongues, our prayer life is even more fruitful.

Jude's testimony is corroborated by Paul's declaration "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Corinthians 14:4). To *edify* means "to build up," just as *edifice*, from the same Latin root, denotes a building. How wonderful that God, in His love and wisdom, has provided the Spirit-filled believer with this method of approaching His throne to augment his faith and to build himself up spiritually!

Years ago I visited Charlie Young, a member of my men's Bible class, who was very ill. Painful boils in his ears had rendered him quite deaf. Because of this, conversation was almost impossible, even though I shouted at him. At last I suggested prayer, and we knelt together.

I rose from my knees frustrated and grieved because he still could not hear. As I prepared to leave, the Holy Spirit led me to lay my hands on his head. I did so, and words poured from my lips in a language I had never learned. I could feel something like electricity in

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my hands that made them tingle. Tears were streaming down Charlie's face.

"Lift your hands and praise the Lord," I instructed him. "You're healed!"

Charlie did so, and heaven came down to bless our souls. We laughed, wept, and embraced each other. Outside, I turned back to ask, "You can hear now, can't you, Charlie?"

He wiped tears of joy from his eyes. All he could say was, "Glory—glory—glory!" But he could hear.

In Romans Paul tells us that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Not only does the Spirit reveal Calvary's love, but He gives us a Christ-like compassion for sinners, backsliders, the sick and afflicted, the poor and needy.

To pray "in the Spirit" the believer must keep filled with the Spirit. This will keep a song of praise in his heart and thankfulness upon his lips (Ephesians 5:19, 20). A Spirit-filled man is a prayerful man, and his prayers, activated by the Holy Ghost, are golden keys to unlock heaven's treasure house. In Acts 1:8 Jesus promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This promised power was poured out at Pentecost, and the amazing history of the Early Church was written by the Holy Ghost. In Acts 6:5 we find a layman, Stephen, "full of faith and of

Angel guard

A MEDICAL MISSIONARY and his companion had to walk some distance to collect a sum of money which had been sent to a bank on their account. Night overtook them before they could reach home; so, committing themselves to God, they lay down to sleep on the lonely hillside and finished their journey the next morning.

Some weeks later a man who came to the hospital for treatment stared at the missionary and said, "I have seen you before."

"No," replied the missionary, "I don't think we have met."


"Oh, yes we have!" said the man. "You were sleeping on a hillside a few weeks ago. Several of us saw you at the bank and followed you, intending to rob you when it was dark, but we didn't dare because of the soldiers."

"Soldiers?" The missionary laughed. "There were no soldiers with us, my friend."

The bandit was adamant. "Yes, there were—we counted them. There were sixteen of them and they had swords."

The missionary humored the man and dismissed it as a hallucination.

After telling the incident while on furlough, the missionary was approached by a friend who asked, "What date was it when you camped on the hillside?" The missionary found the date in his diary and his questioner checked the date in his own appointment book.

"That night," he said, "we had our weekly prayer meeting. Your name was brought forward for prayer, and," he added, "there were sixteen of us in the meeting that night." 

the Holy Ghost." Three verses later he is described as "full of faith and power."

Some months after my experience with Charlie Young, I became a pastor. A peculiar condition developed in my prayer life that kept me awake nights. Day after day as I prayed in the Holy Ghost, I was startled to hear the Spirit speak one word of English—*Lena*. It was the name of an unsaved young lady who had helped my wife several years before. She now lived in another town, and we had not seen her for years.

One Saturday I said to my wife, "Let's go see Lena. I feel that she is in trouble."

"What makes you think so?" she asked.

I explained my experience in prayer. Since my wife was very busy, she suggested that I take the evangelist who was with us in meetings. When we arrived at the town 40 miles away, neither Lena nor her sister Vivian was home. Their mother was surprised and a little frightened when I explained the reason for my visit. She confessed that she "couldn't do anything with the girls."

Two weeks from that day I preached Vivian's funeral! She was killed in a car crash at an intersection within sight of the lighted cross on our church.


Lena was deeply moved. She began to attend our Sunday services, driving the 40 miles to church each week. A few months later she gave her heart to God. Finally she became our Sunday school superintendent, a very faithful and efficient officer.

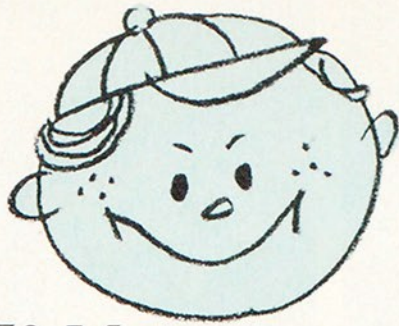
If we are to enjoy the benefits and blessings of power with God, we must be fully surrendered to Him. We must shut out all worldliness and be shut in with God. We must be led by the Spirit in our prayer life. We must not neglect the Word of God, which is Spirit and life.

"Praying in the Holy Ghost" is not restricted to the pastor or evangelist, but is the privilege of every Spirit-filled believer. Since the gift of tongues plays an important part, every layman should by all means press in to receive this gift from God.

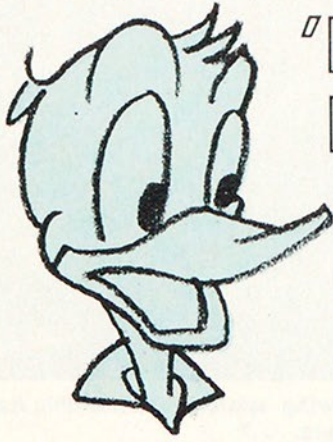
In his well-known book *Ever-increasing Faith*, Wigglesworth illuminates this matter of the gift of tongues. He says, "After receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost, I didn't speak in tongues again for nine months. This troubled me because I was laying hands on people to receive the Holy Ghost, and they were speaking in tongues; but I did not have the joy of speaking myself. God withheld this gift from me to show me that the speaking in tongues when I received the baptism was distinct from the gift of tongues which He gave me nine months later. He knew I would meet many who would claim that the baptism of the Holy Ghost can be received without speaking in tongues, and others would say the gift of tongues is received at the Baptism."

He went on to say, "It is not a luxury to be filled with the Spirit—but it is a *must*, a divine command..."

What a wonderful church we would have if all the members, filled with the Spirit, practiced praying in the Holy Ghost! We would witness a glorious revival of first-century Christianity! Then the prayer of faith (James 5:15), signs following the believer (Mark 16:17, 18), and faith, power, wonders, and miracles (Acts 6:8) would make the mighty impact on this evil and apostate age that God intends His church to make. 



'Little Kid' or 'Donald Duck'?



By **ROBERT BOWDEN** / *Missionary to Chile*

"LITTLE KID," a new Communist comic book, was recently put on Chilean newsstands to replace "Donald Duck" because Communists claim him to be a tool of Yankee imperialism.

Today's battle for men's minds is being waged on the battlefield of paper and ink. Almost daily a new newspaper appears as the voice of a new splinter political group. Colorful Marxist magazines are sold at very low prices.

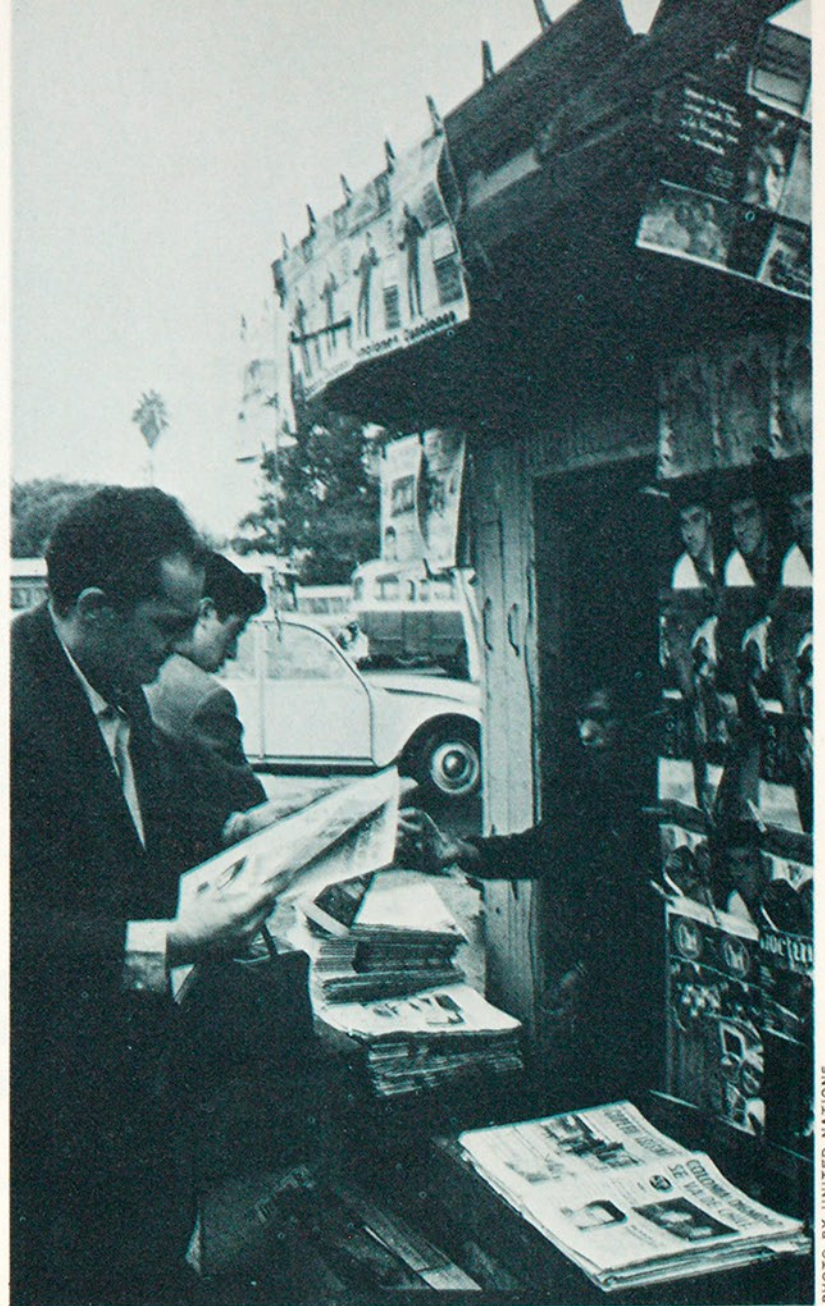
The Assemblies of God will enter the battle for men's souls in Chile through the literature program of Editorial Vida which produces Pentecostal, Christ-centered literature in Spanish.

