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

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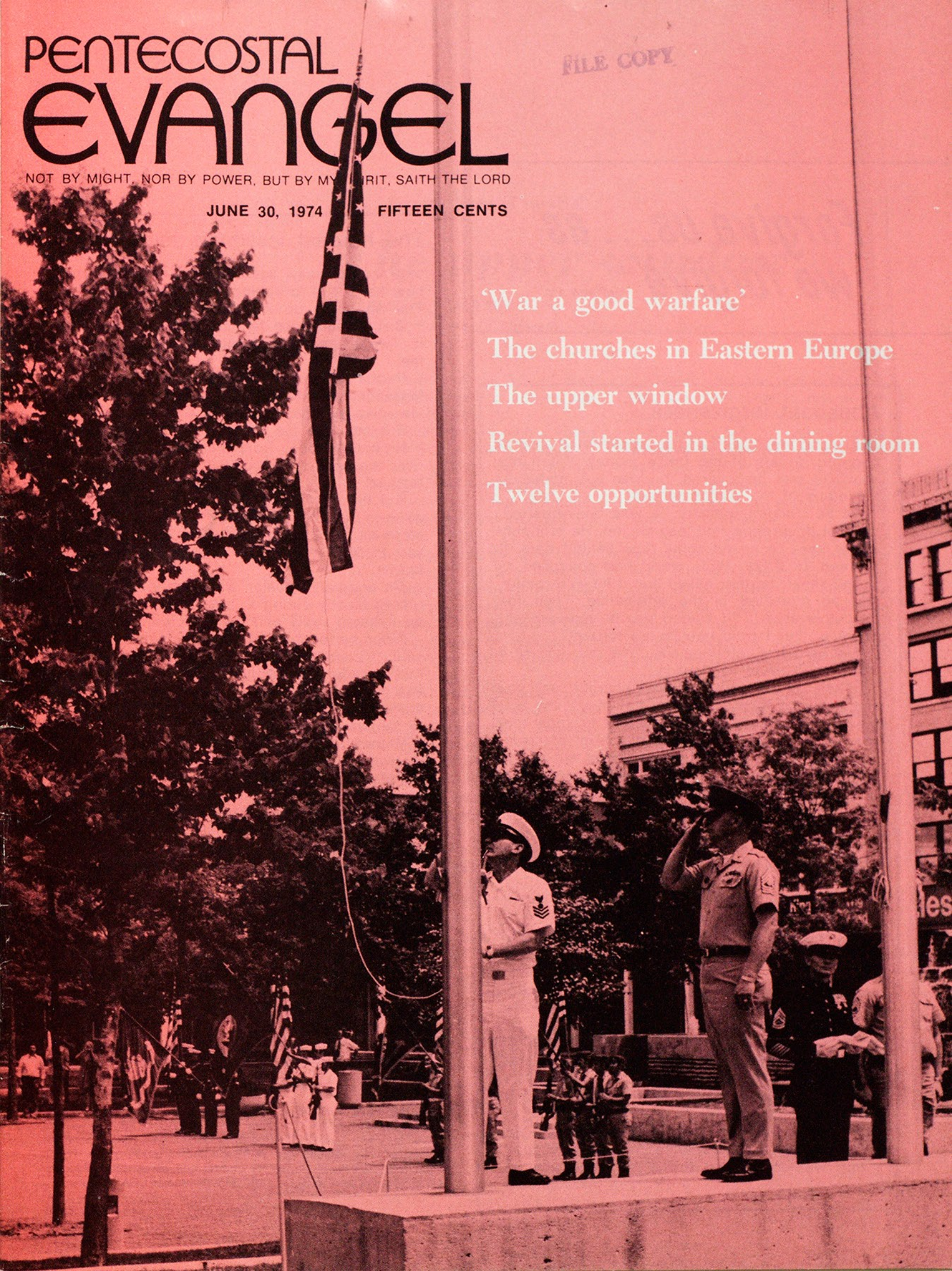
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# *'Forgive us... as we forgive'*

MATTHEW 6:12

## Abundant forgiveness

A young employee had misappropriated several hundred dollars of the firm's money. When the shortage was discovered, he was summoned to the office of the senior partner.

As he trudged upstairs he was heavyhearted. Without doubt he would lose his job. He probably would have to spend some time behind bars. It seemed as if his whole world had collapsed.

The senior partner asked him if he were guilty, and he mumbled in the affirmative. Then the executive asked: "If I keep you in your present position, can I trust you in the future?"

