

THE Pentecostal evangel

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

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Make me Thy mountaineer!
I would not linger on the lower slopes. Fill me afresh with hope, O God of hope,
That undefeated I may climb the hill as seeing Him who is invisible.

—AMY CARMICHAEL

'The Lord cometh'

JUDE 14

The return

He comes.

*Awake, O sleeping nation.
On earth the morning breaks.
The Master of the Kingdom makes
His appearance at dawning of the day.*

He comes.

*No longer darkling centuries,
Set firm in the expanse of ages,
Wait ominous with tribulation's ravages
Between us and His return.*

He comes.

*I know it by the quickening of my soul
Within me at the mention of the Day,
As even now behind some veiling cloud of gray
Archangel touches trumpet to his lips.*

He comes.

*Across vast space a cry rebounds,
But new released from some celestial throat,
Firm spoken, welcome portent shout.
The God of heaven prepares to claim His world.*

He comes.

*Awake, O sleeping nation,
To receive your King.
Be roused aware that any hour may bring
His presence clothed in brightness.*

He comes.

*Awake, who dream the coming of the Christ.
Maranatha!
My Light, my "Kurios," my God, and the Messiah.
Jehovah of Hosts stands at the door; the veil falls.*

He comes.

—JERI MARSH

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

HEBREWS 10:36, 37

Prepared to go

*It stood upon the runway there,
A giant of the sky.
With final preparations done,
I wondered as to why
It tarried on the strip; but then,
A mighty roar! It sought
The sky, became a speck, was gone.
But, oh! A lovely thought:*

*The Bride of Christ is poised for flight.
We know the time is near.
Expectantly we watch and wait
With ears attuned to hear
The trumpet blast; and yet it seems
His coming is delayed.
Departure time seems overdue;
All preparations made.*

*But, oh, someday, a mighty sound
Will echo from the skies,
As first the dead, then living saints
Shall in a moment rise.
We cannot know the day nor hour,
But one thing sure I know:
He coming and *He's coming soon*,
And I'm prepared to go!*

—MARY MASON

Reunion

*The children stopped in the midst of play.
"Daddy's coming!" I heard them say.
The toys were quickly pushed aside.
They listened for his special stride.*

*A car door slammed. They jumped with glee.
"He's at the door! Yes, there's the key!"
And long before they saw his face,
They hugged his knees in fond embrace.*

*Today my soul was strangely stirred
As signs around me proved God's Word.
My earthly cares seemed trite and small;
I listened for a trumpet call!*

*I read of wars and famines too;
The pangs of earth, the fears that brew.
And yet my heart leaped to the sky;
My destiny is not to die!*

*I hear the rumblings from the East,
Can almost taste the wedding feast!
I need not look for one sign more.
My Jesus comes! He's at the door....*

—ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI



Potter and clay

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A DEEP AFFINITY exists between the fingertips of the potter and the clay on the forming wheel. Only when this feeling of oneness is established can the artist consistently produce vessels that express life, vitality, and craftsmanship.

Before a vessel can spring forth, an experienced potter will knead or wedge his clay by cutting it apart with a wire or tearing it apart and then slapping it together time and again. This makes it uniform and pliable as the air and impurities are worked out. By this act he also establishes a certain harmony of movement within the clay itself, preparing it for its future use in the potter's hands.

God likened Himself to the potter. He said: "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? . . . Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hands, so are ye in my hand" (Jeremiah 18:6).

We can expect harmony and happiness in our lives only after we have yielded to the heavenly Potter who can establish that harmony and happiness within the clay of our beings.

Strangely enough, we rarely consider the trouble that might result from inharmony within us or from failing to yield to the potter's hand.

Sometimes instead of yielding wholly to the Master, we try to compromise, to accommodate our lives to disorder or upset. Yet our jobs, our salaries, and our prestige really have little effect on our true happiness.

However, our happiness and inner harmony will have a vital effect upon our business success.

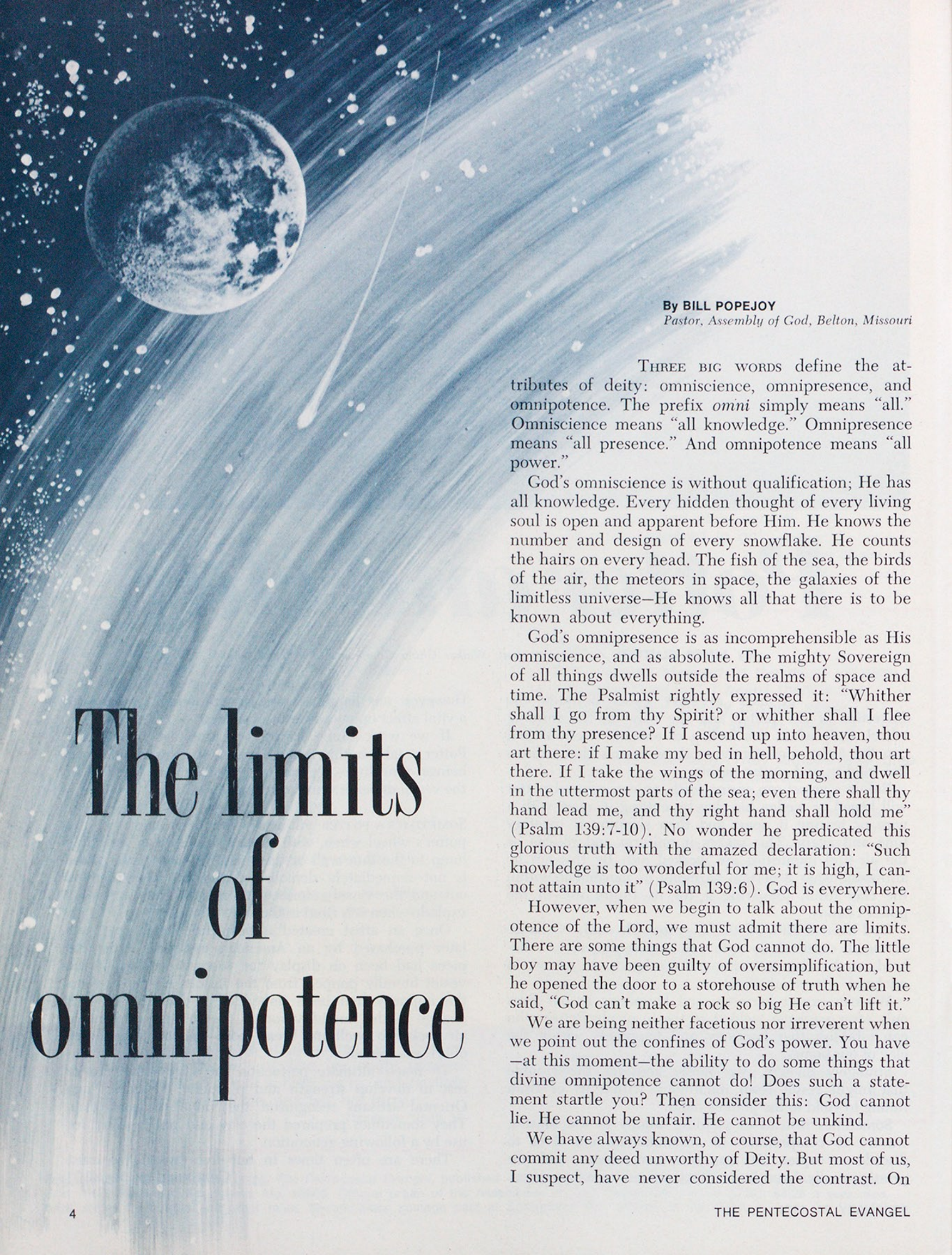
If we want to be happy, we must let the Master Potter establish this inner harmony in the clay of our beings. Our lives depend on this, even as the life of the vessel depends upon the potter.

SOMETIMES A POTTER will nearly complete a vessel on the potter's wheel when, with dismay, he feels an inflexible lump in the thin wall of the spinning clay. If the piece is not immediately demolished and the clay wedged out and the vessel reformed, there is a chance it may explode when it is fired in the kiln.

Once an artist created a beautiful vessel that was later purchased by an American museum. After the piece had been on display for years, a section of the vessel literally popped from the inside. All those years the impurity had been imbedded within the clay. A change in the humidity forced the foreign element or air pocket to swell and break loose—and the great work of art was ruined.

To reach ultimate perfection the clay must age or rest to develop strength and plasticity. Centuries ago Oriental artisans recognized the value of aged clay. They sometimes prepared the clay and put it away for use by a following generation.

There are often times in our lives when we must
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The limits of omnipotence

By **BILL POPEJOY**

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THREE BIG WORDS define the attributes of deity: omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. The prefix *omni* simply means "all." Omniscience means "all knowledge." Omnipresence means "all presence." And omnipotence means "all power."

God's omniscience is without qualification; He has all knowledge. Every hidden thought of every living soul is open and apparent before Him. He knows the number and design of every snowflake. He counts the hairs on every head. The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the meteors in space, the galaxies of the limitless universe—He knows all that there is to be known about everything.

God's omnipresence is as incomprehensible as His omniscience, and as absolute. The mighty Sovereign of all things dwells outside the realms of space and time. The Psalmist rightly expressed it: "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-10). No wonder he predicated this glorious truth with the amazed declaration: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (Psalm 139:6). God is everywhere.

However, when we begin to talk about the omnipotence of the Lord, we must admit there are limits. There are some things that God cannot do. The little boy may have been guilty of oversimplification, but he opened the door to a storehouse of truth when he said, "God can't make a rock so big He can't lift it."

We are being neither facetious nor irreverent when we point out the confines of God's power. You have—at this moment—the ability to do some things that divine omnipotence cannot do! Does such a statement startle you? Then consider this: God cannot lie. He cannot be unfair. He cannot be unkind.

We have always known, of course, that God cannot commit any deed unworthy of Deity. But most of us, I suspect, have never considered the contrast. On

the one hand, He is the God of all power. Yet that omnipotent Deity is forced to stop at certain boundaries.

This opens a new field of contemplation. God always existed. And there is no power superior to Him. Nothing exists unless He created it. Nothing continues to exist unless He sustains it. Yet there are at least two limits beyond which He cannot go. What are they?

1. *Divine omnipotence is hemmed in, on the one hand, by the barrier of absolute justice.* In all His activities God must be perfectly righteous. Not one charge of unfairness can ever be brought against Him—not by men or by devils.

There is no partiality or prejudice in heaven's court. God is no respecter of persons. The Potentate of the universe makes no deals "under the table." He is just—perfectly and completely just—with every man.

Because of the limits of justice, God cannot lie. What He says He must do. His laws are all from eternity. He is not governed by "situation ethics." The particular circumstance has no effect on His decision. Absolute justice determines everything He says and does.

Men are often unfair in their dealings. They are influenced by the power of an argument or by the promise of a reward. Promises are broken. Lies are told.

But God cannot be unrighteous, even in His actions toward sin. He never has prejudice against the sinner, but sin itself must be dealt with. The law is more fixed than the orbit of the stars; "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). And the omnipotent God cannot cross the barriers of absolute justice.

2. *The other limit of divine omnipotence is at the very opposite pole—God cannot move beyond the confines of absolute love.* It is impossible for Him to be unkind. Hatefulness is out of reach for Him. His very nature itself will not allow Him to be spiteful.

God is hemmed in by love! Oh, the vastness of that thought ought to change our attitude toward every circumstance of life. Why should I complain about momentary conditions when I remember that the infinite, sovereign, omnipotent God cannot move except in love? No wonder the apostle shouted in victory, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

The truth that omnipotence is limited by love delivers us from the little notions about divine vindictiveness. God has no delight in the death of any man. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The miracle of all miracles is that the mighty God should be able to find a way to move and work unhampered by the confines of justice and love—the limits of omnipotence. Because He is just, the sinner

must die. Because He is love, the sinner may live.

But how is this possible? How can God be completely fair and allow even one sinner to live? How can He be completely loving and allow one sinner to die? How can such opposites be totally compatible?

Here it is: absolute justice and absolute love met at Calvary. It is often said that the cross is the ultimate display of the love of God—and that it is. But we must keep in mind that the cross is also the ultimate display of the justice of God. On the one hand the picture is: "God so loved the world." On the other hand the picture is: "He spared not his own Son."

Justice demands that the sinner die—even God cannot change that. But love found a way! A member of the Trinity emptied himself of the form of God. He became a man; yet He did no sin. Wicked hands nailed Him to a cross. There He died.

But should not absolute justice have stopped that awful scene at Golgotha? Would not the Father have been within the limits of righteousness to refuse to allow the innocent to die? Yes, except for one thing: Jesus *chose* to die. And heaven itself could not take away the free will of the One born in Bethlehem's manger.

Remember that—God cannot take from you your free will!


Jesus died. But death had no power over Him. He had never committed one sin—not one! Therefore the grave could not hold Him. Hell had no jurisdiction over Him. Justice demanded His release.