In a small second-floor room of our church in Valparaíso, a young Chilean, Juan Toro, worked day and night for two years promoting and distributing the literature throughout all of Chile. During that time there was a 500 percent increase in Sunday school literature production.

Two rooms in my home now serve as the warehouse. My wife Margaret handles the office work, and I travel making contacts with the many churches in Chile. Every day we receive more letters asking for information and thanking us for providing such fine materials.

In Chile about one million Pentecostals with little or no doctrinal standing make a fertile field for literature distribution. Reports show that God is working through this means, and we receive many requests to present our literature program at their national conventions. Harold Mintle was recently appointed to full-time literature ministry in Chile (see next page).

The future is very bright for Chile and there is no limit to the victories that can be won by the printed page. Join with us in this battle by praying for and supporting Editorial Vida and the literature ministry in Chile.



Almost daily a new voice appears on the newsstands in Chile.

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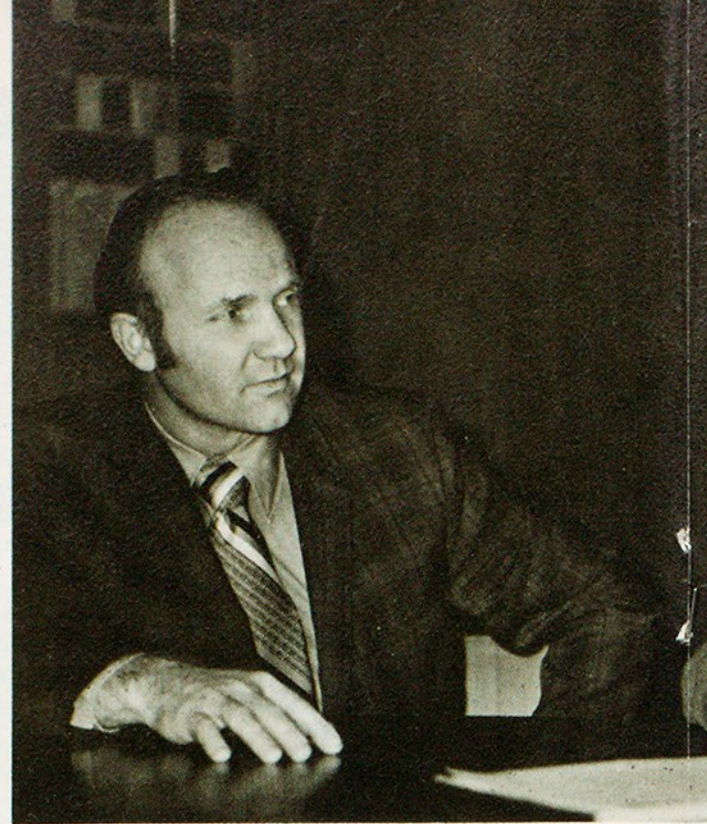
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Seed: a pil

Foreign Missions Editor David Kent Irwin interviews Missionary Harold Mintle and Field Secretary Melvin L. H

IRWIN: *Brother Mintle, where have you served as a missionary prior to this assignment?*

MINTLE: My wife and I were called to the mission field while I was working in the Promotions Division of the Foreign Missions Department at our Assemblies of God headquarters. We served in Honduras, Central America, for 10 years. There we helped train national men to assume the responsibility of church administration. We now feel released from those duties because of the advancement in that work.

IRWIN: *Where will you be going and what will be the nature of your new assignment?*

MINTLE: The Foreign Missions Department has asked us to go to Chile, South America, to establish a literature distribution center. When we think of the political situation that exists in that land, the request seems strange; but we have the peace of God in this matter.

IRWIN: *Brother Hodges, why was Chile chosen for this outreach?*

HODGES: This is a critical hour in the history of Chile. Everyone is familiar with the fact that Chile is going to the left politically and that our activities could be curtailed within the next few years. Another important factor is that the large evangelical population in Chile is mostly unlearned in the Scripture. We feel that a

literature ministry to these Christians will have a stabilizing influence and will help them in the difficult years that may lie ahead.

IRWIN: *Brother Hodges, what is the relationship of the Assemblies of God to other Pentecostal groups in Chile?*

HODGES: Many Chilean Pentecostal leaders have a growing appreciation for the Assemblies of God, and some have asked for our help. On my last visit to Chile one leader said, "The Assemblies of God will sin against the work of Christ in Chile if they do not enter this door of opportunity in providing literature." This is not the feeling everywhere, but doors are being opened to us. We will not enter with the sense of trying to dominate or take over their work but rather to give the work a better foundation and outreach.

IRWIN: *Will this be an interfellowship enterprise? In other words, our work in Chile will not be confined to the Assemblies of God?*

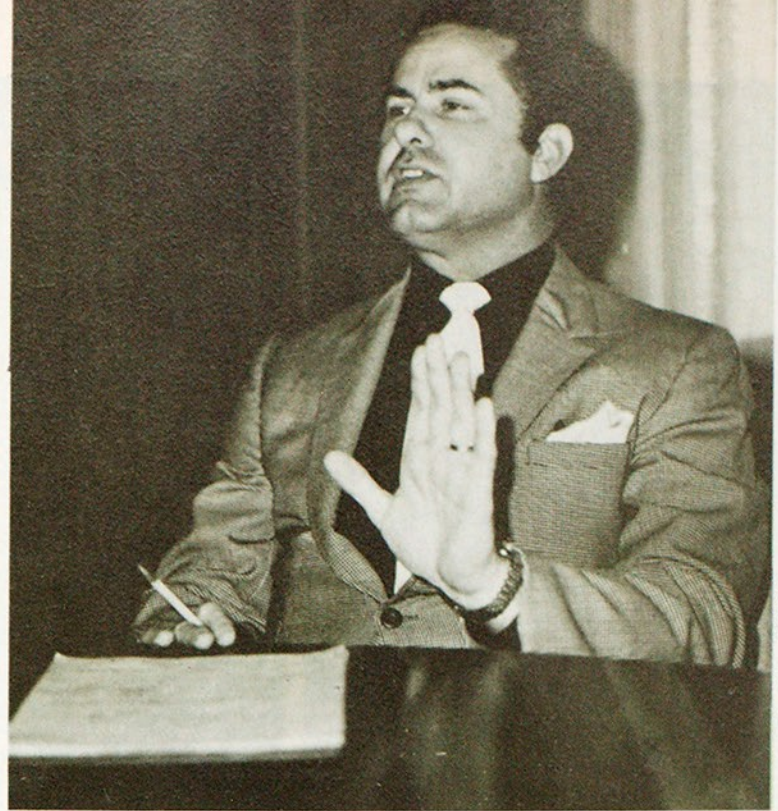
HODGES: Yes. Our hope is that we will create a nationwide ministry in gospel literature.

IRWIN: *I believe President Allende has stated that religious liberty will be granted to all. Do we have any indication to the contrary at this time?*

HODGES: So far there have been no restrictions. In



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PHOTOS BY PHIL STOVALL

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Hodges regarding a new foreign assignment

fact, our missionaries feel the situation is much more favorable than they anticipated a year ago.

IRWIN: *Brother Mintle, is sufficient literature now available in Spanish to meet this need for educating the Christians in Chile?*

MINTLE: Through Editorial Vida, with headquarters in Miami, Florida, the Lord has helped us produce Spanish literature. The potential is there, the procedures are there, the presses are ready to roll; but Loren Triplett, the director of Editorial Vida, told me that we must break the bottleneck of distribution.

This will be a pilot project, so there is no rule book. No Assemblies of God missionary has ever done this work before in Latin America, and we will be discovering just what is necessary to break the bottleneck of distribution. With the potential that Editorial Vida has, we can publish evangelistic and educational literature.

I call our project SEED, which refers to the seed of the Word of God being planted. SEED stands for Spearhead Evangelism and Educational Distribution.

IRWIN: *What is the potential audience you can reach with literature in Chile?*

MINTLE: I recently read a newspaper article which stated that Chile's population is nine million. We have never been so challenged in all our previous ministry

as we have been in this particular calling. One thing that is so thrilling is the fact that there are not only strong Christian groups, but also Pentecostal groups to work with.

IRWIN: *What percentage of the population of Chile is evangelical and/or Pentecostal?*

MINTLE: Approximately 10 percent of the nation is Pentecostal, and Pentecostals comprise 90 percent of the evangelical Christian community. We will be working with the Protestant population in literature distribution, bookstore outlets, colporteur training, and conducting seminars on literature evangelism and education. During a 24-day outreach tour in South America this past summer, I saw that literature evangelism produces tremendous results when the workers are trained for the task. To properly establish a literature evangelism program we must educate. Brother Hodges has often said: "To undergird any revival effort there must be education."