The worker brightened up. "Yes, sir, you sure can! I've learned my lesson."

"Then I'm not going to press charges, and you can continue in your present capacity," the employer said. "But I think you ought to know that you are the second man in this firm who succumbed to this temptation and was shown leniency. I was the first. What you have done, I did. The mercy you are receiving, I received. It is only the grace of God that can keep us both."

The forgiven soul can summon God's grace to enable him to forgive others. The unforgiven prodigal can reach the same goal, but in two steps. He has but to tap the limitless reservoir of God's forgiveness for himself; then he will have the resources to forgive others and thus come into possession of the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding."

—DON MALLOUGH in *Crowded Detours*

Once when the philosopher Plato was told an enemy was slandering him, he replied, "I will try to live in such a way that no one will believe what he says."

The apostle Peter urged Christians to "put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" with well-doing. And that's still good advice!

—BOB BOWMAN

## The hardest lesson to learn

It sounds easy; yet we know from experience how hard it is to apologize and ask forgiveness. The ability to do it is a rare Christian grace.

D. L. Moody, the famous evangelist, exhibited it. Two examples from his biography impressed me.

In the early days at his home in Northfield, Massachusetts, Moody was anxious to have a fine lawn like the ones he greatly admired in England.

But one day his two boys, Paul and Will, let their horses loose from the barn. They galloped over the lawn and ruined it. And Moody lost his temper!

But his sons never forgot how, after they had gone to bed that night, they heard his heavy footsteps as he came to their room and said: "I want you to forgive me; that wasn't the way Christ taught."

On another occasion a seminary student interrupted Moody during an address. Moody snapped an irritated reply and went on with his sermon.

When he reached his close, he paused. Then he said: "Friends, I want to confess before you all that I made a great mistake at the beginning of this meeting. I answered my young brother down there foolishly. I ask God to forgive me. I ask him to forgive me."

Before anyone realized what was happening, the world's best-known evangelist had stepped off the platform, dashed across to the unknown young man, and taken him by the hand.

A fellow preacher present said: "The man of iron will proved he had mastered the hardest of all earth's languages, 'I am sorry.'"

Another called it "the greatest thing I ever saw D. L. Moody do."

Perhaps his relationship with God was so good because he saw the importance of right relations with his fellowmen.

The teaching of Jesus on this is clear: "First be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matthew 5:24).

Moody took that teaching seriously. Real Christians do!

—M. P. HORBAN

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WHEN GOD TOLD NOAH to build an ark, He said there should be an upper window in it.

God knew how dark and dreary it would be inside that ark if no light could enter; so He instructed Noah to leave an opening for a window—an opening along the top, within a cubit (about 18 inches) of the roof.

There's a song about that upper window, and the chorus goes like this:

*"The storm will come, but fear not,  
O Christian, I am nigh;  
And through the upper window  
You'll see Me standing by."*

I like that! Every one of us needs the upper window, and we need to use it well.

But someone asks, "What do you mean by the upper window? Where do I find it? How shall I use it?"

Well, by the upper window we mean the place of communion with God. Through this window of prayer and worship the light of heaven comes streaming.

The spiritual darkness of Noah's day is being repeated in our day. In Noah's day sin was rampant. Violence and vice were the order of the day. Noah's world was wicked and it was doomed to perish.

The flood of God's judgment was brought on by a flood of iniquity. In such an environment a righteous soul would be distressed. Doubt, fear, and the sense of impending disaster brought gloom and blackness. Noah needed the upper window!

And so do we! Our day is just as foreboding as was Noah's day. Wickedness and wantonness stalk the earth. The only rays of light and hope come to us through the upper window.

The Book of Daniel describes the course of human world governments. The Scriptures symbolize each Gentile kingdom as a wild beast. Bloodshed and sorrow characterize each kingdom. The only hope Daniel had

It is our only hope of survival.

## The upper window

By EMIL A. BALLIET

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was the vision of the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, and this is our only hope also.

Where shall we get such a vision of Christ? At the upper window of prayer and worship. Go to the upper window, and the light of God's glory and grace will shine all around, bringing courage and strength for the day.

Daniel is perhaps the most beautiful example of one who used the upper window to great spiritual advantage. He was a young man when the Babylonian armies overran his beloved Jerusalem. He was carried away to Babylon as a prisoner of war.