Triumphantly He marched out of hell itself. Acting in love and justice, God provided one way of hope for man. Jesus is that way.

I cannot overcome the penalty for sin. It is too late for that—I have already transgressed the divine law. The Bible says that "whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). I am guilty. Therefore because God must be just, I must die. The past is irrevocable. What I have done, I have done.

But God is also love. And because He is hemmed in by love, He provided redemption. Jesus ought not to have died. He had committed no sin. Yet He died. Now Jesus says to me, "Let Me take your place. Let Me be your substitute." I believed Him, and He forgave me all my sin.

Absolute justice and love met in Jesus. His redemptive work is the ultimate of the omnipotence of God. The Just died for the unjust. All of heaven is still amazed at the miracle of the cross. At that place of a skull "mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Psalm 85:10).

God is infinitely just. No sinner can connive his way through heaven's court. But God is also infinite love. His Son was crucified "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The limits of omnipotence provide a way for you and me to live forever! 

"Cut as much as you have, Mama, and tell our friends there is a war on."



The miracle bread

By OSKAR JESKE

IN THE REVIVAL which swept Eastern Europe and Russia we saw many miracles. The first miracle I experienced was in Grabie, a German village in Poland where my parents lived, in 1916.

I was just 14 and had been converted only recently. In those days groups of newly converted Christians had the desire to visit other meetings and to serve other Christians spiritually wherever possible. One such group, under the leadership of a fine, devout school-teacher, Mr. Drews, was formed in the Vistula lowland area, in the Gostynin district. Mr. Drews had met my grandfather at teachers' conferences now and then, and the two had become good friends.

Mr. Drews had founded a choir, the members of which were all Christians. He promised that one day he would bring his choir to our service in Grabie.

Sunday after Sunday I waited for the arrival of the choir. And Sunday after Sunday no one came. Then one Sunday afternoon I saw two farm carts coming down the road. I ran into the house and announced that Mr. Drews and his singers were coming.

Mother was at a loss as to what to do. It was war-time, everything was rationed, and she had no bread to feed the 16 choir members. Because the meeting was to begin at 3 p.m. and it was now long past the lunch hour, there was no time to cook anything.

After the greetings were over, Mother sent me to our next-door neighbor to borrow some bread, while she busied herself in the kitchen preparing something to eat. In no time I was back, but with no bread, for

the neighbor did not have any either, and would not be baking until the next day.

Mother next sent me to another neighbor, but again I returned unsuccessful. Then Mother asked me to go to our Polish neighbors, but I knew that they had eaten the last of their bread on the previous evening.

Mother stood perplexed. "What shall I do, Oskar?" Slowly she went to the cupboard and took out a square piece of bread which may have weighed about a pound, and held it in her hands.

I looked at the bread, then at her. "Mama," I said, "if Jesus were here, He would take the piece of bread out of your hand, bless it, and then give it back to you and say, 'Cut it. There will be enough for all and more!'"

Mother put her arms around me and with tears in her eyes kissed me. "Cut as much as you have, Mama," I said, "and tell our friends there is a war on. Everyone is to take a small piece as far as it lasts; they will understand."

I went back to talk with the choir members. After some time I returned to the kitchen to see how Mother was making out. There in the middle of the table stood a plate piled high with bread, and a second plate was already half filled. I stared in astonishment. "Mama," I gasped, "where did you get all that bread?"

My mother, startled, let the knife fall from her hand. In her other hand she still held the small piece of bread from which she had started cutting. Yet the piece had not become much smaller than when she had begun. Trembling, she answered, "Oh, praise God! Jesus has blessed the bread."

She took the bread into the classroom, where a table had been set up, and prepared the rest of the meal. Then 17 guests, Grandfather, my aunt, Mother, and I—21 in all—sat down at the table and began to eat. We ate our fill, yet there was still a great deal of bread left. Mother urged the guests to eat more.

When everyone had finished, she asked, "Do you know what sort of bread we have eaten?"

"Yes," Mr. Drews answered, "rye bread; and very good it tasted too."

"Yes," Mother replied, "and you have eaten bread blessed by Jesus." Then briefly she related the story of how the Lord had blessed the bread.

Everyone began to praise God; some began to weep. Still praising God they went to the meeting where Mr. Drews preached a powerful sermon. Christians consecrated themselves anew, and sinners were persuaded to surrender themselves to the Lord.

Late that night when the meeting finally ended, the guests and Mother and I were invited to the home of a rich farmer's wife, who was a Christian. The table was decked with wonderful things to eat.

When everyone was seated, a woman mentioned the occurrence in the school, and all were so filled with praise and thanks that they forgot the meal and knelt for several hours, praising God. Not until then did they get up and eat. Shortly before daybreak, after again praying together, these brothers and sisters in Christ started joyfully on their way home.

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REVIVAL or REVOLUTION

A review of a book by OSKAR JESKE

PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, Oskar Jeske had an active role in the Pentecostal revival in Poland. He was associated with G. Herbert Schmidt, Artur Bergholz, Gustav Kinderman, and other well-known ministers in the gospel work.

His conversion at the age of 14 brought a revolutionary change in his life. Previously he wanted to be a schoolteacher like his German grandfather, with whom he and his widowed mother made their home; but now he had only one thought—to be a minister of the gospel.

So he attended Bible school in Danzig and there he met an American Assemblies of God missionary, Miss Anna Bukczynski, who gave him English lessons. He fell in love with her, and they were married. Two children were born of their union—J. Oscar Jeske, now a college teacher in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Betty who died in 1966.

Brother Jeske was a pastor and evangelist in Poland for many years, until Hitler's armies invaded the country in 1939 and disrupted the church work. Many Pentecostal pastors were arrested at this time and shipped to Germany to do forced labor. Oskar Jeske, because he had been overseer of a large estate in his youth, was allowed to remain in Poland but was forced to engage in agriculture.

Then the Russian armies drove the German forces out of Poland; and German men still residing there, including Brother Jeske, were shipped eastward into the Ural Mountains. He was held in Russian prison camps five years, and separated from his wife and children for 12 years.

In his book *Revival or Revolution* Brother Jeske tells the story of his life, including the revival that began in his boyhood days and the years he spent in Russian labor camps. He describes the miserable 40 days he and fellow prisoners lived in cattle cars journeying eastward. Only the hardiest survived the hunger, cold, filth, and disease they endured during that trip.

But conditions in some of the prison camps were intolerable, and many who survived the arduous train trip perished soon afterward. Brother Jeske wore the same clothes—unwashed—for six months. In his book he describes the unbelievable cruelty of some of the camp supervisors and gives a firsthand account of what went on in Russia under Stalin's regime.

Since Brother Jeske could speak Russian, he was used as an interpreter and enjoyed some privileges other prisoners did not have. He was able to minister personally to the spiritual needs of many prisoners and sometimes was permitted to hold gospel services. Numbers were saved as a result.

Brother Jeske was released by the Russians after five

years. He was the last of the Pentecostal ministers to return to the West from Russian imprisonment. He was reunited with his family in 1956 and the following year they visited the U.S. for four months. The family emigrated from Europe to Canada in 1961, and Brother Jeske became pastor of the German Pentecostal Church in Vernon, British Columbia.

In his book he gives an engrossing account of his experiences in Poland, including the boyhood years when the Holy Spirit first was poured out. He tells of seeing children kneel and praise God in a language he could not understand. Not until 10 years later, when ministers came with Pentecostal teaching, did he realize that those children had been baptized with the Holy Spirit and were speaking in tongues like the disciples in Acts 2:4.

His Pentecostal experience meant much to him while held in the Ural Mountains. He was accused of spying on the Russians and helping the German soldiers while the armies were fighting in Poland. For this he was put on trial under threat of execution or life imprisonment. However, the Lord spoke to him just before his trial and gave him a word of great comfort.

"While I was praising the Lord in other tongues," he writes, "I heard a pleasant voice, a voice that I had heard once before, saying to me, 'Don't be afraid, I am with you. You will not be sentenced.' What a comfort! If I had not been confined in my 'cage,' I would have leaped for joy.

"The word of our Lord Jesus Christ became especially real to me again: 'And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.' This experience was a supreme happiness that can only be given to man from heaven. I believe that only the blessed in glory can be as happy as I was at that moment."

The manner in which the Lord intervened during his trial before the war tribunal is phenomenal. The charges against him were dismissed, and he was released from captivity.

Brother Jeske has seen both revival and revolution and he believes this is the choice that now lies before the whole world.

"In the last few years, more than 10 million Russians have been converted. Everywhere, be it in Murmansk, Vladivostok, Krim, or the Ukraine, people are coming to know Christ as their personal Saviour. Never before in Russia's history has there been such a revival.

"For the other nations too there seems to be only two choices open: revival or revolution."

The book was published in Canada in 1970. Recently the Gospel Publishing House obtained a number of copies which are on sale at \$1.75 each.

A God-given child

Sunday School Lesson for March 3, 1974

1 SAMUEL 1:19 to 2:2

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HANNAH'S SORROW (1 Samuel 1:1-6)

Hannah was eminently fitted to bring up children. Her character was beautiful. But she was looked upon as dishonored of God because she was childless. To make matters worse she was cruelly taunted by Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, who had children of her own and lorded it over Hannah.

In these verses a number of practical considerations appear:

1. *Domestic troubles may be brought about by failure to abide by God's law* (Malachi 2:15; Matthew 19:4). Elkanah was a godly man, yet there was one bad mark against him. Due to the hardness of heart of which Jesus and Moses spoke, he had married two women. If Hannah was his first wife, then Elkanah deserved the greater blame. With such a wife as Hannah why should he want a second? But if Hannah was his second wife, then she too must bear guilt. Whichever was the case, human weakness resulted in trouble in the home.

RECIPROCITY



FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED....THEREFORE ALSO I HAVE LENT HIM TO THE LORD; AS LONG AS HE LIVETH HE SHALL BE LENT TO THE LORD. 1 SAM. 1:27,28

2. *Domestic troubles may be greatly aggravated by human cruelty.* Peninnah, with malicious cruelty, mocked Hannah because of her childlessness. What untold grief in today's homes is brought about by modern Peninnahs whose tongues become tools of the devil! And what a multitude of sins otherwise good people are driven to commit because they are provoked by Peninnahs.

3. *Domestic troubles are a great hindrance to prayer.* There is much power in the united prayers of even a small family, for Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them" (Matthew 18:19). But where members of a family are divided and harbor wrong inner attitudes toward each other, their prayers are greatly hindered (1 Peter 3:7).

HANNAH'S PRAYER (1 Samuel 1:7-19)

1. *The quality of Hannah's prayer.* It was *specific*. She wanted a son. God grants specific answers to specific prayers.

It was *intense*. "She was in bitterness of soul... and wept sore... she spake in her heart; only her lips moved." Here are the marks of that wholeheartedness to which God always responds (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

It was *persistent*. "It came to pass, as she continued praying..." Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

It was *accompanied by a vow of consecration*. As she sought the Lord, her natural desire for a son was subordinated to higher purposes, so that she dedicated her child to lifelong service to the Lord.

2. *The good use of trials.* Trials are opportunities for us to seek the Lord. Though Hannah was "provoked" by Peninnah's cruelty, she nevertheless was wise enough to seek the Lord.

Trials may deepen our sympathies and our spiritual sensibility. As Hannah sought the Lord, she became increasingly aware of the spiritual decay of the nation and of its need for godly leadership. She nobly resolved to dedicate her son to God to be used as a leader in Israel.

HANNAH'S CONSECRATION (1 Samuel 1:20-28)

Unlike many, Hannah faithfully kept the vow she had made to God. With Hannah's action as our example, consider the following truths in relation to vows:

1. *Vows should be made only for purposes which harmonize with God's Word.*

2. *Vows may be made to God in respect to:* our use of time; use of our property; the training of our children; use of our natural faculties and powers. (See Romans 12:1.)

3. *Vows ought to be kept once they are made—kept sincerely, wholeheartedly, promptly, cheerfully, gratefully.*

HANNAH'S SONG OF PRAISE (1 Samuel 2)

Hannah had made a sacrifice which cut right across all human affection. But God so blessed her with that glad heart-satisfaction which always follows acts of consecrated devotion to God that she burst forth in a grand song of prophetic utterance. In this song she rejoiced in God's salvation, recognized His glorious attributes, and predicted His judgment upon all who will not obey Him.



QUALIFY YOURSELF FOR MINISTRY

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ONE OF THE STRONG CONVICTIONS presented in Christ's teaching is that every Christian has a ministry.

"His 'gifts unto men' were varied. Some he made his messengers, some prophets, some preachers of the gospel; to some he gave the power to guide and teach his people. His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up [to]...that measure of development which is meant by 'the fullness of Christ'" (Ephesians 4:11-13, Phillips).