IRWIN: *So one of your tasks will be to train people to effectively distribute literature?*

MINTLE: That is right. We do not plan to stay indefinitely as the directors of the literature distribution program, but we pray that God will give us the proper men who can learn right along with us the procedures



"The potential is there, the procedures are there, the presses are ready to roll . . . and we must break the bottleneck of distribution."



"What the investments of millions of our tax dollars have not been able to do, the gospel of Jesus Christ can do."

that will work. When we go from there, they will continue this ministry regardless of what happens to us as North Americans.

IRWIN: Will they do follow-up work themselves, or will they train others to conserve the results of the outreach program?

MINTLE: As I indicated, we have to write the rule book as we go, but this is what we have envisioned. Initially, much of our time will be spent in setting up training seminars, colporteur schools, recruiting colporteurs and training them to train others.

HODGES: I would like to break in here with a comment. We now have literature and books of excellent quality. In addition to the Spanish Bible, we have several good paperbacks, such as *They Speak with Other Tongues*, and *The Cross and the Switchblade*. Colporteurs can support themselves from the profit of the literature sales so that they won't have to depend on a salary from outside sources. This way we can have a self-supporting colportage ministry through Editorial Vida books.

IRWIN: Brother Mintle, have you projected a date when you hope to set up this program?

MINTLE: I would like to set it up now. I received a letter from the director of Editorial Vida recently saying, "Please don't spend any more time in the United States than is absolutely necessary. We need your help in Chile." He is as excited as we are about the possibilities of this ministry, and we believe that God will give us supporters who will share in this opportunity. Because of the uncertainty of the political situation we are appealing to friends to help us stockpile literature in Chile now, while we can import literature from the outside. Then, regardless of what happens, we will be


able to carry on our evangelistic and educational literature ministry inside the borders of Chile.

IRWIN: Are you planning to expand literature distribution projects to other countries in Latin America?

MINTLE: That is our plan. We hope to have a literature man in every country of Latin America including the smaller countries. I know that this sounds idealistic, but that is our dream. We trust that what is accomplished will also inspire others to dedicate themselves to this type of ministry. Until now we have never had a missionary appointed exclusively for literature distribution work. This task is so important that a man appointed specifically for literature work should not be expected to accept another assignment on the field.

IRWIN: Brother Hodges, would you concur with the view that more souls are won and established in the kingdom of God for less money through literature than any other means?

HODGES: Yes, I really do. Literature costs less and it stays with a person. For example, I believe in radio ministry too, but when the words are spoken—that's it. But the tract or the book stays there. It keeps speaking again and again to the same person and therefore has a continuing impact. It goes from person to person. Many thousands of Christians were introduced to Christ through literature. Naturally, it was followed up by other helps, but literature was the initial motivating factor.

The shadow of Communism is falling heavily upon Chile. What the investments of millions of our tax dollars have not been able to do, in Indochina for instance, the gospel of Jesus Christ can do. This is a more fitting expression of concern from Assemblies of God people and certainly is an investment which is eternally more valuable than tax dollars. 

How to face adversity

Sunday School Lesson for January 30, 1972

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

GENESIS 39:20-23; 40:6-15

THE STORY OF HOW JOSEPH reacted to two of life's sternest tests—the tests of morality and adversity—is told in today's lesson. Maintaining his integrity in the face of the seductive influence of Potiphar's wife, Joseph was falsely accused by this vengeful woman and unjustly cast into prison. His conduct shows how adversity in the will and providence of God may become both a means of spiritual growth and a pathway to usefulness in God's service.

Joseph spent his time in prison in four ways:

1. *Working* (Genesis 39:21 to 40:4). Joseph did not lose touch with God or become bitter at his lot. His victorious spirit and godliness became apparent to the keeper of the prison who subsequently placed all the prisoners under Joseph's care. Little did Joseph realize what hinged upon his relationship to these men, especially to two notable prisoners, Pharaoh's chief baker and butler.

2. *Watching* (Genesis 40:5-7). Joseph served well in prison. He was alert to the needs of his fellow prisoners. He had "a heart at leisure from itself, to soothe and sympathize." Consequently, when his prison mates appeared one morning with woebegone countenances and depressed spirits, he at once inquired and found that both men had had dreams they did not understand. Joseph's unselfish interest in the well-being of others thus paved the way for his eventual liberation and exaltation.

3. *Witnessing* (Genesis 40:8-19). At the mention of dreams Joseph easily might have become disdainful. What had his own dreams ever amounted to! But there was no cynicism or pessimism in his heart. God was still real to him, and he lost no time suggesting that God had the solution to his fellow prisoners' problems. The Christian who lives in touch with Jesus will always have a word of faith and hope for the needy all around him.

Note Joseph's courage in telling *both* men the truth, though to one the truth would be hurtful. We do well to follow his example.

4. *Waiting* (Genesis 40:18-23). What fervent promises the butler made to Joseph when he left prison. But, true to human nature, he "did not remember Joseph."

Think of Joseph waiting, hoping, wondering, and finally realizing that he had been forgotten! Yet there was no bitterness in his heart. He had found something far more satisfying than recognition by man—the deep peace and satisfaction which comes to one from the consciousness that he is doing God's will and meeting with God's approval.

Joseph seems never to have regretted putting God first in all things and he trusted God with his in-

terests. If we take care of God's interests, He will take care of ours.

A number of general lessons appear from Joseph's experience up to this point:

1. *God's way is wisest.* The prison was fitting Joseph for the throne. His was not an experience of "tough luck" but of divine providence. We would have sympathized with "poor Joseph" and thus interfered with God's training. Our sympathy may sometimes be unwise and may infer that God is harsh in His dealings.

2. *God's time is best.* After his own dreams, Joseph was taken from home, sold into slavery, cast unjustly into prison, and forgotten by the man he had helped. Yet he remained true to God and never lost faith in his dreams. And when God needed a man for a big job, Joseph was ready. God is never late! Looking back, Joseph could see that God's timing was best. (See Psalm 105:17-19.)

Faithfulness in a period of trial is a stepping-stone to spiritual enlargement and blessing. He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful in the larger responsibility.

3. *God's grace is sufficient.* In spite of everything that seemed against him, Joseph was "more than conqueror." The secret? "The Lord was with him." The phrase occurs several times in the account. In all his afflictions Joseph walked with God and found in that fellowship all the strength and grace he needed.

Be encouraged, then, child of God, if you are being sorely tested. God loves you and is working out His purposes in you. His grace is sufficient for you. Believe Him. Be faithful to Him and you will conquer as Joseph did!

TODAY'S FORGOTTEN MAN



In 1952 the goal was \$3,000; in 1972 the goal is \$85,000.

BGMC DAY '72

a twenty-year milestone

BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE Day, February 6, will be a 20-year milestone in the special-project giving of this children's missionary-education program.

The first national drive for BGMC was conducted February 3, 1952, with a goal of \$3,000. A total of \$3,946 was received. This year's February goal is \$85,000 and for 20 years we have always exceeded the goal. The \$85,000 will be earmarked to assist the worldwide ministry of the International Correspondence Institute—see page 22.

Out of more than \$3 million raised through BGMC, some \$712,000 has been designated for special projects. Of this total, \$131,000 has been used for Eurasia, \$125,000 for the Far East, \$149,000 for Africa, \$156,000 for Latin America, \$20,000 for Southern Asia (when it was considered a separate field), and \$131,000 for specific worldwide projects.

In addition to the February giving, most BGMC groups make a monthly contribution to missions—more than \$300,000 this past year. These offerings are divided equally among the mission fields.

To show what BGMC means to the Assemblies of God missionary program, each foreign missions field secretary has given a brief report of what the special and regular giving has meant over the years, as follows.

AFRICA

Our Sunday schools through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade pioneered financial help for literature as an organized worldwide program. They inspired other groups and triggered literature programs which are today reaching millions who would otherwise be untouched!

And what a boon they have been to Africa! From South Africa to Senegal, from Kinshasa to Kilimanjaro, the boys and girls have provided paper for Sunday school quarterlies and papers, Good News Crusades tracts, Bible school textbooks and libraries, correspondence programs, and innumerable other printed projects!

Take West Africa for an example. Recently the presses of Liberia, Upper Volta, Nigeria, and Ghana were consolidated into a Literature Center in Accra. A crusade program for all nine countries of that area is being planned for 1973. There will be national evangelists

working side by side with missionary evangelists. There will be house-to-house evangelism on a one-to-one basis. There will be Good News Crusades, and there will be a thorough follow-up program. And where do you think we found the money to buy paper stock for this program? BGMC, of course.

And that's not all! The Bible schools of West Africa are standardizing textbooks. BGMC is making possible the translation and publication of books in French and English for 15 Bible schools in West Africa alone! Add to this libraries in Bible schools of Ougadougou, Umuahia, Iperu, Gaberones, Rutenburg, and Johannesburg—to mention a few—and you get an idea of the tremendous scope and impact of our boys and girls throughout the "dark" continent! Rest assured that, at this rate, a good number of lights will have been lit to dispel the darkness!

So on the 20th anniversary of BGMC Day, we want you to know that the missionaries and national Christians of Africa are aware of what the kids are doing—and are grateful!

—MORRIS WILLIAMS

EURASIA

A miracle started 20 years ago when the first BGMC offering was designated for a specific mission field. Since then missionaries have been recipients of help throughout the year and around the clock. The sun never sets on the flow of literature cascading over the world.

Tracts and books are produced by the millions as presses try to keep up with the translators. The demands for Bible correspondence courses become greater than the always-too-small staff can handle, but BGMC is one of the great vehicles to meet the need.