But Daniel had a purpose in his heart. He had determined that, whether in Jerusalem or Babylon, he was going to put God first in his life, no matter what it cost.

Faith in God lifted Daniel, the prisoner of war, to a position second to the king in Babylon. And he never ceased to pray.

When Darius became king, Daniel was retained as prime minister, and his enemies set out to destroy him. They decided they could trap him through his religion.

Daniel knew their plot. Should he, to save his life, modify his habit of prayer? Not Daniel. The Bible says, "His window being open in his chamber, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God."

Daniel used the upper window! And God was there to sustain him throughout his time of testing.

Everyone has to undergo pressures of persecution, or affliction, or temptation at one time or another. When the pressure is on, that's the time to pray more earnestly, more faithfully than ever.

There is a parable about a spider who looked for a place in which to build his web. He found an ideal spot. He anchored the web across the top of a great rock; then he swung out and down. It was a fine location. Hunting was good, and soon the spider became fat and forgetful.

One day as he proudly looked over his web, he asked himself: "Where does that thread go that extends up and over the rock? I can't see it. It doesn't seem to have any useful purpose." So, forgetting this was the anchor thread on which the web was suspended, he foolishly cut the anchor thread. His little world crashed at once.

O America! O Christian! O Church of the living God! Have you forgotten that the tie which binds you to the Rock of Ages is all-important? Cut that bond, and all is lost!

Remember the upper window. God is near, a very present help in trouble. Call on Him today! Repent of your sin and ask Him for mercy. Your help comes from the Lord. Without Him you will perish.

The upper window is the vital spiritual connection between us and God. It is our only hope of survival.





Above: Baptist Church in Leningrad, USSR. Here on Good Friday, T. F. Zimmerman preached to a congregation of 1500. Communion was served, and Charles Greenaway helped to officiate by breaking the bread and praying over the cup. Right: Pastor Fadukyn in Leningrad. Below: Deacons in Leningrad prepare to serve communion.



Winter Palace in Leningrad. Left to right are: Peter Shatrov, Pentecostal representative on the Presidium of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of USSR; Pastor Don Cox, Pensacola, Fla.; Robert Mackish, Assemblies of God representative in Eastern Europe; Russian guide and interpreter; and T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, Assemblies of God in USA.

The general superintendent

## The churches

By THOS. F. ZIMMERMAN



Choir of Pentecostal young people in Bucharest, Rumania.



*A view of the congregation at the Baptist Church in Leningrad where T. F. Zimmerman preached on Good Friday. All available space was filled as people gathered to worship God and hear His Word. View from the pulpit (lower photo) in the Baptist Church in Moscow.*



## reports on unforgettable days among in Eastern Europe

FIRM YOUNG VOICES singing praises to God; devout men and women clasping their hands in fervent prayer; a chalice passed from hand to hand in a Holy Communion service; and wall-to-wall people eager for the Word in every church from Czechoslovakia to the USSR. . . .

These are some of the indelible impressions I am still sorting out after our Easter season visit to the churches of Eastern Europe.

PLANS for the visit began with an official invitation from President I. Ivanov and other officers of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the USSR. This union consists of Baptists, Evangelical Christians, Mennonites, and Pentecostals. Of the half million members, some 75,000 are Pentecostals.

So far as we are able to ascertain, this was the first time in 25 years that a Pentecostal denominational leader had been officially in-



vited for ministry in this sector of the world.

The USSR invitation was followed by official invitations from other Eastern European countries.

As a result we had the great joy and privilege of ministering officially from pulpits of churches in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Poland, as well as in the USSR. This was a tremendous bless-

ing to us personally and evidently an encouragement to our brethren there.

In these countries the churches are properly registered with the government as a recognized church group. They operate within the guidelines set by government.

There is a good degree of liberty in the proclamation of the gospel. For myself, I can say there were no limitations whatever imposed upon



me in preaching the gospel of Christ.

THE MANNER in which the people responded to the gospel would warm any minister's heart. I had absolutely nothing but a warm blending of spirit with these precious people. The brethren drew great strength from the mutuality of the rich fellowship we have in Christ.

The church is growing, and it was most encouraging to find the congregations had a very good mixture of age groups. To my joy we saw many young people in the services, and some churches also had Sunday school programs for children.

I witnessed two water baptismal services where a total of 42 persons followed the Lord in water baptism and profession of faith. The declaration of their loyalty to Jesus was beautiful and deeply moving.