What an exciting thought! To be chosen by the Lord to share in a ministry of teaching and to be one of the more than two million Sunday school teachers ministering throughout our nation! What a rewarding ministry to learn how to take the ageless truths of the

Christian faith and apply them to present-day living so that people can appropriate them for salvation and enrichment of life!

To accomplish this the present or potential Sunday school worker must be trained. The national Sunday School Department provides for workers a foundation study and a refresher study. The purpose is to have each Sunday school staff worker certified in training.

The certification is geared to the individual's need. The foundation study zeroes in on four specific fundamentals.

For the new worker, "Your Sunday School at Work" surveys Sunday school history, philosophy and objectives, curriculum, the pupil, and teaching. It leads to defining the Sunday school's contribution to maturing individuals. Observation sessions give the worker first-hand exposure to the Sunday school in operation.

The unit, "Knowing Your Bible," begins with the study of how the Bible came to be and provides important background required to answer general questions. It includes a survey of the Bible, with additional focus on the intertestamental period, archaeology, prophecy, and methods of Bible study. Prospective workers again participate in observation sessions.

For the Sunday school worker who needs to know more about his church, the third course, "Understanding Our Doctrine," is a complete study of the Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths. Twelve of the lessons explore our beliefs, with a strong Biblical emphasis. The final lesson is an observation session which gives the prospects an opportunity to see put into use what they have learned.

Teachers often feel inadequate to teach Bible truth creatively. "Mastering the Methods," the fourth foundational study, answers this need. It concentrates on techniques. Items discussed include lesson planning and preparation and the teacher's out-of-class responsibilities. A special emphasis is placed on understanding the pupil and effectively meeting his needs. Besides the observation sessions, this unit provides for practice teaching, followed by an evaluation. During this practice the new teacher can iron out problems he encounters.

Refresher study is provided through the book-of-the-year. For 1974 *Teaching for Decision* is a book on evangelism. Such topics as language that speaks, words that need defining, decisive lesson aims, making the invitation, and reinforcing the decision help equip the teacher to do a better job.

Certification is maintained by this yearly refresher study. The church-sponsored training centers in the annual book-of-the-year or other selections from the workers training book list. In group-centered refresher study the present staff member is updated. The potential worker gains added information. The workers training book list represents a library for the present or potential worker if additional study beyond the annual book-of-the-year is desired.

May I suggest you see your pastor about becoming one of the certified Sunday school staff workers at your church. Certification will require giving of your substance, your time, and your effort. But you will learn more fully what Sunday school teaching is and how better to teach those whom you will be happy to call your pupils.

Potter and clay

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rest for a season to develop a greater awareness of God's will and purposes. The ability to be patient and know that all things are working together for good can be one of our greatest assets, one that will have a definite effect upon our health and happiness. During these periods of waiting we, like the clay, can develop flexibility. We will thus learn to tolerate the daily events and contacts that might otherwise bother us.

"Short" or newly mixed clay is much like bricklayer's mortar that is not wet enough; it will not hold together. So if you are waiting for peace and happiness and there seems nothing you can do, use the time to gather your thoughts and get your inner being quiet before God. Let Him work. And if someone who works or lives close to you irritates you, remember that he also is fashioned from clay.

IN ANOTHER SENSE man is not only the clay, he is also the potter. God has given him the ability to shape his own life and environment, his attitudes and feelings.

We all emerge from the same lump of clay. Each of us has the ability and power to wedge the clay of his own being.

We have been given the ability to discern between the good and the not-so-good. Ours is the privilege and opportunity to shape ourselves into godly vessels marked by spiritual beauty, remembering that our purpose in life is to glorify our Father and, in the process, lift up our fellowmen.

In pottery the term for preparing the clay is "wedging." In the spiritual life the operation for developing godlikeness in our lives is called prayer or meditation. Through prayer and meditating upon the Scriptures we communicate with God, and in these precious times we learn how to conform our lives to the purposes for which He made us.

We would not expect a person unfamiliar with the potter's wheel to form a masterpiece the first time he tried—or even after a hundred attempts. A potter becomes skilled only after years of daily practice. We must consciously develop a feeling of oneness with the clay.

When we develop the habit of praying and reading the Word, we gain a broader understanding of God's goodness. Our attitude toward material things will change. We will be more interested in serving God than in making money. We will find that in serving God we will be serving our fellowmen. This will fill our lives with overflowing goodness, and in seeking the happiness and fulfillment of others there will be happiness and fulfillment in our own lives.

These days automobile dealers advertise new cars that deliver more miles to the gallon of gasoline. One result of your prayers will be that you will get "more miles to the gallon" in your daily living.

That which you have will stretch and meet needs beyond your expectations. The good you do will become more apparent because you will be giving thanks for what you have rather than complaining about what you do not have.


An optimist is happier than a pessimist because he draws to himself that of which he talks and thinks. In the same way the prayerful, thankful man draws to himself the good he recognizes.

NOTHING IS SO POWERFUL as an idea whose time for fulfillment has come. No idea has ever been made manifest except through man, and everyone has the equipment for receiving, shaping, and developing powerful ideas for his own good and the good of others.

As the potter continually works to create new ideas and forms, so should we continually seek to shape our lives into new expressions of God's goodness.

There is a special and specific idea with which to meet and overcome every need. The power of God is unlimited and always ready to be expressed through you. God supplies us abundantly with the material out of which all our needs may be filled; we must furnish the faith and the will to mold it into a usable form fit for God's showcase.

So let us use the clay He has given us. And let us also be clay in His hands, willing to be wedged and worked into a suitable vessel fit for the Master's use and strong enough to take the bumps from our fellowmen along life's pathway.

As Isaiah 64:8 says: "But now, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand." May our prayer ever be: "Mold me and make me according to Thy will. Let me be a vessel used for Thy glory." 



THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR!

READING THE WORD IN THE ORDER OF ITS EVENTS

DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 2

Sunday—Joshua 6-8
Monday—Joshua 9-12
Tuesday—Joshua 13-17
Wednesday—Joshua 18-21
Thursday—Joshua 22-24
Friday—Judges 1-3
Saturday—Judges 4, 5

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth. Joshua 24:14.

Reasonable—according to the Spirit

By **STANLEY M. HORTON** / Professor of Bible, Central Bible College and AIG Graduate School

THE BIBLE HAS HUNDREDS of significant words worthy of close study. Often this means following the word through many passages until the shades of meaning become clear from the way the Bible itself uses the word. This I enjoy most. But in other cases a word may be used only once or twice in the Bible and still have sufficient context for important conclusions.

An example is the Greek word *logikos* used only in Romans 12:1 (translated "reasonable") and in 1 Peter 2:2 (translated "of the word").

At first glance there seems to be little connection. But some recent translations of the New Testament speak of "spiritual" service or worship in Romans 12:1 and pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk in 1 Peter 2:2. This takes *logikos* to mean spiritual in the sense of metaphorical (spiritualized rather than taken literally).

This does seem to fit. Instead of offering literal animal sacrifices killed on an altar, we give over our bodies to God, dying to self and living for Him and His service. So also the milk that nourishes our hearts and minds is not literal milk but spiritual milk (which is indeed the Word of God).


This does not exhaust the meaning of *logikos*, however. The Greeks used the word to mean "rational, belonging to the sphere of the reason." So some recent translations still read reasonable or rational service or worship in Romans 12:1.

But the Greek philosophers, like so many intellectuals

today, made human reason their real god and the final arbiter of truth. They always ended in contradictory systems of thought where what seemed reasonable to one was unreasonable to another. Obviously, human reason falls short.

We must go back to the Biblical context then. In 1 Peter 2:5 we read of a spiritual house (temple) and spiritual sacrifices. Here again they are not literal. The spiritual temple is the body of Christ (Ephesians 2:16, 21, 22). The spiritual sacrifices exactly correspond to the living sacrifices of Romans 12:1. But the word in 1 Peter 2:5 is *pneumatikos* ("caused by, filled with, or corresponding to the Holy Spirit").

This lets us know that our reasonable service is not according to human reason but according to what the Holy Spirit shows is truly reasonable because it is in line with the mind and will of God. (The Holy Spirit knows the will of God. See Romans 8:27.) The milk of the Word is nourishing to our inner man because it is not the letter of the Word merely. Many unbelievers know the letter and are not profited (2 Corinthians 3:6). Rather, it is the Word illuminated and alive by the Holy Spirit.

If we follow the reasonings of men, we only find confusion. But when we let the Holy Spirit and the Word become the norm and guide to reason, we find spiritual sustenance and our lives become worship that pleases God. 

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PRAY FOR HOLLAND

Pray for Bible school graduates who are now pioneering churches in Holland.

David Wilkerson's books are being widely read in the Netherlands. Pray that more Christian literature will be translated into the Dutch language.

International Correspondence Institute has enrolled 7,500 students. Pray that they will grow spiritually.

Pray for the Teen Challenge ministry in Holland. Drug addiction is a major problem among the youth.

The present facilities of The Hague Bible school are extremely overcrowded. Pray that more property can be purchased.

Missionary Ed Ferguson has recently been transferred to Holland. Pray for him as he begins his ministry in this country.

HOLLAND, officially known as the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is bordered on the north and west by the North Sea, on the south by Belgium, and on the east by West Germany.

Much of the country lies below sea level. Thus the famous dikes are a requisite for the use of the land.

Continuing reclamation of land from the sea provides fertile land for this densely populated country. Averaging more than 1,000 persons per square mile, the Dutch have 13.3 million people living in 12,978 square miles. The literacy rate is nearly 100 percent.

Jammed cities blend old architecture with the new, and the countryside is filled with canals, broad rivers, and tidy farms.

The endless battle against the sea mirrors the centuries-old struggle of the Dutch against encroach-

ment by man. Their struggles have produced a strong national unity and a tolerance for individual life-style.

The right of every person to profess his religion is guaranteed by the constitution. Latest available figures show that Roman Catholics and Protestants each claim slightly more than 40 percent of the population while the remaining 19 percent have no religious affiliation.

The Brotherhood of Pentecostal Churches in Holland maintains brotherly ties with the Division of Foreign Missions of the Assemblies of God, USA. The church has 4,200 members and adherents who attend 45 Dutch churches and outstations. Seventy national ministers work closely with six Assemblies of God Missionaries in Teen Challenge, Bible schools, International Correspondence Institute, and evangelism.

'Say

SCATTERED WINDMILLS still dot the canal-laced farmlands of Holland. At one time 10,000 of these mills pumped water from the lowlands. Today about 1,000 remain. These have been rebuilt and preserved as tourist attractions to maintain the beauty for which Holland has long been noted.

However, the energy crisis may bring the windmills into use again. As in days gone by the Dutch may say to the wind, "Come blow upon these windmills."

In the spiritual realm the Dutch are praying for the wind of revival. The Reformation made its imprint here; Puritans and Separatists passed this way. But today there is a need for spiritual renewal, with thousands of voices lifted in prayer.

Cities which once knew the winds of spiritual life have become centers of depravity. The divorce rate has doubled in the last six years, and church attendance has fallen from 80 percent to 47 percent in a decade. Tens of thousands of foreign hippies clog the public parks, and the nation is being asked to tolerate dope boats and sex shops.

Churches, both Protestant and Catholic, are being closed. One former Protestant church in Amsterdam, now a hippie haven, reeks with the smell of marijuana. Called "Paradiso," the high-vaulted entry of this deconsecrated church glows with fiery red lighting as though it were the entrance to Satan's inferno. Young people pay three guilders (about a dollar) to get inside. There, behind the soundproof door of the main hall where once Calvinistic hymns rang

to the wind...'

By DAVID L. RICHARDS / *Director, Central Pentecostal Bible School, The Hague, Holland*

out, a jam session is in progress.

Spiritual leaders of Holland are taking action to stem this tide of sin. Both young and old are forming prayer groups. One leader has established groups to pray throughout the country with the theme of "God save Amsterdam."

As a result of these prayers, whispers of spiritual wind can be felt across Holland. At a One Way Day rally in Utrecht, 7,000 youth gathered to declare their allegiance to the cause of Christ and to send up a cry for renewal and revival.

I spoke to a group of 1,000 young people in the city of Amersfort, and their oneness and dedication were amazing. They have seen the ritual and the form; they are tired of a powerless Christianity. They want to see revival and are using every means known to them to kindle the fire: street evangelism, literature evangelism, and youth rallies.

For more than a year we have been having a charismatic meeting every Tuesday night at our Assemblies of God Bible school in The Hague. The purpose has been to teach about the work and person of the Holy Spirit.

Each session closes with a time of sharing and praise. How beautiful to see God pouring out His Spirit upon those of diverse religious and national backgrounds! Dutch, Indonesians, English, and Americans praise the Lord together. Episcopalians, Dutch Reformed, Baptists, Catholics, and Pentecostals speak in other tongues as they worship together. The Holy Spirit is breaking down the barriers!