This program undergirded the pioneer effort of Sunday schools in our area. Through the constant flow of help from BGMC our Bible schools and Bible colleges in Eurasia, where leadership training is the whole reason for being, are now building some of the best libraries possible.

BGMC is the great door opener, the forerunner of evangelism, the outreach strength. It has filled the vacuum, dug new wells, and made the difference between defeat and victory.

To say thank you seems so inadequate, so weak in comparison to what we in Eurasia have received from the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. We pray God's

best on this program which grows more exciting every day.

—CHARLES GREENAWAY

LATIN AMERICA

It is almost impossible to overestimate the contribution BGMC has made to the missionary advance in Latin America and the West Indies. This program quietly goes ahead by the dedication of Sunday school teachers and the response of our boys and girls throughout our churches in the United States. The BGMC program undergirds our missionary literature overseas. Here are some of the things it does in Latin America.

BGMC provides a major subsidy for our Sunday school literature in Spanish. Editorial Vida is now publishing graded Sunday school literature for every age group—an important factor in teaching and maturing the church overseas. We simply could not publish adequate Sunday school literature without the help of BGMC.

BGMC has helped provide textbooks in Spanish, Portuguese, and other languages for our Bible schools. Thus BGMC helps train pastors and evangelists to take care of the churches and to pioneer new fields.

BGMC provides help to radio ministries by furnishing funds for follow-up materials.

In Latin America, BGMC has helped to subsidize a quarterly magazine called *Advance* which gives helps to pastors and promotes the different departments in the church. *Advance* is a real Sunday school booster.

BGMC has helped us provide the International Correspondence Institute's evangelism course, *The Great Questions of Life*. Thus it puts a soul-winning tool in the hands of missionaries, pastors, and individuals alike.

BGMC is subsidizing the mimeographing of Sunday school lessons in French for the use of our teachers and churches in Haiti.

BGMC has contributed to the preparing of vacation Bible school materials.

BGMC has provided funds for children's tracts.

This is not an exhaustive list, for BGMC stands ready to help in any form of literature outreach that will evangelize the unsaved and strengthen the churches.

In the name of our missionaries, pastors, and churches

in Latin America and the West Indies, let me say thank you to our boys and girls in the United States who have made an inestimable contribution to the advancement of the kingdom of God through BGMC.

—MELVIN L. HODGES

FAR EAST

BGMC literature is often the key to consolidating local churches through teaching and training in the Far East. It is also a source of help for literature used in training ministers in our Bible schools. There are printing and publishing operations that would have to close tomorrow were it not for the faithfulness of the missionary giving of boys and girls in the Assemblies of God.

Through the last six years foreign missions personnel have not been permitted to stay in Burma. But the church continues to grow. One of the most significant helps is what BGMC has made available for printing Bible study literature, supplying books in the Bible school library, and publishing a songbook.

The gratefulness of the Burmese, the Indonesians, the Filipinos, the Chinese, and the people in the Pacific islands is impossible to describe.

The literacy rate in many of these places is skyrocketing. There is an insatiable desire for something to read. With the continued help of BGMC we will continue to put God's Word with appropriate Bible lessons in many languages into the hands of those who plead with us to satisfy this crying need.

On February 6, as you prepare to go to the Lord's house for Sunday school and worship, our prayer is that included in your worship will be a gift of love to the Lord through BGMC. As you do this, a thank you comes from uncounted numbers. If only one of these recipients of BGMC literature could stand in your Sunday school class to say that simple thanks, I am confident that your efforts would be doubled.

As field secretary representing more than a billion people, what can I say? I say thank you for all those who cannot speak to you personally, but I also must urge you to pray and prepare to do more than ever to provide gospel literature for the world.

—WESLEY R. HURST

Pastor likes flexibility

PASTOR WILLIS WILSON, Nashville, Illinois, appreciates the revised adult materials which became available last September. They give him new flexibility in teaching his Bible class.

"I find myself with more material than I can use in the short time-span given," he says. "This gives opportunity to select the best material for the situation."

Pastor Wilson also likes having the supplemental material (word studies, archaeological information, quotes, and illustrations) placed in the *Adult Teacher* rather than having it in a separate volume.

The *Teaching Plan* in the new format provides step-by-step guidance through the lesson for those who wish to use it.

For teachers who wish to develop their own

lesson, the *Pertinent Principles* may provide a springboard or a nudge concerning the direction to go.

Teachers who wish to make their class sessions strictly a study of the Bible passage find the *Bible Exposition* made to order. The background information on words and phrases, formerly carried in the *Investigation* section, is now placed in the text where it can be used most easily. The supplementary material Pastor Wilson referred to is also there.

Increasingly, teachers want to discuss contemporary topics in the light of the Scriptures. For them, the *Life Application* provides help in doing this.

With all this variety of teaching approaches, the Word of Life lesson materials are more firmly rooted in the Word of God than ever.



Willis Wilson graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas, in 1961, and from Southern Illinois University in 1964. For eight years he was a teacher and administrator and for the past six years has pastored the Assembly of God, Nashville, Illinois.

On February 6 the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade celebrates its 20th BGMC Day. Since the program began, the children have contributed over \$3 million for missionary literature. In 1972 BGMC will designate its BGMC Day offering to the International Correspondence Institute.

ICI builds churches

By **GEORGE M. FLATTERY JR.** / *President, International Correspondence Institute*

MANY PEOPLE ARE PREDICTING the imminent demise of the church. Their predictions could be accurate if applied to certain forms of the external church, but the true spiritual church will endure. On this point Jesus was very explicit. "I will build my church," He declared, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

Upon the sovereignty of Christ's authoritative prediction we base our conviction that the Church will emerge triumphant amid earth's chaos and corruption.

Although Christ said, "I will build my church," He has delegated much of the work to us. Just as a top executive achieves a goal through his subordinates, so Christ works through us, His servants. To be a part of His staff, to share in His program, to know that we shall triumph with Him—all this gives us a sense of destiny and joy. With confidence we fulfill our responsibilities.

One of the tools Christ is now using to fulfill His prediction of ultimate victory is the International Correspondence Institute. Looking back over the short history of ICI, we bow our heads in gratitude for His leadership. Looking ahead, we are confronted with a great challenge to grapple with current world conditions and, in spite of them, to continue working effectively with Christ to build His church.

ENLARGING THE CHURCH

The primary goal of ICI is to contribute to the enlargement of the Church. Since the true Church is composed of redeemed people, the expansion takes place only when people are won to Christ.

Through ICI courses and outreach programs, the masses are being reached. Testimonies from ICI students pour into our overseas offices.

Mark Buntain, ICI director in North India, shared this testimony:

Writing in English (not his native language), one of

the students said, "Before I started the lesson I had no idea about sin and holiness. So I was floating as a boat without a sailor, turning my back on God. This lesson revealed to me the idea of God. I am grateful to have Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I pray that every human being will get free from the bondage of sin and become a worthy child of God. The way of Jesus Christ gave me a real direction. I am feeling grateful to get Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Concerning testimonies like this, Brother Buntain said, "They come out of the heart of heathendom. Nowhere is idolatry worse; nowhere is the spiritual night darker. These are testimonies to the saving power of God's

This Assemblies of God Sunday school class in Rock Falls, Illinois, gave \$341.40 to BGMC.



Word which was made plain to needy hearts. ICI is one means of mass evangelism that really counts."

ESTABLISHING THE CHURCH

Winning the lost, obviously an essential first step, is still only the beginning in building the Church. Converts must be taught and established in the Lord. ICI is helping through correspondence courses, Bible clubs, and local church activities.

Since our Lord's means of establishing His church is through local congregations, ICI encourages their formation and development.

Although 98 percent of the population in Iran is Muslim, the people of Gorgan City ("City of Wolves") responded favorably to an ICI correspondence course. Over 200 students were enrolled. Mark Bliss, ICI director in Iran, and three Bible school students visited the city. During the visit, 160 more students enrolled.

Telling how the Lord worked, Brother Bliss wrote: "It became evident that God moved in this city by His Spirit and wanted us to establish a witness there with a full-time worker, a church building, a Bible bookstore, and a branch of our central ICI office in Tehran, the capital. All of this vision has now become a reality.

"In the early stages of planting the Gorgan church, correspondence course students were contacted and encouraged to attend meetings at rented facilities. Some of those students became a part of the nucleus that moved into the new church building. The ministry of this church, the only one in the whole province, greatly thrilled our hearts.

"The church has been filled with Muslims hearing the gospel for the first time. Because of what God did in Gorgan, we are planning meetings with ICI students in other cities. We trust that other groups will form and develop into established churches."

EXTENDING THE CHURCH

As a church is established, it must always remember that its mission is not to become a sheltered, exclusive club, but an active, aggressive group extending itself into every facet of community life. By cooperating with local churches, ICI is helping them reach out in new, dynamic ways.

Under the leadership of missionary Paul Pipkin, ICI director in the Philippines, ICI works with Mrs. Virginia Cruz, a local pastor, in a Bible study outreach in Manila. Once a week, from 10 to 11 in the morning, the employees of the Matalin Coconut Company meet for Bible study in the office of the office manager. Mrs. Cruz teaches the class. If anyone calls for an employee during the meeting, a company secretary answers, "He is not available at the moment; he is attending a Bible study. Please call back after 11."

Concerning the Matalin story, interim ICI Director Calvin Zeissler wrote: "The president of the company,

Dick Spencer, and his wife came to know Christ and were baptized in the Holy Spirit. A great change has taken place in the office due to the spiritual change in the lives of their employees. The company has been blessed materially in many ways, and the Spencers have contributed generously to the Lord's work. Besides this, a large church was built on the Spencers' plantation in Mindanao."