One baptismal service was in the church in Bucharest, Rumania. Here, as in the other churches, to have given an altar call in the conventional sense would have been impossible because the people packed the aisles as well as filling every seat. But toward the end of my message I noticed that pieces of paper were being passed from person to person toward the front.

Finally the papers were in the pastor's hands. I thought they might have been prayer requests. But when the message concluded, the pastor stepped to the pulpit with the papers and read the names of eight peo-



Above: On Easter Monday there was a baptizing at the Baptist Church in Moscow. Charles Greenaway participated in this service. He prayed over the candidates and helped the pastor. There were 17 persons baptized, 12 of whom were 22 years of age or younger. This photo shows church members congratulating some of the newly-baptized members.

Below: Brother Zimmerman is seen preaching through interpreters at (left to right) Warsaw, Poland; Bucharest, Rumania; and Sofia, Bulgaria.





*Ilia Orlov, vice-chairman of the international division of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of USSR (right) speaks to three visitors from the USA. Left to right: Charles E. Greenaway, T. F. Zimmerman, and Donald M. Cox.*

ple who had decided to follow Jesus Christ! These included one family and four other young people.

Upon inquiry I found that such decisions are carefully followed up. These persons get instructions in the Christian faith and people pray with them.

Rumania has 800 churches with over 100,000 Pentecostals. The churches are registered with the government, and the leaders are recognized as ministers of the gospel by the government.

They now have a Bible school in this country, and a beautiful location has been assigned for a new building. This school should be every bit as viable and useful in training ministers as the one recently opened in Yugoslavia.

We visited the British and Foreign Bible Society office in Poland and talked at length with the people in charge. This office is just as open as the American Bible Society House in New York City. Anyone who wishes can walk in off the street and buy a copy of the Scriptures.

FOLLOWING our visits to the other Eastern European countries we flew to the beautiful city of Leningrad, arriving there on Thursday, April 11.

In company with Brothers Charles Greenaway, field secretary for Eurasia; Robert Mackish, our representative in Eastern Europe; and Don Cox, pastor at Pensacola, Florida, I was met by Brother Ilia Orlov in Leningrad. This brother, deputy

head of the International Department of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, assisted us throughout our visit in the USSR.

An able translator, he was in charge of arrangements for our stay as guests of the church in the USSR. I can truthfully say I have never in any part of the world been received and treated more hospitably.

On Thursday evening before Easter we participated in an unforgettable Communion service in Leningrad. Its spiritual beauty and deep significance will remain with me as long as I live.

We went by train from Leningrad to Moscow where we first met with the congregation in a 3-hour Easter watchnight service. It was my privilege to preach in that service as well as three times on Easter Sunday.

There were 2,500 persons packed into that beautiful church in Moscow, and again I had complete liberty to preach the gospel of Christ.

There we heard some of the most magnificent choir music I have heard anywhere in the world. The services were deeply spiritual and the fellowship rich and sweet.

THIS TRIP has convinced me it is possible for the church to carry on its work legitimately in Eastern Europe, without resorting to devious methods. Much we have heard about the need for illegal means of getting aid to Eastern Europe is inaccurate.

No doubt the church will con-

tinue to benefit from the current détente between the USSR and the West and from any further improvement of international relationships.

Of course, to suggest that in these countries there is the same type and amount of liberty as we enjoy in the West would be to leave a false impression. We were very much aware that these countries have a different ideological format from our own.

But we did not go there for political purposes or for social action. We avoided any political implications in our messages because we were guests in those countries and we were there for spiritual fellowship and encouragement of the saints.

THE WIND of the Spirit is blowing in Eastern Europe every bit as much as in the Western world. Many thousands of Christians enjoy the Pentecostal blessing.

Our brethren need prayer that God will enable them to make full use of their opportunities. They need understanding. They need the undergirding of our fellowship and support; and as openings come, we should make resources available to strengthen their labors of love.

I returned to the United States with a heart filled with thanks to God, with excitement over the prospects for the future, and a conviction that we must continue to do all we can to advance the moving of the Holy Spirit throughout the whole world.

## THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR!

READING THE WORD IN THE ORDER OF ITS EVENTS

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE 30—JULY 6

Sunday—2 Chronicles 27 and 28  
Monday—2 Chronicles 29 through 32  
Tuesday—Isaiah 7 through 12  
Wednesday—Isaiah 13 through 23  
Thursday—Isaiah 24 through 27  
Friday—Isaiah 28 through 35  
Saturday—Isaiah 36 through 39

"The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him" (2 Chronicles 30:9).