This particular move of the Spirit

began when an evangelist from England came to Holland for services. The minister, a former Episcopalian, attracted the people from the English Episcopal church. The result of the week's meetings was that the minister of the local church, along with several members, were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

When the evangelist left, the Episcopal minister, John Lewis, asked us to teach those who had received this new and wonderful experience.


Within a short time others started joining the classes as they experienced the Pentecostal baptism. Those who were filled included the wife of a prominent diplomat. The Spirit brought new life to the Anglican church.

Our own Bible school is also feeling His impact. Members of the Dutch Reformed church, in speaking of the Spirit's ministry, declared, "We have not seen life and love like this manifested before."

This move of the Spirit is coming because the people of Holland are hungry. Our International Corre-

spondence Institute program started two years ago, and now 7,500 students are studying the evangelism course, "The Great Questions of Life." Mail response constantly tells us of conversions and deliverance through studying these Bible lessons.

The Central Pentecostal Bible School here in The Hague has been the scene of many prayer services where students beseech God for a revival in Holland. I am convinced that these Spirit-filled young people are an army God is raising up to help bring a spiritual quickening to the Netherlands. We are already seeing results of their ministry in Teen Challenge and in the various churches.

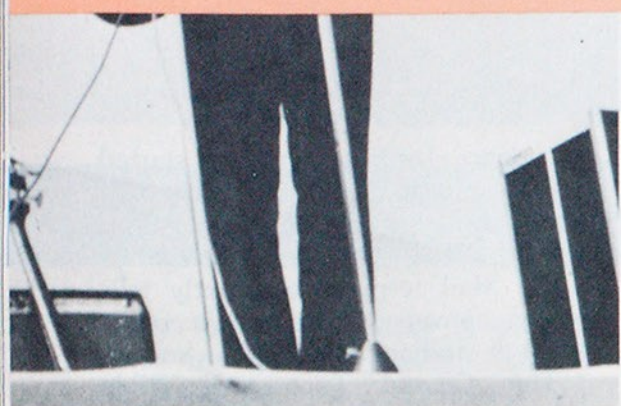
Pray with us that this breath of the Spirit will breathe upon Holland and the results will be the same as those seen by the prophet of old: "They... stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." We are believing that this army of born-again Spirit-saturated believers shall arise and go forward once more in the land of the windmills. 

Eager to witness, Dutch youth use gospel music to attract crowd on Haarlem city square.





PRAY FOR TEEN CHALLENGE—HOLLAND



LEFT: Tyrone Bragg, from the cast of "Jesus Christ Superstar," made a commitment to Jesus Christ the Son of God while in Rotterdam. Tyrone is now working with Teen Challenge—Holland and singing in gospel concerts throughout Europe and the Middle East. ABOVE: The Amsterdam drug culture attracts young people from all over the world. Street witnessing is an effective means of spreading the gospel. RIGHT: Over a cup of coffee in the nonthreatening atmosphere of one of the eight coffeehouses operated by Teen Challenge—Holland, the way of salvation is made plain. FAR RIGHT: A Teen Challenge worker presents the claims of Christ to a youth searching for reality. (Photos by David Cawston and Tom Muzzio)

Where it all began

By **HOWARD FOLTZ**

Coordinator, Continental Teen Challenge

THE PAGES of *The Cross and the Switchblade* have come alive in Europe!

It began in The Hague, a city in Holland, a little over four years ago. Spilling over the placid Dutch culture were mushrooming problems of drug abuse, pornography, and immorality. Teen Challenge answered

the requests for an outreach.

David Wilkerson visited Holland and preached to a crusade crowd of over 5,000. The spiritual impact of the crusade reached hundreds of youth with the message of Christ and precipitated interest in the Teen Challenge work.

The first Teen Challenge ministry began in a small center across the street from the main drug selling rendezvous in The Hague. As needy and empty youth were transformed by Christ, other cities became interested in establishing similar outreaches. Now under the leadership of Missionary David Cawston there are eight Teen Challenge coffeehouses, two induction centers, and a national rehabilitation center in Holland.

This ministry in Holland has provided the spiritual foundation for Teen Challenge work throughout Eurasia which now includes 148 cities in 16 different countries.

One of the exciting aspects of Teen Challenge—Holland is that it is reproducing itself spiritually. Young people won to Christ through the ministry have become leaders in the work. A youth who was converted in the Wilkerson crusade was one of the first full-time workers. A young

man in south Holland was saved during a film showing. He recently graduated from the Central Pentecostal Bible School in The Hague and now is leader of a Teen Challenge coffeehouse ministry in Haarlem.

Tyrone Bragg came to Holland nearly two years ago as a member of the cast of "Jesus Christ Superstar." He was singing the role of Judas. At the close of a performance in Rotterdam, several Christian youth witnessed to him, and soon Tyrone committed his life to the Lord, discovering that Jesus is more than "Superstar." He is the Son of God.

After this experience Tyrone came into the Teen Challenge program. He has traveled throughout Europe as a field evangelist, speaking and singing in churches of various denominations, schools, and coffeehouses. Tyrone also leads an international coffeehouse for English-speaking youth in The Hague. It is reaching many searching young people.

Teen Challenge in Europe is a broad-based outreach, going far beyond reaching addicts and hippies and reaching into the youth culture as a whole. It continues to grow spontaneously, and Holland is where it all began.



• PRAY FOR TEEN CHALLENGE-HOLLAND



Above the bedlam

By DAVID CAWSTON / *Missionary to Holland*

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Holland have so many voices calling them today.

Tradition says they should follow the religion of their parents—a strict Calvinism which has been diluted to modernism. Spiritism offers misleading supernatural experiences.

To a teenager having problems facing today's world or just facing himself, the drug scene has an alluring call. He can buy marijuana anywhere; and when he needs harder stuff, it can be acquired without too much difficulty.

Bizarre life-styles such as that of the homosexual or the sodomite have, for some, a strong attraction and are tolerated by society. The religions of the East offer a "work-your-way-to-heaven" plan that satisfies human egos.

Yet above the bedlam of all these barterers comes the clear voice of the Holy Spirit. Teen Challenge is giving that voice a chance to be heard.

From the nightlife of the street a young person drops into one of our eight coffeehouses. There over a cup of coffee someone talks with him about Jesus. The Spirit makes the simple words burn deep in a young heart. Again and again he drops into the coffeehouse until finally he has to

make a choice for or against Christ.

On nationwide television a film is shown about a one-time gang leader who is changed by the power of Christ. In thousands of hearts the Spirit says, "Let Jesus change your life."

In a busy city square a music group begins to sing. A large crowd quickly gathers. Through the straightforward words the Spirit is calling. People hurry on about their business, but He continues to speak.

In the quiet room of a rehabilitation center a counselor brings new hope to a despairing youth. A glimmer of faith shows a new life on the horizon. There is a way out!

On the promenade of the world-famous Scheveningen Beach, smiling young people offer literature to the milling crowd. Some toss it aside, but for others it is another whisper of His voice, ever calling.

In a crusade 5,500 people sit silent as the Spirit settles over them like a cloud. When the invitation is given, they begin to come—until there are 500 of them. They have heard His clear voice, and the answer is yes.

Every day the music plays, the lights swirl, and the voices clamor for the young people's attention. But Teen Challenge is there too saying, "Let him hear the Spirit's clear voice before his course is set."

Dam Square in Amsterdam provides a meeting place for street people.





Wonderful things

By T. J. deRUITER / *Director of Practical Ministries, Central Pentecostal Bible School, The Hague, Holland*

THE LORD HAS DONE WONDERFUL THINGS, whereof we are glad! Anytime we talk of the Lord's doings, we talk about "wonderful things."

The first wonderful thing God did for me was to make me a new creature in Christ Jesus. The second wonderful thing occurred when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit a month or so later. After the Holy Spirit enlightened me about water baptism by immersion, I took that step.

All these wonderful things happened during my military service in the Royal Dutch Air Force.

Only a week or so after I experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit, God called me to full-time service. I attended Bible school in Britain which became my home for more than three years, while I studied to know the Word and the ways of God. During this time I married, and our first child was born in Great Britain.

My first contact with the Assemblies of God took place in South Wales. A pastor of a very lively assembly invited me to preach. God blessed my ministry there and gave me many opportunities to preach throughout Great Britain. Souls were saved and saints blessed. I felt very much at home in the Assemblies of God churches. Soon God opened doors for me to minister in West Germany also.

After I had traveled and preached a few years in West Germany, Great Britain, and Holland, God directed my ministry to the Central Pentecostal Bible School which the Assemblies of God was just opening in The Hague. The Lord used Brother and Sister R. L. Leach, missionaries in charge of the Bible school, to guide me in those early days of training youth for the ministry in Holland.

For the last seven years I have been a part of the

PRAY FOR PENTECOSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL—

Veteran Missionary Alfred Cawston is under special assignment to Holland by the Division of Foreign Missions. His years of experience as a pioneer evangelist and educator in India, Ceylon, and the Philippines as well as two deanships—Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and Southern California College in Costa Mesa, California, eminently qualify him for this important role in Holland.

God rewards courage and commitment

By ALFRED CAWSTON / *Acting Dean
Central Pentecostal Bible School, The Hague, Holland*

LAST AUGUST Central Pentecostal Bible School began its fifth year with an enrollment of 51 students. Already there are several admission applications on file for the 1974-75 school year.

To date there have been four graduating classes with a total of 39 graduates. Practically all these have entered the ministry. Some are pastoring; others are in youth work, many with Teen Challenge. Still others are pioneering new works in remote places of Holland, and two couples have left Holland for foreign missionary service.

In years past Holland has not been receptive to the Pentecostal message. However, these Bible school grad-

uates are going forth with new vision and zeal, and God is opening doors which previously were closed. Nearly every weekend some church invites the Bible school choir to minister in song and testimony.

As young people in the churches who have the call of God on their lives hear the testimonies of the Bible school students and see what the school means to them, they too decide to come to the Bible school for training.

Several of the students have come relying wholly on the Lord for financial support. This life of faith is new for them, but the Lord has wonderfully rewarded their courage as they move forward in their commitment.

We want to thank God for a special problem. In every one of our facilities we have wall-to-wall students. In the student house we have as many as eight in one room. The greatest need at the moment is a new building. This year we have been looking at a former hotel and are trusting the Lord to provide funds for this venture. We must have more room to accommodate those who are applying or we will have to say, "Sorry, no room."

Does Bible school pay? Yes, a million times over. It is the challenge of this age to train and send out workers into His vineyard. The message is still the same as when Jesus was here on earth, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

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Bible school. The first four years were pioneering in every aspect. I taught classes, did administrative and journalistic work—all kinds of jobs. In those days the Lord taught me many precious and humbling lessons. Many an inward battle had to be won. But the wonderful grace of God is sufficient for every situation. I received much inspiration from the ministries of the brethren who came from the States to assist us.

Young people in Holland are becoming increasingly aware of the great need of solid fundamental spiritual training in these days of apostasy. The Central Pentecostal Bible School will have an even more important function as the Pentecostal revival spreads throughout Holland.

It is my prayer that God will find me too in the place where He can continue to use me in this ministry.

While I have opportunity, I want to say how thankful we Dutch brethren are to all of you in the United States for the support you have given and still give to make this school possible. Without the sacrificial giving of thousands of faithful members in the various churches of the Assemblies of God, this school would not have become what it is now and the work of God would have suffered.

At present the school personnel face another important decision, that of enlarging the work. If we believe



CALL TO ACTION

By J. PHILIP HOGAN • Executive Director of Foreign Missions

A sense of urgency

DR. CHARLES MALIK, scholar, diplomat, and one of the great lay Christian leaders of the Near East, recently said: "There are three unpardonable sins for the church today: first, to be flippant and superficial in analyzing the world situation; second, to live and act as though halfhearted measures would be enough; third, to lack the moral courage to rise to the historic situation."

History is moving swiftly these days. If it were not for the bold invasion of facts, you and I would probably dismiss much of what we see as wandering fancies of the mind. Internal crises rock our nation while lingering wars go on in Asia and the Middle East.

One rendering of 2 Timothy 4:2 reads, "Herald and preach the Word—keep your sense of urgency." This is not the day for halfheartedness. We are to preach whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether the opportunity is favorable or unfavorable, whether the gospel is welcome or unwelcome.

God's people have always had to work against deadlines. The very structure of the ages and dispensations indicates this. God has always been moving His people toward some great event, getting them ready for something that was about to happen. The prophetic ministry of old always had this in mind.

No believer can face the challenges of today's world without moral courage. Wars erupt overnight, the cost of living soars, and we never know what crisis tomorrow will bring. But, friends, God never promised that we would reap in peace. Instead He said it would be turmoil. Matthew 24 is not a list of things getting progressively better, but rather a list of things getting progressively worse. Jesus didn't say, "Occupy as long as it's safe," or "Occupy as long as it's not too costly." He said, "Occupy till I come." It's not a case of the world getting so good that Jesus is coming back; it's a matter of things getting so bad He will have to come back.