Even though some men are forecasting the death of the church, ICI administrators and directors are basing their actions on the conviction that the Lord of lords will honor His prediction of the church's ultimate triumph. For the prophecy to be fulfilled, the church must be enlarged, established, and extended. ICI is devoting 100 percent of its personnel and energy to this end. We desire your prayers. As you pray for ICI and its ministry to the church, the conquering power of Christ will flow through us to a spiritually desperate world.



This Buddhist of Thailand was saved through BGMC literature.

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By training and putting American Indian youth to work for God,
our home missionaries are—

Laying the groundwork for an indigenous Indian church



By VIRGIL ZEIGLER / Tucson, Arizona

MORE THAN 15 YEARS AGO when my wife and I felt God's direction into Indian missionary work, we became burdened to see Indian youth preaching to their own people. Through our years of Indian ministry in Arizona we have asked God to help us work ourselves out of a job by providing Indians to be pastors of Indian churches.

We have been particularly encouraged by the dedication of three young Indian men who came at different times to work as interns with our Tucson Indian Assembly. One of these was saved in our mission at the age of 16. Here is his story:

Joseph Wilson Jr. ran with a crowd, sang for a small dance band, and thought he was enjoying life. But when discouragement hit him, he became a high school dropout with no goal in life.

When Christ came into the teen-ager's life, his values changed. With a little persuasion he returned to school. He stopped running with a crowd and began to tell people what Christ had done for him. Within a short time he had brought a large group of youth to Christ's Ambassadors services, and many found new life in Christ.

After high school graduation Joe faced a conflict. Although he wanted to help his mother, brothers, and sisters, he felt the call of God. That summer while working as an orderly at Oshrin Tuberculosis Sanitorium, he

told many Indian patients of the love of God, and his desire to prepare for the ministry increased. Three weeks after the fall semester had begun at the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., God miraculously provided the means for Joe to enroll.

The three years in Bible school were not easy. Joe attended classes, worked eight hours a day to pay expenses and send money home, and took part in school outreach ministries.

As Joe gave the valedictory at graduation, he was perplexed. He believed the Lord wanted him to establish a work in Casa Grande, a city 60 miles from Tucson which had no Indian church, but he had no money and no building.

Neither our mission nor the Arizona District could give Joe much financial aid. We helped him find a small building in Casa Grande, for which Dr. Bernard L. Bresson, a teacher at AIBI, graciously donated some of his own money; and my wife and I personally borrowed the remainder for the down payment.


Our Tucson Indian Assembly has backed Joe with prayer and finances for special needs, but from the beginning he has supported himself in a secular job, making monthly payments on the building, utilities, and a car for use in visiting and picking up people. He has indeed pioneered the Casa Grande Indian Assembly.

Besides "digging out" his own congregation, Joe has taught a Sunday school class about 15 miles away at Stanfield Indian Assembly where the A. M. Cranstons are missionaries.

Joe Wilson recently resigned his pastorate to become the boys' supervisor and a teacher at the Good Shepherd Indian Bible School, Mobridge, S. Dak.

The two other Indian youth who worked with us at Tucson Indian Assembly are Stephen Brown, now pastor of the Indian Assembly at Bylas, Ariz., and Vernon Brown, pastor of the Papago Indian Assembly, Sells, Ariz.

These three ministers, as well as other Indian pastors and evangelists, are proof that God can use Indians effectively to minister to their own people.

Unless the Lord directs us elsewhere, my wife and I will remain as missionaries in Tucson, encouraging Indian youth to work in this needy harvest field. 

Joe Wilson stands beside the sign showing service schedules for the Indian Assembly at Casa Grande, Ariz. Pastor Wilson supported himself while pioneering this church.





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God of the impossible

By **ARTHUR TOWNSEND**
Invermere, British Columbia, Canada

MAN IS AN EARTHBOUND creature, limited in his possibilities. It is true he has made great progress. His achievements in science and industry, in medicine and surgery, are marvelous. Inventions such as the radio and the automobile are blessings in spreading the gospel; medicine and surgery have saved untold lives.

We do not despise these accomplishments. However, man is limited in his power; he cannot move beyond human limits unless he contacts heaven. He needs to be transplanted out of the human realm into the heavenly realm. This requires that he be born again spiritually. The new birth launches man out into the realm of the impossible. Salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the door to such a life.

Across the street from the rented building in which we once worshiped was a blacksmith shop. Over the entrance to the shop was the sign, "We specialize in the possible." That is the limit of man's power; he can do only that which is humanly possible.


But God is not subject to any such limits. I have often imagined a sign hanging over the entrance of the Gates of Pearl, reading, "We specialize in the impossible."

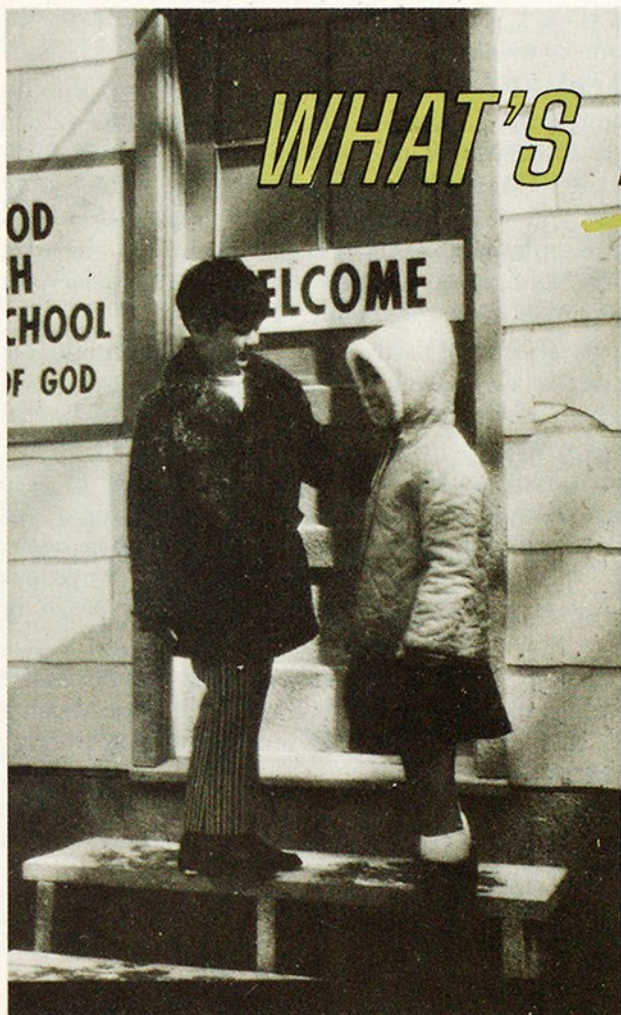
If our Heavenly Father could not do the impossible, He would not be God. He can and does accomplish the impossible through human beings, through His bloodwashed children. Through the preaching of the Word, souls are saved. By the laying on of hands and the prayer of faith, sick bodies are healed. By prayer in the Holy Ghost, miracles are wrought in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the works of God. That which is humanly impossible is divinely possible.

The virgin Mary was troubled at the message the angel brought, and she doubted. "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" she asked. Then came the answer from the angel: "With God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). We are serving the God of the impossible!

Mary was inclined to doubt. We cannot blame her, for her experience was to be outside the realm of human possibility. It takes God-inspired faith to believe in that which is humanly impossible. But there came the day when the Baby Jesus cooed and cried in His mother's arms. God had wrought the impossible.

Do you have a seeming impossibility in your life? Do you have a problem or difficulty which cannot be solved by man? Turn your eyes toward Jesus. He can and will do the impossible for you. You are a child of God, a joint-heir with Christ. You have been born again and made a member of the household of God. You have been filled with God the Holy Spirit. So put your case into His mighty hands. He will make a way for you.

Heaven's workshop is open for business 24 hours a day. Heaven specializes in the impossible. Then come and receive the attention of the Specialist. He is the God of the impossible. 



WHAT'S YOUR HOME MISSION?

BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL? NEW ASSEMBLY?
INNER-CITY OUTREACH?.....?

Do you know how the Assemblies of God originally grew? The Holy Spirit, flowing through people like us, moved across the land like a great stream of molten lava, filling every opening that presented itself. Given that same Spirit, we can still grow that way. Are there youngsters about you who need a Sunday school? A new (or decaying) community that needs a church? Let the Holy Spirit flow through you. February is Home Missions Month. Catch the inspiration. Join in the Mission: America rally near you.

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February 13, 1972

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A WOUNDED SHEEP

As speaker for Revivaltime, I receive letters from listeners of all ages. Many pour out their hearts on paper like this young woman has done. The kind of spiritual battle she fought doesn't make headlines. But it's as real as any battle any believer ever fought. The more spectacular sins of the youth culture have grabbed the church's attention in recent times. But I think this letter will serve to remind us that other temptations, just as real as drugs or drink, seek to drag down our fine young people. This young woman's story needs to be heard, so I'm sharing it with you as she did with me. Of course, the writer's identity must be withheld.

—C. M. Ward

NOT SO VERY MANY MONTHS AGO I was a very dissatisfied young lady. As a child I was faithful in attending church with my family at our local Assembly of God. I experienced the wonderful plan of salvation in junior church at the age of eight. In those years, I had many "real experiences" with the Lord.

As a teen-ager I continued to attend church. However, as I approached my junior and senior years in high school, I allowed my relationship with Christ to dwindle down to almost nothing.

The more clubs I joined, and the more positions I assumed, the more I neglected and rejected Christ.