Photo by John Morar



# Pray for France

Pray for French pastors who are working diligently to evangelize every major city and village in France. Many of these men have pioneered the French Assemblies of God movement against great spiritual opposition. Join them and their congregations in praying for a Holy Spirit revival in the more than 300 Assemblies of God churches in France.

Pray for "Spiritual Action '74" during July and August. At this time French Christian youth will be mobilized by Teen Challenge to take the message of Christ to the streets of Paris and Lyons.

Pray for the team of French workers who are playing a vital role in the expanding ministries of both Teen Chal-

lenge and ICI. Many of these dedicated young people depend totally on God to meet their daily needs.

Pray for the Teen Challenge Training Center which will open this fall. A full staff of workers and an operating budget are needed. This facility where new converts are trained in discipleship is a priority project.

Pray for the International Correspondence Institute (ICI) ministry which is reaching areas of France where the full gospel has not yet been preached. Pray that the necessary budget for this ministry will be supplied.

Pray for the Catholic and Protestant communities who are experiencing a great spiritual renewal. Pray that the latest ICI course on the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit will become an effective tool for ministering to those hungry for the baptism in the Spirit.

Pray for French Bible college students preparing for the ministry at Continental Bible College in Brussels. Trained young people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are a key to revival in France.





# Revival started in the dining room

By R. KENNETH WARE / Missionary to France

OVER 100 YEARS ago a small revival started in the mountains of western Switzerland. These are not the Alps, but a lower chain which forms a natural border between France and Switzerland.

This period of spiritual renewal is remembered as "the pure heart" revival because the emphasis was on purging the deep motives of the heart to make them very, very clean.

A young girl began following the Lord during this revival. She left the Swiss hills to go to Bible school in England.

Her calling seemed strange for a girl coming from a country with no access to the sea—she felt her ministry should be to sailors!

The harbor nearest to her home was in France. As a further confirmation of her calling, a lady gave her enough money to buy a small hotel on the pier at Le Havre.

Here she began her ministry. She served good meals but without alcoholic drinks, rented clean rooms, and talked about Jesus.

Very soon her little hotel was known the world over. Many important boat routes pass through Le

Havre and missionaries, waiting for connections to other lands, stayed with her. They preached in her dining room and prayed with her for revival in France.

One day a young couple going to Africa came to her hotel. They stayed for some time, learned French, and prepared their equipment for shipping. These young folk were baptized in the Holy Spirit and they talked about this wonderful experience to all who came to hear them speak.

Soon others were being baptized in the Spirit too. These converts, filled with apostolic power, went out to win souls.

The crowds coming to the hotel became too large for the dining room. So a small hall was rented; then a larger one. From these services the Pentecostal message began spreading over France.

When I met Mademoiselle Biolley in 1936, she was an elderly lady, but still full of life and vision. At that time more than 1,600 people had been saved and baptized with the Spirit, and many were opening Pentecostal churches in France.



Kenneth Ware has participated in many facets of the Pentecostal revival in France. Currently he is directing an effort to place a Gospel of John in every French home.

Mlle. Biolley told me the story of the first "martyr" of the revival.

Near her hotel was another whose purpose was not the spreading of the gospel. Each hotel had a parrot. Mademoiselle's parrot quoted scriptures and slogans against drinking.

One day the neighbors went on vacation and they left their parrot with Mademoiselle. Of course, the parrots' vocabularies were very different, but by the time the owners had returned, their parrot was quoting scripture and slogans opposing strong drink too.

This new talk was unpleasant to the patrons of the neighbor's establishment, and a drunken sailor killed the parrot. It was a feathered martyr!

Mlle. Biolley remembered those early days when she had prayed persistently for revival in France and witnessed to those who came her way. She could look back over the years and see how God had faithfully answered prayer.

The small revival that started in her dining room affected a whole nation because she remained faithful long enough to give God the chance to answer.