These are spectacular days to tell the world about Jesus Christ. There are more doors open now than ever before and more ways to spread the gospel. There is a penetration of the Pentecostal revival into religious groups that a few years ago openly opposed it. God, the Sovereign Lord, has presented us a harvest field. Let us ask Him to give us the kind of courage that realizes the urgency of the hour and sends us forth to reap with diligence.

HOLLAND • PRAY

—as we do—that God is going to give us more and more students in the coming years, then we must increase our present facilities. Presently we have 51 students enrolled. We have a glorious opportunity to reach the Dutch-speaking world through these trained Bible students. We believe that God will not fail to supply our needs.

The growth of our school and its influence through the graduates is one of the direct causes of a stronger Dutch Pentecostal movement. We are thrilled to be a part of God's plan for the Netherlands.

We want to become expert in the use of spiritual weapons because the battle of the ages will soon reach its climax. Jesus shall reign...also over the Netherlands! To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever for all the wonderful things He has done and continues to do! Amen!

Missionary David Cawston teaches a class in the Bible school.





Leroy Cloud, Pastor, First Assembly, Fremont, Calif.

Church multiplies ministry

The inspiring story of one California church's concern and involvement in home missions.

EACH YEAR First Assembly in Fremont, Calif. (Leroy Cloud, pastor), demonstrates its concern for home missions by adopting a special project. The program originally was designed as a youth outreach but was expanded to include adults who desired to participate. Following are stories of the 1972 and 1973 projects.

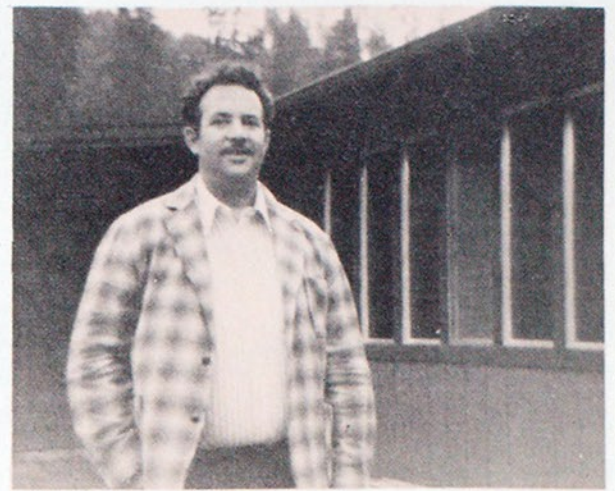
In July 1972 First Assembly sent 100 of its young people and adults to Tonopah, Nev., some 500 miles

away, to erect a building for this new congregation. This followed a year's planning with the district for the venture. The lovely structure, built in 5½ days, was dedicated September 11, 1972, by Robert Pirtle, assistant district superintendent, and Leroy Cloud, during a fellowship meeting there.

Present at the dedication, in addition to the Tonopah pastor and congregation, were: David Ross, executive presbyter of Nevada; Jim Carlton, presbyter of the



TOP LEFT: This attractive new church at Tonopah, Nev., was built in five days by the people of First Assembly, Fremont, Calif. LEFT: The Terrance Watkinses, who opened the Tonopah work stand with their nucleus congregation. ABOVE: The Larry K. Lewises became pastors at Tonopah when the Watkinses accepted home missions appointment to Alaska.



LEFT: Men of First Assembly, Fremont, Calif., built this church in Happy Camp, Calif., in 10 days. The congregation includes both Indian and white people. **ABOVE:** Pastor Jim Curry stands beside the church.

Sierra Nevada Section in which Tonopah is located; Maurice Caudill, presbyter of the Northern Nevada Section; the pastors of the Tonopah Baptist and Presbyterian churches; and the Dennis Jeters and other members of Bethel Temple, Dallas, Tex.

The Fremont assembly invested \$12,000 in the structure as well as \$2,000 in the lot and supplied all of the labor for construction. The national Division of Home Missions granted \$1,000 toward the purchase of the lot. Thus the new building was dedicated debt-free. The property has been valued at \$25,000.

Members of Fremont's Women's Missionary Council raised \$1,000 to provide platform furniture and building materials for the new church and clothing for the pastor and his family. Missionettes contributed personal items and nursery furniture amounting to more than \$250. Millie Bruner and her committee ably planned and operated food services during the building construction.

Youth and adults of the Fremont assembly conducted a visitation program during the construction of the building.

Ten of the church's families arranged their summer vacation schedules so they could help with this project.

Much of the work on the building was fabricated in California and hauled by men of the congregation to the building site at Tonopah. The crews assembled it and then did the finish work of painting the interior and exterior, laying tile on all the floors, and carpeting the sanctuary platform. Pastor Cloud used a plan prepared by the national Division of Home Missions and personally directed construction.

The lovely new facility, located just off the main thoroughfare of Tonopah, is situated on a slight hill which makes it visible from a greater part of the community. The white cross on top of the building is illuminated at night and is fast becoming a landmark in the area.

Of course, much of the success and continuing progress of a new work depends upon the workers who feel called to provide a full-gospel witness in the area.

Burdened for the Tonopah community, Pastor and Mrs. Terrance Watkins went there approximately 2½ years ago to establish an Assemblies of God congregation. God richly blessed their dedicated efforts in be-

ginning this work. Last fall the Larry K. Lewises became pastors when the Watkinses were appointed to serve as home missionaries in Alaska.

Attendance has reached as high as 50 and runs around 30 in good weather. Several have been saved, including young people. The church contributes toward the support of its pastor.

The Pentecostal message is new in Tonopah. Most of the people have other religious backgrounds which make them reticent to accept the full gospel. But the Lewises faithfully engage in visitation and feel there is a great potential for Assemblies of God ministry here.

THE FREMONT ASSEMBLY'S 1973 project was building a new church for the Happy Camp, Calif., congregation, which includes both Indian and white people.


Although not a new church, the Happy Camp Indian Assembly (Jim Curry, pastor) still has home missions status and it needed a boost. It had been a struggling work, with only 11 people attending. After the new church was built, the congregation jumped to 50 and, at times, was in the 60s.

Fremont's First Assembly invested \$15,000 in materials and built the church in 10 days. With the added funds from the sale of the old property, the church is debt-free. The congregation fully supports its pastors. They also bought a mobile parsonage and are making the payments on it.

Brother Cloud says there was no other full-gospel church in the area and many people were hungry for the truth. More than 45 have been saved and a number have been filled with the Spirit since the new church has been built.

Happy Camp is a transient community, since lumbering and logging represent the basis of their economy.

A correctional institution, Conservation Camp No. 41, is located 10 miles from Happy Camp. Recently Brother Curry was appointed official Protestant chaplain for the camp by the state.

The results of the combined efforts of the Tonopah and Happy Camp pastors and Fremont's First Assembly point up what can be accomplished when people become burdened to extend the Kingdom and then move forward to do something about it. By doing something extra, every church can thus multiply its ministry. 



ABOVE LEFT: On the occasion of its 20th anniversary "Revivaltime" returned to the campus of Central Bible College—where it first originated as a network broadcast—for a banquet honoring staff members with more than 10 years' service. ABOVE: "Revivaltime" speaker C. M. Ward was presented Norman Pearsall's drawing that appeared on the cover of "The Pentecostal Evangel" (December 16, 1973) by Lee Shultz, narrator of the broadcast and national director of the Division of Communications. FAR LEFT: Bartlett Peterson, general secretary of the Assemblies of God, recalled some of the first broadcasting efforts of the Radio Department that ultimately developed into today's international radio ministry. LEFT: Stan Michael, national secretary of the Department of Benevolences, reminisced about some of his experiences during the 11 years he served on the "Revivaltime" staff.

Professional broadcasters comment on Revivaltime—

20 years of excellency earn respect

VINCENT T. WASILEWSKI said it in a letter to C. M. Ward:

"We are witnessing a renewed interest in religion on the part of the younger generation, and it is through men and women of your sincere dedication that this revival is happening."

Mr. Wasilewski is not a preacher. He is the much-respected president of the National Association of Broadcasters, the organization that represents the entire broadcasting media.

His letter was one of hundreds C. M. Ward received from members of the broadcasting industry on the occasion of *Revivaltime's* 20th anniversary. What do these men think of the official broadcast of the Assemblies of God? The answer can be found in the following excerpts:

KWED Your *Revivaltime* voice has reached into millions of homes throughout the world, bringing

joy and hope and contentment. I know of no other human service that could be more pleasing in God's eyes.

It seems to me that religion is sometimes made too complicated and unpleasant by many well-intentioned preachers and teachers. You make it a simple and happy experience.

—Stan McKenzie, Seguin, Texas

WACT Congratulations on your 20th anniversary celebration. *Revivaltime* in our opinion is one of the best programs of its type which we broadcast, and the highlight of our Sunday schedule.

—Clyde W. Price, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

WSRA I was 8 years old when the first *Revivaltime* program was broadcast, and it has been a part of my life each week for most of the ensuing years. I make mention of that to tell you that it

is truly with personal pride that we present your broadcast each week. As a Christian I take special pride in presenting quality programs which in turn present the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the unsaved. *Revivaltime* is such a program.

—Millard Adams, Milton, Florida

WCMS During your 20 years of service through the program, young people have grown to adulthood and their children have become the new generation of *Revivaltime* listeners.

Twenty years is an enviable record in any field, but particularly in the communications field where turnover is looked upon as a way of life. Congratulations!

—Irvine B. Hill, Norfolk, Virginia

WCIR *Revivaltime* has been a part of our programming ever since WCIR has been on the air, and is considered by our staff as the most popular weekly religious broadcast in the market.

The high degree of excellency with which *Revivaltime* is produced, coupled with your most dynamic ministry, commands respect of your large audience and professional broadcasters as well.

—T. M. Waldron, Beckley, West Virginia

KOZA May I offer my personal congratulations on your 20th anniversary as the voice of *Revivaltime*. God has given you a special ministry that has touched and blessed the lives of many people. The following may be of interest to you.

At the age of 17, in the summer of 1953, I was in Prescott, Arizona, at the Assemblies of God Camp Meeting, and you were the speaker. My life was enriched by the message you presented. I have heard your program many times over the past 20 years and have enjoyed it immensely.

Upon returning to Texas I entered broadcasting in 1959. In 1969 I became vice-president and general manager of KOZA Radio in Odessa, Texas. It has been my pleasure to bring your very vital program to the people of West Texas since that time.

—Frank D. Childs, Odessa, Texas

WFNL It's been my pleasure here at WFNL and at a previous radio station I managed for 12 years to be associated with *Revivaltime* for over a decade.

I can think of no program that has affected me more deeply. From the opening theme through the singing and the inspiring messages you deliver, I find myself completely engrossed.

—Richard Warner, Augusta, Georgia

KICY Congratulations on reaching the milestone of 20 years of continuous broadcasting through the *Revivaltime* broadcast.

We at KICY count it a privilege to have a part in broadcasting the message of God's love to this part of the nation and world. We can assure you that *Revivaltime* is heard by Eski-

mos in western Alaska and across the Bering Straits into Siberia.

—Ralph V. Fondell, Nome, Alaska

KWAT Any broadcast with a tenure of 20 years is remarkable. With constant demand for change, it takes special abilities and talents to hold the public interest. There is no doubt that *Revivaltime* has maintained its place with its vast radio audience in large part because of your inspiring and practical messages every Sunday.

The Word of God is becoming more difficult to present every day. There's no problem reaching those who want to hear, but they are not the "lost sheep." It's a tremendous challenge to try to gain the ear and finally the soul of those who do not want to get the message. It is this task that *Revivaltime* seems to be accomplishing successfully.

—Ross E. Case, Watertown, South Dakota

KFAX We at KFAF regard *Revivaltime* as one of the foremost religious programs in the nation, a feeling we know is shared by hundreds of other broadcasters throughout the United States. We count it a privilege to be able to bring our many listeners in Northern California your inspiring and timely messages, as well as the truly beautiful and professional sound of the *Revivaltime* choir.

—David Crosatto, San Francisco, California

KVAS In these times of rapidly changing things, we tend to put more value on things that have a lasting quality. So it is with *Revivaltime*—we can always be assured of a quality program each Sunday.

We receive much good comment in our area about your program and wish to congratulate your organization for its production and technical excellence.

—Charles Farmer, Astoria, Oregon

WEIV-FM As the events of the past 20 years have been committed to the evaluation of historians, many voices have been stilled and authorities have diminished. The authority by which you have spoken has remained constant and can only be measured by eternal values.

Few men in the broadcast industry or in any other area of civic or church life have left the indelible marks upon the lives of humanity that bespeak you—and without missing a heartbeat!

Within the context of Jesus' admonition to "give credit to whom credit is due," I pay my honor to you, sir, and yet leaving the glory to God, for the many hours of your ministry which have been of such benefit to millions and to me personally.