I became interested in a young man of another faith. For fear that I might have to give him up, I began to slack off in my prayer life. No longer would I pray for the Lord to have His will in my life. I wasn't absurd enough to completely evade God, however, so I kept in touch with God only when I needed Him. I continued going to church because I was supposed to.

After finishing high school, I attended a secular university, majoring in elementary education. Each year I became spiritually weaker. I continued to date the same young man, and we began making plans for marriage after my graduation from college.

Many people who knew me well detected that I wasn't truly happy with the boy I was engaged to, and that I was simply determined to have my own way.

Behind the scenes, people who loved me, but more important, people who loved God, began to pray for me.

I had not become a bad girl. I never smoked a cigarette, tasted any alcoholic beverages, or let my morals slip in any way. Yet I wasn't the Christian I should have been. Christ did not have first place in my life.

Misery, dissatisfaction, and depression began to grip me. I knew I could never be happily married to this young man. Many times I tried to sever our relationship, but I wasn't strong enough to do it alone. We were engaged, but I felt trapped. I didn't want to hurt him, and I was afraid that people would think badly of me. The boy was from a nice family, and they had accepted me into the family as one of their own.

Both of us lived in the same town—and that made the situation even more difficult. People respected me. I was afraid. I knew marriage would be wrong, but I felt obligated.

Me, the girl who could stand calmly before a high school auditorium to give speeches and portray characters in plays, suddenly was becoming a nervous wreck. Me, the girl who had been successful with her college work, suddenly could no longer handle her own problems. Each day became harder to live. I wanted to die.

It was then I realized my need of Christ, that without Him there would be no true happiness.

Last April 1971 I surrendered my heart and life to Jesus. Everything I possessed or desired I gave to Him to use or to refuse. The king Shepherd gently whispered to me, "Come, little sheep; follow me. Don't stray so far that you will fall off that dangerous cliff." Then that kind Shepherd gave me strength to follow His will, to face life, and to have peace of mind and soul. With His help I broke my engagement.

And you, Brother Ward, have helped encourage me many times when I have been lonely and have faced mountains of obstacles. Our good Shepherd feeds this little sheep with your inspiring radio broadcast.

Several weeks ago He used your altar service to help heal some wounds of this sheep. You prayed for a girl who was involved with a young man who was not a Christian. You said that the girl was on dangerous ground and that she was disobedient to the Word of God.

Even though it had been almost six months since I had broken my engagement, I was still experiencing loneliness and heartache. In that moment as you prayed, God healed my wounds.

I have begun to earnestly seek the Lord for deeper experiences in Him. The realization that God's way is the only way inspires me to seek the Lord so that my eyes, mind, and heart will be tuned to that still, small voice.

NEWS OF OUR TIMES

Underpaid, pressures

Exodus from ministry rising, study claims

NEW YORK—Most Protestant clergymen, particularly the older ministers, are satisfied in their profession. But they feel they are underpaid, and many are chafing under parish pressures.

As in the Roman Catholic priesthood, an increasing number seem to be opting out.

These are among the findings of a variety of studies, surveys, and symposiums conducted recently in an effort to gauge the mood and problems of ministers.

The survey, made by Garrett Theological Seminary, found that most clergymen enjoy their work and have a sense of accomplishment about it. But this attitude is not prevalent among the young.

Seventy percent of those who graduated in the 1930's are "highly satisfied" in their work, while only 55 percent of graduates of the 1960's feel that way about it.

In another survey, the Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministers found that 88 percent of ministers polled felt they are underpaid.

The median annual income for those polled was \$8,037, including housing and other allowances.

Although they have to spend nearly as many years of study preparing for their profession as doctors or lawyers, they earn less than a third as much, on the average. Nevertheless, only nine percent said they were "dissatisfied with being in the ministry."

On the other hand, recent studies indicate the exodus from the ministry is increasing, both among Protestants and Roman Catholics.

E. A. Vordery, chief of chaplains at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, told a meeting of Southern Baptist home

missions leaders that estimates put the total leaving as high as 10,000 pastors and priests each year.

Among them are some of the best clergymen, he said, adding that common reasons for their departures include inadequate salaries, general apathy of congregations, and unreasonable pressures placed on them.

Many go into depression, he said, under pressures from

denominational administrators, divergent expectations of members for making the church prosper, and because of the inability to satisfy the often conflicting demands.

"The pastors who continue their work in the local church

frequently feel drained—physically, emotionally, and spiritually," said Dr. Vordery.

"The demands made upon them by the church and community leave the feeling they have attempted an impossible task."

BRILLIANT STUDENT VICTIM OF LSD; KILLED BY POLICE

SPOKANE, WASH.—The father of a brilliant student who was shot to death by police after he went on a shooting rampage at a Roman Catholic Church here, blamed LSD for destroying his son's mind.

E. Glenn Harmon, prominent Spokane attorney, said his son Larry J. Harmon, 21, was considered by his teachers here as "the greatest mathematical mind they had ever known." He entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, planning to be a nuclear physicist.

At MIT, Larry was given two LSD tablets by a fellow student, his father claimed. As a result, Mr. Harmon said, Larry "met and talked to the devil in hell." He became convinced "that Jesus Christ . . . was an imposter."

Larry believed that he was a Jew, his father said, and made a trip to the Holy Land, went to the tomb of Jesus and "entered and blew out all of the candles on the Holy Sepulchre, climbing upon it with his feet to express his feelings toward Christ and the church."

He was brought back to Spokane but medical science was unable "to undo the damage done to an incredibly intelligent brain which was irreversibly damaged by LSD."

On Nov. 11, young Harmon took a rifle and killed a 69-year-old custodian at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and injured four others. Previous to the shooting he took a sledge hammer and smashed an Italian marble communion railing inside the church and thousands of dollars' worth of statues.

Concerning the shooting here, Mr. Harmon said, "There is little doubt in my mind that as far as the police are concerned, they had no choice but to kill Larry. Were I in their shoes, I believe I would have done likewise."

AT A GLANCE

• • • "As You Come and Go" is the title of a new Scripture selection designed to provide comfort and guidance for the traveler. The American Bible Society published this selection for distribution in airline and bus terminals, hotels and motels.

• • • Hundreds of copies of "Good News for Modern Man" (the New Testament in Today's English Version) have been shipped to a drug rehabilitation center for young addicts in New Zealand. High praise for the New Testament as an essential tool in the rehabilitation program came to the American Bible Society from the center's director: "Without the Word of God we might as well pack up and go home," he said.

• • • A Roman Catholic Pentecostalist was a featured speaker at the second annual convention of the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest. Robert R. Arrowsmith, a priest and spokesman for the charismatic movement among Catholics, told the Baptists a real movement of the Holy Spirit will bring about a unification of the "body of Christ."

• • • Twelve members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., have been suspended for taking part in the charismatic movement and for praying with Christians not in doctrinal agreement. The church noted these members "claim to have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and such spiritual gifts as healing and speaking in tongues—traditional marks of Pentecostalism."

• • • Jewish residents of Russia are leaving the Soviet Union in increasing numbers for Israel, and sources predict Russia will not try to halt their exodus. The rate of departure is put at from 600 to 700 each week. Some 12,000 Jews left the Soviet Union in 1971—about 12 times as many as the previous year.

White house conference considers 'spiritual well-being' of aging for first time

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The 1971 White House Conference on Aging included for the first time a section on the "spiritual well-being of the aging." Delegates urged cooperation between government and religious organizations to assure that the spiritual well-being of all citizens be fulfilled.

The conference section on "Spiritual Well-Being" declared that to provide for the physical, material, and social needs of man apart from his spiritual needs "is to fail to understand both the meaning of God and the meaning of man."

The section further declared "that all policies, programs, and activities recommended in a National Policy on Aging should be so developed that the spiritual well-being of all citizens should be fulfilled."

Appointed as national delegates to represent the Assemblies of God were Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of the Department of Benevolences, and Stanley V. Michael, national secretary for the department.

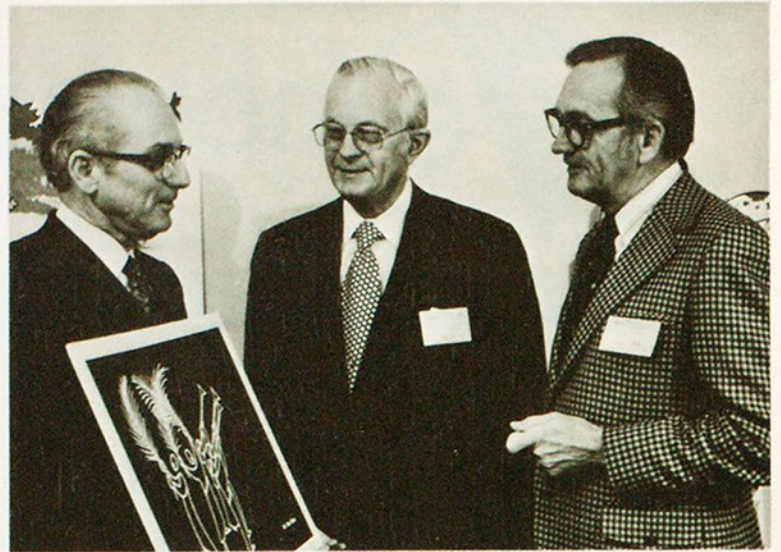
Previous White House Conferences on Aging have shied away from the subject of spiritual well-being because of concern over separation of church and state, Mr. Michael noted.

More than half of the national organizations represented in the section on spiritual well-being were religious groups, but representatives of hospitals and social agencies, and older people themselves, also participated in this section.

Spiritual well-being was one of 14 sections assigned to discuss specific problems concerning the older segment of the population.