—Bill Freeman, Ithaca, New York

KSTL In this period of restlessness, almost to the point of hysteria, there is a desperate need for a return to the solid precepts of religion. Your program is a leader in this effort and we hope to see your work continued for many years to come.

—Art Ford, St. Louis, Missouri

NEWS OF OUR TIMES



Dr. A. E. Inbanathan, chairman of the UBS executive committee, recently issued the second global call in the history of UBS.

United Bible Societies issues rare global call for 'Good News for New Readers' program

NEW YORK—In the second global call in its history, the United Bible Societies executive committee has called all member societies to join in support of the Good News for New Readers program.

Good News for New Readers is a worldwide, multilanguage project to help new readers gain access to the world of reading through specially designed Scripture selections.

The global call was issued from Brasilia during the annual meet-

ing of the United Bible Societies executive committee. UBS is a fellowship of national Bible Societies serving more than 150 countries and territories. The American Bible Society is a member.

Dr. A. E. Inbanathan, chairman of the UBS executive committee and general secretary of the Bible Society of India, stated that the first global call was issued at Hakone, Japan, in 1963 for an increase in distribution of Scriptures from 50 million in

1962 to 150 million by 1966. This goal was met in 1970 and the total has nearly doubled since then. The second global call adds a new dimension in the continuing effort to make Scripture available to the world's people.

"Through Good News literacy selections," said Dr. Inbanathan, "we now have a method—and through Good News for New Readers, we have a program—for helping new readers become competent readers through scientifically sound translations of the Scripture."

Good News Scripture literacy selections are designed for new readers in either individual study or classroom situations. The selections are graded into five levels so that new readers may move from simple primers to everyday reading such as newspapers, information pamphlets, and common-language translations of the Scripture.

Good News Scripture literacy selections are translated with the specific language needs and culture of the new reader in mind, but they are accurate translations of the Scripture, not simplified "Bible stories." By the end of 1975, new readers of about 200 languages will receive these selections and begin acquiring the ability to understand the printed Word.

"We have been working on this program for more than a quarter of a century," said Dr. Inbanathan, "and have now determined through actual field tests that we have the basic principles which allow us to help new readers become competent readers."

"What has been done is to apply the finding of linguistic science and cultural anthropology to the reading problems faced by the new reader, and solve those through presentation of special Scripture translation. We translate Scripture in a form new readers can readily understand and at the same time use to improve their reading skill."

In most of the world, new readers include adults as well as children. Governments are taking massive strides to bring basic literacy to their people,

despite the increasing population in many parts of the world. In addition, many religious organizations and private groups, as well as churches, have active programs to increase literacy. The effort has been going on for many years and success is being realized.

But this success is creating a new problem. Once people have learned to read at the primer level, there is nothing for them to use to increase their skill or even to practice those skills. They are not yet able to read available everyday material, and as adults they are not interested in children's readers.

"The result," said Dr. Inbanathan, "is that many—perhaps more than half—of those trained and called literate have returned to illiteracy. Our provision of Good News Scripture literacy selections is designed to prevent this return to illiteracy and to encourage the new reader to attain literacy."

The American Bible Society has launched a program to raise almost \$63 million in the U.S. for this project. These funds will provide for the production and distribution of 725 million Good News Scripture literacy selections between 1973 and 1985.

Shipment of 'Playboys' halted to Israel

TEL AVIV—A plan to send 3,000 copies of "Playboy" magazine to frontline Israeli troops was halted when the Union of Immigrant Rabbis of Western Countries learned of it.

The wife of Israeli President Ephraim Katzir had made plans to obtain the magazines, with the assistance of U.S. Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating. But the union's chairman, Rabbi Alexander Carlebach, cabled Mrs. Katzir to inform her that "Playboy" magazine is "literature which cheapens women's dignity."

Rabbi Carlebach declared that it "is not the appropriate gift for Jewish soldiers on Hanukkah, the festival which commemorates Jewish triumph over heathen practices."

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SEEKS TO HALT TRIPS TO PHILIPPINES FOR 'PSYCHIC SURGERY'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Federal Trade Commission has obtained a temporary court order to halt a faith healing business in which people with serious illnesses have been flown to the Philippines to be treated by spiritual "surgeons."

The decree states that three travel agencies in Seattle and San Francisco may no longer use the term "psychic" surgeon or any other phrase or symbol in their advertising which indicates that an actual operation on the human body will take place.

The agency said substantial numbers of persons suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses have been traveling to

the Philippines where faith healers, just by laying on of hands, claim to remove tumors from their bodies and otherwise heal illnesses. The thriving business, sometimes performed in waterfront hotels in Manila, has been in progress for several years.

The FTC has received permission to deliver a written message to everyone currently signed up for one of the trips, advising them that "psychic surgery" is "not an actual surgical operation, no incision is made, and diseased tissue is not removed from the human body."

There is no way FTC officials can stop people from leaving on the trips once they have been advised of the situation.

City officials say 'yes'

Hundreds of New York marriages performed by bogus clergy?

NEW YORK—Hundreds of marriages performed in New York City in recent years may have been conducted by bogus clergy, according to City Clerk Herman Katz and New York State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz.

Mr. Katz reported that a two-month investigation by his staff revealed 30 marriages that were performed by clergymen said to have been imposters. Mr. Lefkowitz said the projected total of such weddings appears "to

be in the hundreds."

Some clergymen whose credentials on file with the city have been found questionable have been ordered by Mr. Katz's office to "cease and desist" from performing marriages pending further investigation.

"If a couple asks me, 'Is my marriage void?' I would never answer that," Mr. Katz commented. "That is for the court to decide and each individual case is judged separately."

AT A GLANCE

• • • The First Assembly of God in Inverness, Fla., encourages its members who vacation in the Caribbean to take Scriptures with them for distribution in the islands. The church ordered 1,000 English Bibles and 300 Haitian Creole New Testaments for its "Bahama-Bound Bible Program."

• • • Justice Now! is the title of the latest Scripture portion published by the American Bible Society in Today's English Version. It contains the Old Testament books of Hosea, Amos, and Micah. The entire Old Testament in the TEV is scheduled for publication in 1976.

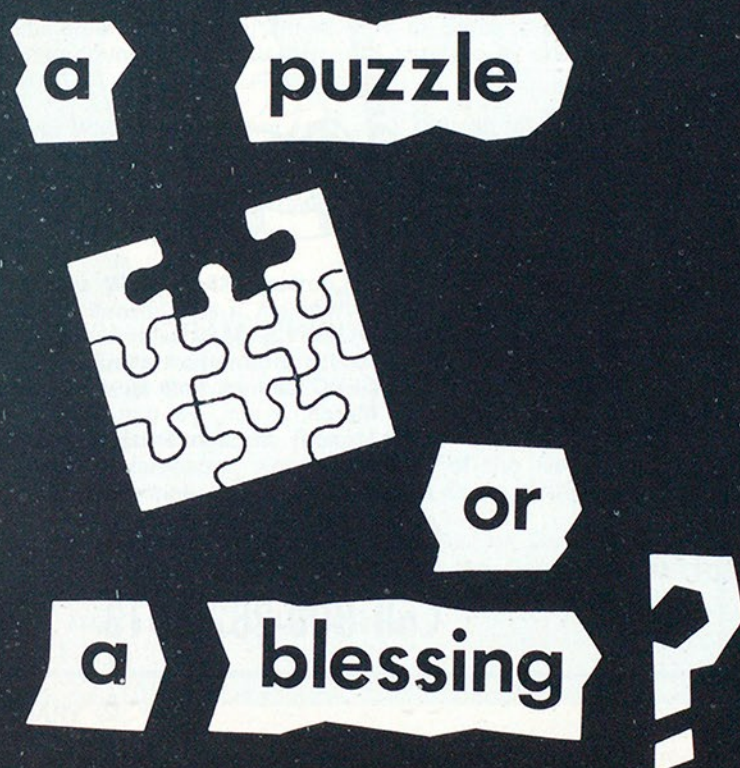
• • • Some 20,000 copies of the first Scripture selection to be published in Today's Arabic Version, "Jesus, Who Are You?" (Matthew 16; John 17-20; 1 John 1) were recently printed by the Bible Society in Lebanon.

• • • The Bible Society of Bangladesh has received a permit from the Ministry of Education to import 10,000 Bibles in Bengali. The Society also has received permission to import its Scripture requirements for 1974.

• • • Ralph Freed, a veteran missionary and general director of Trans World Radio, the international Christian broadcasting organization, died in Monte Carlo, Monaco, in December at the age of 81. Dr. Freed's missionary career spanned nearly five decades of service in the Middle East, Morocco, and finally in Monte Carlo, where he was working until his death.

• • • A token payment of \$100 toward "taxes" on Park Street Church in Boston, Mass., has been made voluntarily to the city of Boston. The check came from The Grad Group, a fellowship of graduate students and young adults at the church. "We have sent you this contribution from our missions budget because we recognize the degree to which our church depends on the city for its very existence," the group wrote Mayor Kevin White.

• • • A course on the supernatural in literature at the 1,300-student Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, N.H., is getting national attention. Church people are pressing for its removal, mostly because of fears of Satanic influence on the students—one of whom reportedly now identifies herself as a witch.



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BSB EXCEEDS PREVIOUS RECORD BY 42 PERCENT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Berean School of the Bible processed a record 5,777 enrollments in 1973, compared to 4,071 in 1972—a 42 percent increase.

Highest monthly enrollment in the history of the school was 619 (last September). The

monthly average for 1973 was 481.

In 1968, enrollments in BSB courses began an uninterrupted record-breaking pattern. The 1973 figure represents a 224 percent increase for the 5-year period beginning 1969.

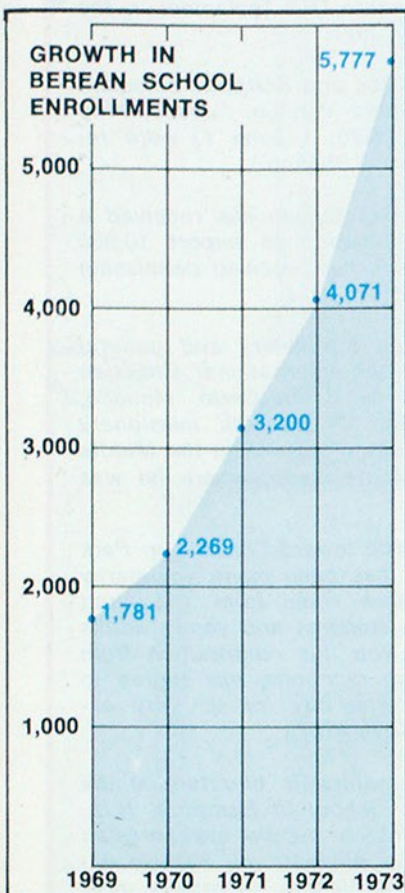
Berean School is a program of the Department of Education. It is directed by Harris Jansen, dean of extension education. Responding to a query regarding the school's unprecedented growth, he stated:

"An increasing number of people now agree that independent study by correspondence is not 'a poor substitute for the real thing—the class.' And when a local congregation establishes an extension class of Berean School of the Bible, the best of both independent and class study combine."

Group study has captured the interest of more pastors in recent years. During 1973 at least 28 churches ordered materials for the purpose of conducting courses on a group study basis. One advantage to group study is the opportunity it affords for discussion; another is the discount allowed.

Expansion of the BSB curriculum has been another growth factor. Seventeen courses have been added since 1970; nine of these were introduced in 1973.

A catalog, which includes course descriptions, fees, and special discounts, is available from Berean School.



Seventh Action Crusades Council scheduled March 11-14 in Dallas

DALLAS, TEX.—The Seventh National Action Crusades Council and Seminar will be March 11-14, 1974, at Walnut Hill Assembly here, according to Wildon Colbaugh, secretary of the NACC.

For the second year Tommy Barnett, pastor of the fast-growing Westport Assembly in Davenport, Iowa, will be the featured speaker. He will tell how the bus ministry and planned personal soul winning can help the local church grow and keep on growing.

Other speakers will be Silas Gaither, national director of Church Ministries; Charles Denton, Spiritual Life—Evangelism coordinator; Mrs. Goldia Anderson, WMC secretary; Glen B. Bonds, Men's Department secretary; Bill Wind, Bob Breon, Leon Owen, Dr. Bruce Motter, Dr. Almer Harris, Grant Spong, Clyde Griffith, Richard Taylor, and Wildon Colbaugh, all officers of the National Action Crusades Council.

The daytime meetings will be comprised of united sessions and 34 separate seminar pe-

riods designed for introductory and advanced personal witnessing, as well as sessions for ministers and women. Various phases of personal evangelism ministry will be discussed in each session.

Action Crusades aims to challenge, train, and involve men, women, and youth in personal witnessing for Christ. Its goal is that every Assembly of God will have a weekly witnessing outreach.

At night, Action Crusades will be held in 30 to 40 local Assemblies of God churches, with members of the National Action Crusades Council serving as trainers. All daytime seminar sessions and night Action Crusades are open to the public.

The local committees serving with the NACC officers on arrangements is comprised of Edgar Palser, chairman; Hulon Hood, Ronald Hastie, James Bridges, E. Wayne Hanks, James W. Morris, Charles V. Davis, and Derwood W. DuBose.

Further information on the Council is available from the Men's Department in Springfield.



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'The Simple Truth' gives reason to reach neighbors

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—"The Simple Truth" is the theme for a four-Sunday outreach thrust offered to Assemblies of God Sunday schools by the national Sunday School Department in co-operation with the Gospel Publishing House. This newest Spring Community Contact Campaign is based on the simplicity of the gospel.

Built around the need, provision, acceptance, and results of salvation, the campaign presents a variety of ways the emphasis can be applied. These involve presenting the simplicity of the gospel, soul winning,

small group or family Bible study, and memorization of Scripture verses. Any one of these directions or any combination of them can be developed from the materials published in "The Simple Truth Planning Guide."

A copy of the planning guide has been sent to each church with the spring quarter Sunday school literature order blank. Summary information was published in the January 1974 issue of "Advance." Additional information is available from the Sunday School Department. Plan now for a campaign this spring.

A/G has 38 active duty chaplains

New members named to Commission on Chaplains

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Executive Presbytery has named two new members to the A/G Commission on Chaplains.

Appointed for two-year terms were Warren F. McPherson, recently named chaplains representative, and Navy Chaplain (Cdr.) Marvin E. Snyder, Virginia Beach, Va.

Chaplain Snyder succeeds Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jules Ballas on the commission under a rotating system which provides for balanced representation from all branches of the armed services.

Other members of the commission are T. E. Gannon, chairman; T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent; Bartlett Peterson, general secretary; and Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Earl E. Waugh.

The commission acts upon applications from Assemblies of God ministers seeking ecclesiastical endorsement for military chaplaincy, and serves as a liaison with the office of the U.S. Military Chief of Chaplains. Currently, 38 Assemblies of God ministers serve as active-duty military chaplains.



WITH CHRIST

Maria Inostroza, 97, San Jose, Calif.; on Nov. 28, 1973.

Mrs. Inostroza, a member of the Northern California—Nevada District, had been in the ministry since 1929. She pastored Latin churches in Gilroy and Hollister, Calif., and also ministered among migrant workers in Santa Clara and San Benito counties. Sister Inostroza is survived by one daughter, Miriam.

Glenn White, 54, Harlem, Mont.; on Oct. 30, 1973.

A member of the Montana District, Brother White had pastored churches in Wyoming and Montana. He also did evangelistic ministry for a time. He is survived by his wife Marcene and two children.

Gertrude Weaver, 83, Bastrop, La.; on Nov. 26, 1973.

Mrs. Weaver was a member of the Louisiana District and had pastored in Bastrop. She also ministered as an evangelist. Sister Weaver is survived by her husband Frank, an Assemblies of God minister, and three children.

Bonifacio Hernandez, 73, Garcia, Colo.; on Nov. 13, 1973.

Brother Hernandez was a member of the Central Latin American District. He served the Lord as an evangelist.

Mrs. Marguerite McDonald, 50, Byron, Ga.; on Dec. 16, 1973.

Sister McDonald was a member of the Georgia District and ministered as an evangelist. Survivors include her husband, Marvin, a son, and a daughter.

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CHURCH RELOCATES; BUILDS NEW FACILITIES

CINCINNATI, OHIO—The congregation of the Montgomery Assembly of God dedicated its new building to the Lord last November. Formerly named Deer Park Christian Assembly, the church recently relocated in the suburban community of Montgomery.

Guest speakers for the dedication service were T. E. Gannon, national director of the Division of Home Missions, and Arthur Parsons, superintendent

of the Ohio District. "Big John" Hall was guest soloist.

The new building is located on six acres of land. Facilities include a sanctuary, educational area, and offices. The new church will accommodate 400. The facilities are valued at \$400,000.

Pastor John E. Arnold reports a dedication crusade with Evangelist Robert Watters of Springfield, Mo., was a great blessing to the people.

This lovely building will accommodate 400. John E. Arnold (inset above) is pastor of the congregation.



COLLINSVILLE, ILL.—Six were saved, 20 reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and six refilled during a recent revival at State Park Assembly. Ken Krivohlavek from Springfield, Mo., was the evangelist.

Pastor Ronald Burcham reports this was one of the best revivals the church has known. Several were healed of various illnesses, including a newborn baby who had circulatory problems.

The church has experienced a year of steady growth, ac-

cording to the pastor. Average attendance has increased from 86 to 144. A bus ministry was recently launched with two buses.

TOMBALL, TEX.—Some 250 children enrolled during a children's crusade at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Alan and Prisci Davenport.

Pastor Don Brothers reports attendance averaged 100 each night. Many children accepted Christ as Saviour.



CHURCH'S FLOAT CAPTURES MAYOR'S TROPHY

SALINAS, CALIF.—The Mayor's Trophy for the best local amateur float in the 16th annual Colmo del Rodeo parade went to the young single adult fellowship of the Alisal Assembly of God. The float's theme was "God Loved the World So... He Gave His Son That We Might Live." Some 50,000 people viewed the night-lighted parade and saw this witness for Christ. Pastor Garland Covington reports the entire church joined in making the float and the congregation is pleased with the results of this community witness.



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	Newton	First	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Parker Evang. Party	Robert Rogers
Alaska	Anchorage	Muldoon	Mar. 3-10	Orrin Kingsriter	Neale Sheneman
Ariz.	Gilbert	A/G	Mar. 6-17	Tom Waggoner	Ronald Cox
	Kayenta	Chinle	Feb. 24-Mar. 1	Alan & Prisci Davenport	Dwayne Suit
	Tuba City	Navajo Hopi	Mar. 3-8	Alan & Prisci Davenport	Lonnie Thomas
Ark.	Brinkley	A/G	Mar. 4-10	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Lewis Parker
	Donaldson	Antioch	Mar. 6—	Bob Santeusano	J. R. Adams
	El Dorado	W. 19th St.	Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Randy Hopkins	D. L. Rousey
	Jonesboro	First	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Jackie & Kay Roberts	E. Joe Wilmoth
	N. Little Rock	Sylvan Hills	Mar. 3-17	A. G. & Linda Hampton	L. R. Hampton
Calif.	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Mar. 8—	Mike & Linda Murdock	Cecil Dixon
	Chula Vista	First	Mar. 3-10	Bob McNew	Howard Ryan
	Fresno	Bethel Temple	Feb. 26-Mar. 3	William Caldwell	Donald Skaggs
	Gridley	¹ A/G	Mar. 3-8	Charles J. Senechal	Lloyd Johnson
	Long Beach	Glad Tidings	Mar. 3-7	Mike & Linda Murdock	William Durbin
	Marysville	Bethel	Feb. 27-Mar. 3	Gene Forrest	Kenneth Rowley
	Santa Ana	Calvary Temple	Mar. 7-10	Esther Palmer	Ramon Daniel
	Ventura	Central	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Sheldon Simmons
Fla.	Daytona Beach	First	Mar. 10-13	Levi & Alma Storms	Charles McClure
	Grand Ridge	El Bethel	Mar. 6-17	John Pratt Family	James Beers
	Mulberry	First	Mar. 3-6	Levi & Alma Storms	Jack Sharpe
	St. Cloud	Faith	Mar. 4-17	Curtis & Mrs. Barfield	Marshall Stull
	Tarpon Spgs.	First	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Homer Peterson Sr.	R. A. Rieben
Ga.	Gainesville	Calvary Temple	Feb. 25-Mar. 3	J. L. Gallman	Gerald Jordan
Idaho	Albion	Pentecostal	Feb. 25-Mar. 3	Leo S. Gaston	A. E. Wunder
	Rupert	First	Mar. 4-17	Leo S. Gaston	William Fish
	Sandpoint	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 3	Lanny Mempa Team	Norval Haugen
Ill.	Lombard	A/G	Mar. 5-10	James & Ruth Hyllberg	Jerry Stroup
	Peoria	Glad Tidings	Feb. 27—	Lenny Meyers	Harold Hamilton
	Pocahontas	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	Ken & Diane Alder	John Harvey
	Quincy	Bethel	Mar. 5-10	Don Hughes	T. G. Morrow
Ind.	Ft. Wayne	Evangel	Mar. 3-10	Bob & Ruth Leighton	Robert Fredricks
	Jasonville	First	Mar. 4-10	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	James Wisheart
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	Olivet	Faith	Mar. 6-17	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Paul Spence
Miss.	Columbus	First	Mar. 3-17	Keetah Jones	Benny Jackson
	Escatawpa	A/G	Mar. 6-17	Gene Emswiler	James Coleman
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	Pine Lawn	Bethany Chapel	Mar. 3-10	Glenna Byard	R. E. Dennis
N. J.	Linwood	Mainland	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Gordon Preiser
	Salem	First	Mar. 6-10	Bob Lundstrom	James Travis
N. Mex.	Artesia	First	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	B. J. & Joyce Smith	Willis Deerman
	Deming	First	Feb. 20-24	Kenneth & Mrs. Baker	Mack Barnard
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	Kannapolis	First	Feb. 26-Mar. 3	Warren D. Combs	L. T. Whidden
	Lexington	First	Feb. 22-24	Bob & Ruth Leighton	Woodrow Oxner
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	Hooks	First	Feb. 13-24	Jackie & Kay Roberts	Leonard Ward
	Lampasas	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 3	Jeremiah Hanley	J. S. Haynes
	League City	First	Mar. 6-17	Joe & Beverly Hancock	Don Wilson
	Mesquite	First	Mar. 3-10	John & Diane Jacob	Hulon Hood
	Ralls	A/G	Feb. 27-Mar. 3	Dave E. Laughlin Family	G. W. Van Hoose
	Silsbee	Evergreen	Mar. 3-10	Ken & Alice Williams	F. C. Drake
	Temple	Bethel	Feb. 26-Mar. 3	Tommy Calk	W. A. McCann
Wash.	Kennewick	First	Mar. 3-10	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Richard Dron
	Puyallup	First	Mar. 3-10	Arne Vick	Kenneth Woll
Wis.	Green Bay	First	Mar. 5-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Calvin Risk

¹ Children's Revival

² Deeper Life Crusade

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SPRINGDALE, ARK.—Forty-four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a revival at Faith Assembly here with Evangelist Billy Frank Boren.

Pastor Lindell Ballenger reports several accepted Christ as Saviour, including a backslidden minister.


"Since the revival many who were filled with the Spirit have brought their families and friends to church, who also have been saved and filled. The fruits of this revival are still much in evidence," he says.

BRATT, FLA.—Pastor Kenneth Murray of the Assembly of God here reports the congregation recently was blessed with the ministry of Evangelist Doyle Jones of Houston, Tex.

Ten were saved or reclaimed, five were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and others testified to receiving special help.

ANNOUNCEMENT

22nd anniversary—Assembly of God, Cedar Run, N.J., March 24. Donald Wilkerson will be guest speaker. — James Occhipinti, pastor




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The new Christian center is located on the second floor, left, of this tourist center in Bethlehem.

Christian center is established near Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, ISRAEL—A Christian meeting center has been established just across from Rachel's Tomb, according to Edith Little, missionary-evangelist.

The center, a second-floor apartment, is located above a tourist shop on the main road from Hebron to Jerusalem. Twenty-five chairs have been purchased to use in the former living room which now serves as an auditorium.

In addition to telling Bible stories to the Arab children, Miss Little conducts three services

every Sunday for junior-age children, youths, and adults. She also shares the Scriptures with Arab women during prayer meetings held each Monday evening. In Bethlehem Bible studies are held regularly in some of the Christian Arab homes.

According to Miss Little, many children are memorizing whole chapters of the New Testament. Several young people and adults have accepted Jesus Christ and some have received the Holy Spirit.

Edith Little (second row right) teaches this group of Arab believers each Sunday. Many have received the Holy Spirit.



MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

The following missionaries are returning to the States for deputational work: the David Williamses (Colombia); the Robert Smiths (Togo-Dahomey); the Joseph Vitellos (Italy); the C. Jack Wilkeses (Senegal); Anne Eberhardt (North India); the Calvin Whites (Guatemala).

The following missionaries have transferred to new fields: the David Halls (from Upper Volta to Botswana); the Gordon Wedens (from Belgium to Nicaragua); the Richard Ellises

(from Argentina to Panama).

The following missionaries have transferred to the ministerial list: the Oren Hauges (Nigeria); the David Cliffords (Indonesia); the Riley Kaufmans (Philippines); Hilda Palenius (Nigeria). The Dale Barbers have transferred from ICI to work as home missionaries.

The following missionaries have transferred to the superannuated list: Lois Lemm (Liberia) and the Charles Woolvers (Tanzania).