In its report to the general session, the spiritual well-being section listed 15 policy recommendations. Six of the proposals called for greater access for the elderly to "all avenues of assistance" by the government. There would be government cooperation with religious, social, and educational agencies to "help meet the spiritual needs of the elderly," and to provide research and professional training "in matters of spiritual well-being to those who deliver services to the aging."

They also recommended that state licensing agencies require "adequate chaplaincy services" in institutions caring for the aged, with federal financial assistance for this service where necessary. Involvement of aging persons in planning and implementing programs which



Delegates recommend \$9.7 million for Bible cause

NEW YORK—Philip Hogan, executive director of foreign missions; Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent; and Charles W. Denton, evangelism coordinator, examine an American Bible Society poster at the Society's 1971 Advisory Council meeting in Nashville, Tenn., in November. The illustration, by Swiss artist Annie Vallotton, also appears in "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's paperback New Testament which reached a circulation of 31 million during the meeting. Delegates to the Council, which represents more than 70 denominations supporting the American Bible Society, recommended a 1972 budget of \$9.7 million for the Society's work of Scripture translation, publication and distribution, including its share in Bible work throughout the world. (ABS photo)

affect them was recommended.

The final proposal was that "religious bodies and government should affirm the right to and reverence for life and recognize the individual's right to die with dignity."

A highlight of the conference

was a 36-minute address by President Nixon. He said he is preparing "specific proposals to ease the crushing burden of property taxes," and pledged to give close study to other recommendations for financial aid to the elderly.

The conference has previously been held only once each decade, but the 1971 conference recommended that one convene every four years.



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India's telephone directories will serve evangelism effort

WHEATON, ILL.—A far-reaching "Mobilization for Evangelism" to evangelize millions of Asia's elite has been announced by Rochunga Pudaite, president of Partnership Mission, Inc.

The Assamese says he has developed a strategy for distributing copies of the Living New Testament with an explanation of how to become a Christian. Along with the Scripture distribution, representatives of the mission will conduct follow-up ministries personally or through a free Bible correspondence study. Cooperating in the effort are the World Home Bible League and Tyndale House Publishers.

"We are making plans to

distribute 1,200,000 copies of the Living New Testament in India's major cities," Pudaite said. "We have found that unlike America, not everyone in Asia owns a telephone. In fact in India there are only 1,200,000 private telephones and a 12-year waiting list. We have discovered that those who own telephones are literate, and more than 95 percent of them read and speak English. So we are using the telephone directory and will be mailing Living New Testaments to each person listed."

'Jesus People' seminar draws crowds to Protestant and Catholic churches

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Youth associated with the Jesus movement met with representatives of most major denominations during a two-week Bible study seminar here.

Conducting the sessions were Derek Prince, former philosophy professor at Cambridge University, England, and Don Basham, Disciples of Christ minister.

Morning meetings in Roeland Park United Methodist church and evening sessions at St. Therese Roman Catholic church drew capacity crowds. A special Sunday evening service saw 1,300 persons, mostly youth, jam the basement of Second Presbyterian church.

Observers saw "Charismatic renewal" as the reason why so many persons of varied cultural backgrounds and denominational beliefs gathered to worship and study the Bible at a seminar held in Catholic and Protestant churches.

"God is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh as prophecy predicted," explained a Jesus movement leader.

One-third of 'decisions' at crusade can't be reached, clergy find

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Ministers evaluating the July Billy Graham crusade in Oakland have estimated that about one-third of the 21,670 who registered "decisions for Christ" gave false names or addresses.

About 75 percent of the attendance of 367,200 who attended the Oakland crusade were young people.

The ministers, attending a meeting of the Eastbay Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals, also noted that very few of the "unchurched

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Brawley	A/G	Jan. 23—	Marcus Alexander	John Surratt
	Ceres	Glad Tidings	Jan. 23—	Roy & Dorothy Nielson	Billy S. Parks
	Crescent City	¹ A/G	Jan. 23-28	Charles J. Senechal	Hermion Pencovic
	Gridley	A/G	Jan. 30-Feb. 11	Dawson & Jeannette Wheeler	Philip Bigler
	Imperial	First	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Mike & Linda Murdock	William Brewer
	Redlands	First	Jan. 26-30	Burl Rogers Family	Howard Skinner
Fla.	San Pablo	Calvary	Jan. 23-Feb. 6	M. M. & Mrs. Ottwell	J. S. Murrell
	Ft. Myers	A/G	Jan. 23-28	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Victor Maurice
	Hialeah	Bethel	Jan. 23-30	Joel & Edna Sloan	James Rentz
	Miami	Central	Jan. 23-Feb. 6	George & Evelyn Butrin	Rex Anspaugh
	Miami	Grace	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Parker Evang. Party	John Alessi
	Naples	First	Jan. 25-Feb. 6	Charles & Vonnie McClure	O. F. Taylor
	Okeechobee	Trinity	Jan. 30-Feb. 4	The Long Team	David Rowley
	Orlando	First	Jan. 30-Feb. 11	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Crawford Bailey
	Panama City	A/G	Jan. 23-28	The Long Team	Hunt Cunningham
	Panama City	¹ First	Jan. 23-28	Christian Hild	Harmon Furr
	Pensacola	Brentwood	Jan. 23—	Carlos & Kayte Welch	Carl Arnold
	Sarasota	Faith	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Keetah Jones	David Norris
Ga.	Columbus	N. Highland	Jan. 30—	Dwight Thompson	Clarence Cope
Hawaii	Kailua, Oahu	A/G	Jan. 23—	Doyle Thompson	Ray Shurance
	Wahiawa, Oahu	A/G	Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Doyle Thompson	Likio Fukui
Ind.	Indianapolis	Abundant Life	Jan. 24-28	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	T. L. Vibbert
Kans.	Plainville	A/G	Jan. 26-30	Howard Boyd	John Chastain
La.	Alexandria	First	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Russell Rexroat	C. E. Gilbert
	Des Allemands	A/G	Jan. 25-Feb. 6	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	Cecil Janway
Mich.	Belleville	² A/G	Jan. 18-23	Charles & Mrs. Blythe	David Pace
	Detroit	Southfield	Jan. 23-29	Larry & Gail Riley	Fred McDaniel
	Livonia	Parkdale	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	E. T. Quanabush Team	David Krist
Mo.	Peck	A/G	Jan. 30-Feb. 13	Larry & Gail Riley	Scott Rich
	Festus	Calvary	Jan. 19-30	Doherty Evang. Team	Wayne Danner
	Fredericktown	First	Jan. 30-Feb. 13	Glenna Byard	Max Francis
N. C.	Greensboro	Central	Jan. 18-30	Patricia F. Adkins	G. W. Hathcock
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	Jan. 23-30	William L. Devereaux	Elmer G. Bilton
Ohio	Cincinnati	Deer Park	Jan. 25-30	John Jacob	John Arnold
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Southside	Jan. 30—	John & Freda Bryant	John Newby
	Pauls Valley	First	Jan. 24-Feb. 6	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Robert DeLancey
Oreg.	Brookings	A/G	Jan. 25-Feb. 6	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Charles Crist
	Medford	First	Jan. 23-Feb. 6	Arthur & Anna Berg	Marion F. Ravan
Tenn.	Covington	First	Jan. 24-30	Thomas Calk	H. M. Yandell
Tex.	Freeport	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 6	Thomas Calk	E. W. Hancock
	Garland	Rose Hill	Jan. 19-30	Ervin & Myrna Asiatico	R. V. Luna
	Hooks	First	Jan. 23-30	Joe E. Hancock	Leonard Ward
	Leander	White Stone	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Bill & Naomi Hayes	R. V. Silvertooth
	Monahans	First	Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Harry Gray	Fred Ridener
	Waxahachie	First	Jan. 30-Feb. 13	Otis & Hazel Runyon	L. W. Dollar
Wash.	Bellevue	Neighborhood	Jan. 30-Feb. 6	E. Elsworth Krogstad	E. R. Scratch
	Sunnyside	Neighborhood	Jan. 23-29	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Manuel Deeds
W. Va.	Ranson	Calvary	Jan. 25-Feb. 6	Frank J. Fratto	William Reed

¹ Children's Revival

² Deeper Life Crusade

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* six weeks in advance.

BRUISED BELL RINGER QUILTS COLLECTION POST

PONTIAC, MICH.—On the job less than a day, Susan Yoh, 20, quit her job as a Salvation Army bell ringer at a collection pot.

Her reason for quitting was a good one: a young man stole

her little red kettle (containing about \$20) which she had collected in two hours.

Miss Yoh ran after the thief. "I didn't know what else to do," she said.

The thief's getaway car knocked her down and a wheel ran against her stomach, leaving tire marks and bruises.

"I'm not even a Christian," she said. "I was only in it for the money. I was working for \$1.60 an hour."

Maj. W. R. Wilkins, commander of the Salvation Army

here, said this was the first time in his 28 years in the organization that one of the kettles had been stolen.

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ATTENTION, PASTORS

Be sure to fill out and return the questionnaire on the Plan of Advance included in the January issue of *Advance* magazine. Deadline is January 31.

Students at IBI give \$1,600 to missions

CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES—Students at Immanuel Bible Institute recently gave five times the amount of their set goal during the first annual missions convention. The goal was 2,000 pesos (about \$300.00), which was considered high, but at the end of the convention the offerings and faith promises totaled 10,000 pesos (about \$1,600.00).

Half of the money went to the summer ministries of the school and the other half to the support of Cris Fernandez, the Philippines' first national missionary, who is going to Indonesia.