This is part of the group which attended the seminar held during the final week of the crusade in Mindoro.

30 SAVED DURING REVIVAL IN PHILIPPINES

MINDORO, PHILIPPINES—Missionary Lou Richards recently completed a series of evangelistic meetings on the island of Mindoro.

During the first crusade, services were held in the city plaza. At least 30 people accepted Jesus Christ on the first night. In other meetings, a judo expert received Christ and sons of a dentist and storekeeper were saved.

Throughout the weeks many were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several testified that Jesus had healed their bodies as well as their souls.

During the last week of the crusades, a seminar on evangelism was held in the village of Hagen. Approximately 200 ministers and laymen attended. People from nearby towns were attracted to the seminar services and several were saved.

Church construction begins at Mile 47

SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA—Converts at Mile 47, a rapidly growing town located at a road junction 47 miles from Freetown, have begun construction on a church building.

Under the leadership of a lay minister who comes regularly from Freetown to conduct the services, the converts have made their own cement blocks and paid for all the materials. These blocks are being used for the walls which are now going up. A loan to be repaid

by the church will provide funds for the roof and floor.

The first services at Mile 47 were held in January 1969. The congregation has been worshipping in a small schoolroom. Since this facility will no longer accommodate the crowds, the church is looking forward to the completion of the new building.

The population of Mile 47 is made up of various tribes; however, the church consists mainly of people from the Limba tribe.



MINUTES OF MISSIONS

IVORY COAST—Missionary John Mattox reports that 10 villages in this country have been reached by the gospel for the first time. In special meetings during the past two months, more than 600 have accepted Christ.

ECUADOR—About 15,000 made decisions for Christ during a three-week crusade in Guayaquil. Missionary Mike Santiago reports that many who attended the meetings received physical healing.

SOUTH VIETNAM—During its first year of existence here, the International Correspondence Institute has enrolled 17,000 students. Lessons are now being sent to people in 40 of the 44 provinces of the country.

BOTSWANA—Good News Crusades with Evangelist David Olshevski have been conducted in six villages throughout this country. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Some 600 people attended the nightly services held in the town of Mahalapye. In the continuing revival in Molepolole village 15 believers have been baptized in the Holy Spirit since the crusade closed.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADE FILLS SPORTS PAVILION

LISBON, PORTUGAL—The local sports pavilion was jammed beyond its 7,000 capacity for a one-day Good News Crusade held here recently.

For the first time in the history of the Portugal Assemblies of God, a government building was made available for a gospel

crusade. More than 15 buses carried people from nearby villages to the mass meeting.

To prepare for the service, Christian youth mobilized a literature visitation program to reach the thousands of families living in apartment buildings. Believers throughout the city

spent many hours in prayer for people who would attend.

Two days before the projected date of the crusade, permission was officially granted by the government. The service was then announced on radio, and ads were run in the city papers.

During the meeting a 250-

voice choir brought the message of Christ in song to the capacity crowd. Evangelist Bill Burkett delivered the message "Seven Proofs of the Resurrection," and scores of people responded for salvation as Pastor Hipolito gave the altar call.

Civil war erupts

Pastors take ICI to refugees

MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES — ICI Bible clubs are being formed among the 13,000 refugees from areas of civil disorder encamped here. The refugees fled their homes when a Muslim uprising flared into guerrilla warfare and ambushments. The dissenters have occupied some villages, and commandeered one Assembly of God church for the storage of arms and the garrisoning of troops.

Pastors and volunteer workers, seeing an opportunity to reach the displaced families with the gospel, are teaching ICI courses and forming Bible study groups in the refugee camps. Prolonged drought in the area has brought severe economic depression and caused the land to be barren. Food is extremely scarce. Some of the refugees are subsisting on carabao fertilizer and wild vines.

Rice, the staple diet here, can be bought for approximately \$10 a hundred pounds. Pastors are in need of funds to purchase rice for distribution in the camps.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO THE FIELD



The Monroe Gramses
Argentina



Michael Hines family
Mexico



May Garner
Nigeria



Marjorie Campion
Paraguay



Kenneth Ware family
France



Paul Chastagner family
Upper Volta



Robert Ferguson family
Singapore



James Barnard family
(ICI) Belgium



Richard Ellis family
Panama



Ralph Leslie family
Peru



Franklin Burns family
Colombia

FIRST-TIME MISSIONARIES TO THE FIELD



Sam Johnson family
Portugal



The David McCulleys
Nigeria



Morris Devin family
Indonesia



David Berkheimer family
Portugal



Gordon Bialik family
Portugal



Marlin Peterson
Nigeria



Sydney Bryant
India



James Andrews family
Taiwan



E. Ray Allen family
Dominican Republic

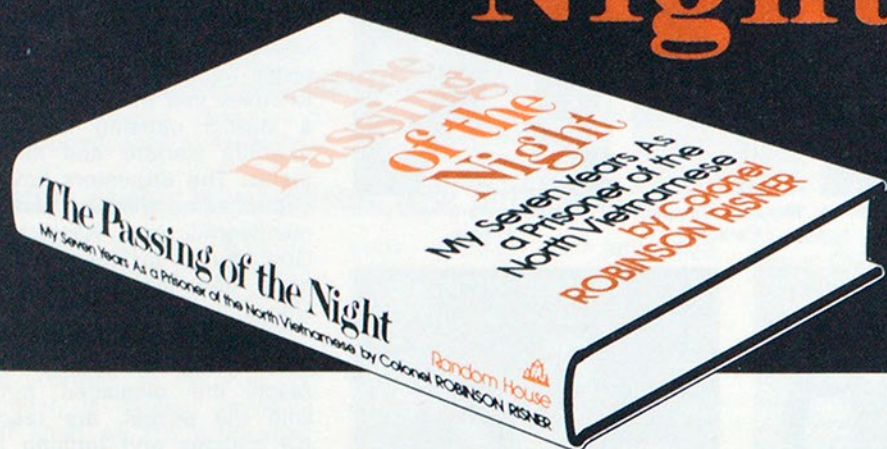


Randall Walker family
Brazil



The Donald Jeters
Portugal

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Colonel Robinson Risner is one of our own Assemblies of God laymen, serving as an officer in the United States Air Force for over twenty-two years before being shot down over North Vietnam. He now makes frequent public appearances, speaking to large audiences of his experiences in the North Vietnamese prisoner of war camps.

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TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

"YOU GET TO THE TOP of a mountain only as a result of climbing with other people on a rope; it is not a matter of who is first, second, or last on a rope," declared John Hunt, leader of the expedition which succeeded in scaling Mount Everest, highest mountain in the world, on May 29, 1953.

"Each has a job to do," he said, "and one is bound to help the others."

His remarks were occasioned by an argument about who actually reached the 29,028-foot summit first—New Zealander Hillary or the Sherpa Norkey.

Norkey said they were tied to a rope about 20 feet apart. "One could not move without the other," he said, "We were not individuals, but a team."

Which one happened to reach the exact summit first didn't matter. They embraced each other in their moment of triumph.

But even those two could not have conquered Everest alone. Their party included six experienced British mountain climbers and 20 Sherpas. Some carried logs to bridge the crevasses. Others carried cylinders of oxygen without which the final assault would have been impossible.

The names of these others are unknown to most people, but they shared in the triumph.

Here is a lesson for all who climb different kinds of mountains. We ought to be ashamed to take credit to ourselves for any achievements in the Lord's work. One plants, another waters—but God gives the increase.

It is so easy to get people to take positions that are noticed—and so hard to fill places of little or no public honor. But even in the church, life continues with 90 percent chores. If someone isn't willing to do the lowly and the humdrum, then the whole program bogs down.

Thank God now for your own little part in His great program. If He lays His hand on you to ascend to the peak, do it in His name and for His glory. And if He needs you to carry packs, do it gladly. One day every man will have his reward—and it will be based not on the greatness of the tasks but on our faithfulness.

—M. P. HOBAN

'It will be better tomorrow'

A TRAFFIC FATALITY brought out a remarkable story. It was about an 80-year-old gentleman who was struck by a truck and killed.

His widow, who had lived with him for 60 years, said he had never been sick in bed a day in his life. However, an autopsy occasioned by the circumstances of his death revealed some facts about the old gentleman's physical history that even his wife was surprised to learn.

His lungs were scarred with healed tuberculosis lesions. His stomach showed signs of long-forgotten ulcers. His arteries were hardened. His kidneys showed damage.

Evidently he had been seriously ill many times but always kept it secret.

He had suffered from almost every disease in the book, but never complained! His wife and friends said that whenever he showed any sign of illness he would always shrug it off with the cheerful philosophy, "It will be better tomorrow."

It is amazing how much a person can endure if he really tries. The newspaper did not say whether the old gentleman believed in God. If he had hope in Christ, he had good reason to be optimistic—for, as the songwriter says, "God's tomorrow will be better than today."

Moses lived by this philosophy. He looked down the road to see the eternal reward that awaits the faithful, and therefore he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

The hope of a better tomorrow can enable us to endure the worst today. The Bible says that Moses "en-

dured, as seeing him who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27). That word "endured" means he "suffered patiently."

He certainly had much to suffer. The wrath of Pharaoh, for one thing. Then he suffered the hardships involved in traversing a wilderness year after year. But what hurt the most, probably, was the hardness of the people's hearts. Has any leader ever been criticized and misunderstood more than Moses? Yet he "suffered patiently," overcoming one test after another by his faith in God.

At last this battle-scarred veteran died "in the faith," being old and full of years; and his name is inscribed forever in God's hall of fame. He set an example of patient endurance for all of us.

This is an age of ease. Not many today are willing to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," for we love the soft life, and are griped at the least inconvenience. We can't stand criticism. We wilt at adversity, unlike the stalwarts of Paul's day who "endured a great fight of afflictions" for their faith.

Disciples of Jesus must be disciplined, and discipline requires courage. It calls men and women to deny themselves, and take up the cross, and follow Christ. Are we ready for ridicule? Can we stand some persecution? When we follow Christ we may have to endure loneliness and heartache, but the promise is, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Let us therefore be patient in suffering, remembering that a crown of eternal glory awaits the faithful. "It will be better tomorrow."

—T.C.C.

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



Snow- WHAT GOOD IS IT?

By A. BERTRAM DAVIS

WHAT GOOD IS IT?" people ask near the end of a snowy winter. "All this white stuff on the ground! I'm tired of it."

Something of that same thought was in my mind as I took the bus to work one morning, knowing that the parking lot where I usually left my car would not yet be cleared.

"That was a beautiful snow we had!" said a pleasant voice, and a man took the seat beside me. Looking out again at the expanse of gleaming whiteness, I somewhat begrudgingly agreed.

"Snow is the best source of moisture for the soil," he continued. "Did you know that? Rain water seeks the hollows, but melting snow soaks into the ground evenly, everywhere." I had never thought of it before, but it made sense.

"Snow is a good insulator too," he went on. "It is warm, and it keeps the frost out of the ground."

I thought back to two winters when snow had been scarce and water pipes had frozen, but I realized that, as he had pointed out, there had been no trouble with frozen pipes during winters when snow covered the ground.

"And when snow is falling, it takes particles of dirt out of the air better than rain does," my new friend continued. "Have you ever noticed how clean the air feels after a good snowstorm?" I had.

Later when I told a scientist friend about this conversation, he agreed: "The man was right. And there's another thing. Snow is one of the best fertilizers." Snow a fertilizer? How? "Snow carries nitrogen out of the air and washes it into the ground." Some farmers have estimated that snow, as a rehabilitator of the soil, may be worth more than \$14 an acre.

These conversations recalled God's question to Job, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22). Certainly our Creator was working out a divine and beneficial plan when He provided snow.

But "the treasures of the snow" were not exhausted in these conversations.

Snow also is a source of power. Melting in lofty moun-

tain ranges, it forms into mighty rivers that are dammed to furnish electric energy.

In the area of recreation and physical conditioning, snow provides skiing, an increasingly popular form of sport and exercise.

Each of these benefits from the snow can be compared to some blessing mentioned in the Bible.

As a source of water, snow reminds us of the words of Jesus when He spoke of "living water" (John 4:10) and of "water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

Snow is a cleansing agent, and the Bible records that Jesus told His disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3). Paul describes Christ as loving the Church and giving Himself for it, "that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26).

Snow is used in the Bible as a symbol of purity and as a standard for comparison with those whom God has forgiven and redeemed. "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7), David prayed. And Isaiah quoted God's promise, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

But how can this be, since the Bible warns that "there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Psalms 14:3; 53:3), and "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"? (Isaiah 64:6).

God's Word has the answer. It says that this can come about only through faith in Jesus Christ, through trusting God for forgiveness, because Jesus has paid the penalty for all our wrong-doing. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). And Peter wrote, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

Are you "whiter than snow" in the eyes of God because you have placed your trust in His Son, Jesus Christ? If not, you can be—you can repent, trust Him right now, and be clean.

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