Previous to the convention Everett McKinney, president of IBI, scheduled a series of messages on stewardship. D. L. Nultemeier, a missionary-evangelist and temporary teacher at the school, encouraged the students to look beyond themselves and trust the Lord in giving.

Days were spent in preparation as booths were constructed, banners hung, and arrangements made for visitors.

The convention was filled with activities such as workshops, films, and skits.

Gunder A. Olsen from Iligan City, featured speaker for the convention, delivered a challenging missionary message each service. Chris Fernandez also participated and shared his concern for Indonesia. Many students and visitors gathered at the altar to rededicate their lives to the Lord, determined to go where He may lead.

In the days and weeks following the convention, students testified of their needs being met as never before. As money came in—not only for their faith promises, but for school bills and personal needs. The finances of the school rose sharply, too, as money was received for a kitchen and other operating expenses.



During the missions convention at IBI many students and visitors rededicated their lives to the Lord. Below is one of several booths constructed by the students.



100 accept Christ as Saviour

Burmese pastors hold two-week ministers institute

RANGOON, BURMA—Pastors and Christian workers in Burma met here recently for a two-week ministers institute. Only seven-day visas are permitted, so Missionary-evangelist and Mrs. Otis Keener ministered the first seven days and Victor Trimmer, missionary to Taiwan, spoke the second week.

Activities included morning

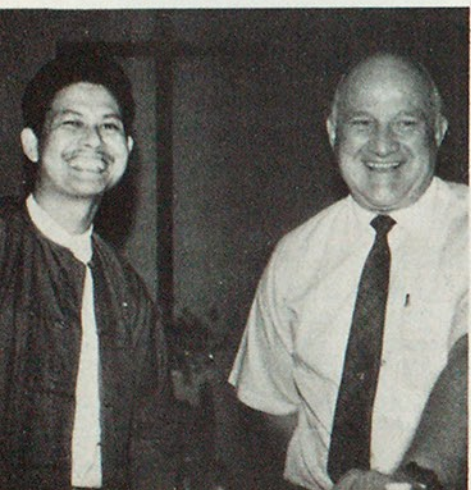
Pastor Myo Chit, Evangel Church in Rangoon, Burma, interprets for Vic Trimmer, one of the speakers at the ministers institute in Rangoon.

and afternoon classes and evening evangelistic services with overflow crowds. More than 100 persons accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and many were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The national leaders indicated a strengthening of the Assemblies of God of Burma.

Among those present were pastors from the mountains along the Chinese border. They came more than 800 miles by train and some walked for two weeks before reaching the railway. Both speakers said the Burmese people have a greater hunger for God's Word than they have ever seen in their lives.

Far East Field Secretary Wesley Hurst reports: "After six years of evangelism and church planting without the assistance of missionaries, the Pentecostal fellowship is stronger, more self-sufficient than ever, and fully as evangelistic."

"The size of the Assembly of God in Rangoon, home of the world's largest Buddhist Pagoda, has almost tripled in the past three years. God is blessing bountifully in Burma and the ministers institute was a very significant development."



During annual convention

Congregation pledges \$22,000 to missions

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Faith promises of more than \$22,000 were made during the 1971 missions convention at Evergreen Christian Center here.

A missionary team of Sam Sasser (Marshall Islands), Paul and Louise Greisen (Hong Kong), Lyle and Doreen Thomson (Venezuela), and Richard Potter (Alaska) challenged the congregation to greater missionary involvement. Films and displays were used; and personal contact during the shar-

ing of foreign food also helped to bring the people close to missionary life.

Pastor Glen D. Cole reports the missionary offerings have more than tripled since the first annual convention five years ago.

During construction of their new \$600,000 facility, the congregation met every commitment to the 28 families on their missionary roll. Money also was given for various other projects during that time, including \$500 for a new church in Honduras and \$500 for Mark Buntain's food program in India.

Evergreen Christian Center led the Northwest District in giving to Light-for-the-Lost also.

Paul and Louise Greisen of Hong Kong at their booth during the missions convention at Evergreen Christian Center in Olympia, Wash.





MINUTES OF MISSIONS

KOREA—A four-year-old Assembly of God in Wonju, with an adult membership of 300 people, recently held five days of special meetings. Three services were held each day with as many as 600 attending each one. Eighty-five individuals accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and more than 50 received the Pentecostal baptism.

CONGO—The name of the Democratic Republic of Congo has been changed to Republic of Zaire. The country is divided into two official mission fields, called Northern Zaire and Zaire-Kinshasa.

GUATEMALA—During the past few months 171 people in Coban received salvation through Jesus Christ and 37 were baptized in water. The town drunkard was converted and the change in his life influenced his wife to receive Christ also.

NIGERIA—"Training to Advance in Leadership" was the theme of a nine-day seminar held in Enugu for Assemblies of God church leaders and Bible school teachers in Nigeria. Approximately 120 attended this time of study and fellowship, which was the first such seminar held since the Assemblies of God of Nigeria was established.

OKINAWA—The Serviceman's Church in Awase Hills was dedicated last October. The US Army Chief of Chaplains (Col.) Joseph Jones and Air Force Chaplain (Col.) William King brought greetings from the military. Missionary Eldon Brown reports that someone is saved each week and many young men have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

SINGAPORE—During a six-week Singapore literature saturation program, 113,700 tracts and 34,335 Gospel portions were distributed. Included with each was a tear-off coupon to request enrollment in the free International Correspondence Institute course, "The Great Questions of Life." Within nine months following, 7,017 individuals were enrolled in the course and many witnessed to the power of God changing their lives.

MARSHALL ISLANDS—Missionary David Duncan, principal of Calvary Bible Institute, reports an enrollment of 225 students—8 from the island of Ponape, 21 from the Gilbert Islands, and the rest from throughout the Marshall Islands.



Spiritual victories at Guadalcanal

GUADALCANAL—In this new mission field, which the Assemblies of God entered in 1971, over 200 people accepted Jesus Christ during a salvation-healing meeting conducted by missionary evangelist Albert Reid. Pictured above are some of the 800 who were present for the last service. Five weeks after the close of the campaign, the national pastor reported 400 in attendance at Sunday evening services.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO FOREIGN FIELDS



David Plymire family
Taiwan



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb
Tanzania



Robert J. Malone family
Korea



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ziemann
Ghana



Florence Byers
Japan



Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Hall
Hong Kong



Donnel McLean family
Japan



Obie Harrup Jr. family
Sierre Leone



Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Carlson
Fiji



MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

The following missionaries are returning to the States for deputational work: Joy Adams (South Africa); the Philip N. Mangum family (South Africa); Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoff (Argentina); Doris Nimmo (Liberia); Jean Butcher (South Africa); the Robert Hymes family (Japan); Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker (Mexico).

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Lund have transferred from South Africa to Malawi.

The following missionaries were transferred to the ministerial list: Charles Haun (Peru) and Bryan Mock (Venezuela).



Ruth Weitkamp
Spain



Ruby Peterson
Nigeria



Adeline Wichman
Ghana



Pauline Smith
Ghana

I believe in God

PHOTO BY H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

I believe in God

*because I am a child of the age that asked life, "Why?"
So I walked a road of honest reason, searching,
to find each answer pointing like light in His direction.
I needed a pathway
I reached for reality
I hungered to live—
And He was closer than I dreamed.*

I believe in God.

*Each day this world declares Him;
the air is alive with His closeness.
I feel His sky flare blue in praise above me,
watch a warm wind running ripples
as if He blows across a field;
gri, the good earth
and feel its rich black river cry, "He lives!"
How can I help but believe?*

I believe in God

*when something deep within cries out
that I am not a child of chance,
a lucky freak that grew unguided
from mud without a mind.
I believe in God
for I am more than chemical change.
I am a man—*

I know

I feel

I live

and love

*and He who made me in His image
is worthy of my worship.*

I have known God's nearness

*for I have feet of clay and there are times
when none could see if I should choose the wrong;
but when some sin would be so simple
and I feel it strangely fascinate,
Someone just seems to be there—
Someone puts me on my honor—
Someone dares me do the difficult—
and no one is with me, my friend, no one but God.*

*There is one Book that speaks to me of God;
it struck within a sacred flame that did not die.
This Bible tells of other men who felt as lost as I
who came with childlike trust
and found He did not lie.*

*Is it so hard to believe
when we record the day He came
to cut our time in two?*

Who else but Jesus showed us God made flesh,

the perfect Man who cannot be denied?

*What other launched a life like His
to lift this world in love,
then cheated death to send us power from on high?
And now
when earth-men walk among the stars,
I know that the Creator walked my world.*

I believe in God

*for I have watched the men who do not care to own Him;
I've seen, with sickness,
little lives wrapped up in foolish pride,
with faces marked for all the world to see their sin,
who*

just as I did

ran from holy light

*or tried to hide their selfish lives
beneath a shell of right.*

Oh, stand them by a man who walked with God—and see!

Yes,

*I knew men who said there was no God;
but I listened as they died
and I knew that they had lied.*

*Say I am too young to be so sure,
but I am old enough to feel my age's agony,
its brokenness and barrenness,
to watch it waste with fear and war.
Yet I have seen from every tongue and tribe
like springing grain amid the sterile stone,
men come alive to live in love,
to share and care beneath Christ's cross . . .
and if you saw their smiles you'd know
why I believe in God.*

The day that I stopped running, this God found me.

*Empty, trembling,
shaken with guilt and shame I came.*

In a way I cannot draw with words

He loved me

forgave me

restored me

and gave me His own name.

*Say what you will,
but He met me then,
put in my heart
a homesickness for heaven.
I have heard the still, small voice
and called Him Friend*

and I believe in God.

—WINKIE PRATNEY