**AS FOREIGNERS** working in France, we are often asked, *How do you relate to the national church?*

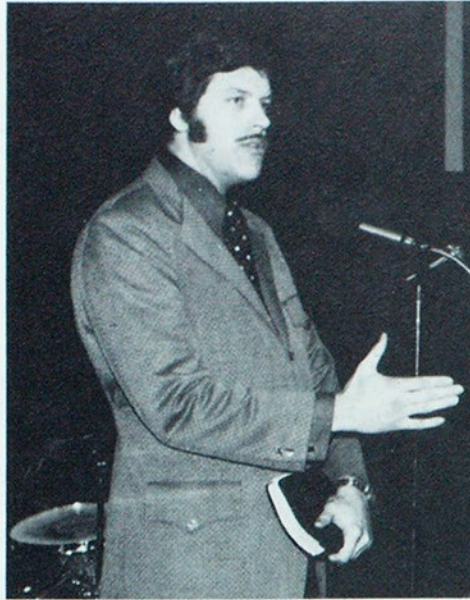
*I am always glad to answer since this gives opportunity to show how a missionary body and a national church can flow together in a common thrust for winning souls, each retaining its dignity and appreciating the other, and neither superimposing itself over the other.*

*Our reason for being in France is to give our strength to youth, literature, training, and evangelization projects only as they relate to building and strengthening the local church.*

*The French Assemblies of God, through years of sacrifice and toil, has brought into fruition a thriving Pentecostal church, and we are glad for the opportunity to help.*

—CHARLES GREENAWAY, Eurasia Field Secretary





ON TARGET WITH

# 'Mission France'

By BILL WILLIAMS / *Assemblies of God Representative to France*

OUR REASON for being missionaries anywhere in the world is that we have received a mandate from the Lord to evangelize before Jesus comes. Even in a country such as France the need for evangelism is great.

In the past the American contribution to the French Pentecostal work has been that of evangelists and Bible teachers. These played an important role in developing existing French churches.

In recent years God has called us to establish specialized ministries in France in cooperation with our French Pentecostal brethren.

"Mission: France" is the major thrust of the Assemblies of God

missionary program in France and includes for the present the ministries of Teen Challenge and the International Correspondence Institute (ICI).

Teen Challenge is playing a vital role in the spiritual revolution beginning among French youth. Evangelism teams are taking God's message to churches, college campuses, civic auditoriums, schools, youth centers, and coffeehouses where it has been almost impossible to penetrate with the gospel before.

A program of contemporary music and testimonies from converted drug addicts has been reaching hundreds of French youth in the new wave of evangelism. This move of the Holy Spirit has brought many young people into the local churches.

Just recently we shared the joy

of nine young men whose conversions were the result of the Teen Challenge evangelism ministry in Paris. They were baptized in water by a local pastor.

Other converts of this outreach are now in Bible school preparing for the ministry.

France is a very modern country, with a very sophisticated society. It is the center of learning for all of Europe. But we must recognize once again that the dynamic message of the gospel knows no cultural barriers. ICI courses meet people on a very personal level behind closed doors. Hundreds of men and women are studying the Word of God, and the power of the Word is penetrating their minds and hearts.

When a student completes one course, he is led into the next. The courses lead him into a deep and rich experience with the Lord.

Consequently his name is shared with a local pastor, and contact is made with the local church. By this means men and women are being led to a local group of believers.

The purpose of all our efforts in France is to reach men and women for Christ and help them become established in local churches. For a convert, whether saved through the Teen Challenge ministry or the ICI ministry, to mature in his spiritual life, he must become a part of a local group of believers.

The transition from the world of drugs and the hippie life-styles of the revolution-filled college campuses is not always easy. The need for good cooperation between special ministries and the local church community is apparent.

Our priority project is the center of evangelism.

Through the efforts of many wonderful friends within the Assemblies



of God constituency, a building has been rented which will become the nerve center for our ministry in Paris, located in the heart of the Latin Quarter. This notorious section is often called "Sodom on the Seine." There are over 400,000 young people spilling out of drug dens and hippie bars, tripping out on sex and the occult, teeming the narrow streets.

The evangelistic center will house our administrative offices, a chapel, literature distribution facilities, a learning center for students and new converts, a prayer room, and our ICI offices.

There is much work still to be done in remodeling this building, but we thank God for giving us this strategic location.

Second, there is a great need for a training center where Christian young people can be instructed in practical Christian living and taught how to minister to their generation. Just north of Paris a piece of property is being purchased. We hope this fall to be able to begin our training center at this location.

Third, God has placed in our hands tools to reach the masses through literature and films. Recently we have produced in French a copy of *The Cross and the Switchblade* film. This is in great demand throughout France.

Tradition changes very slowly in France. The average Frenchman is born into his religion. Any intrusion into this established formula meets opposition.

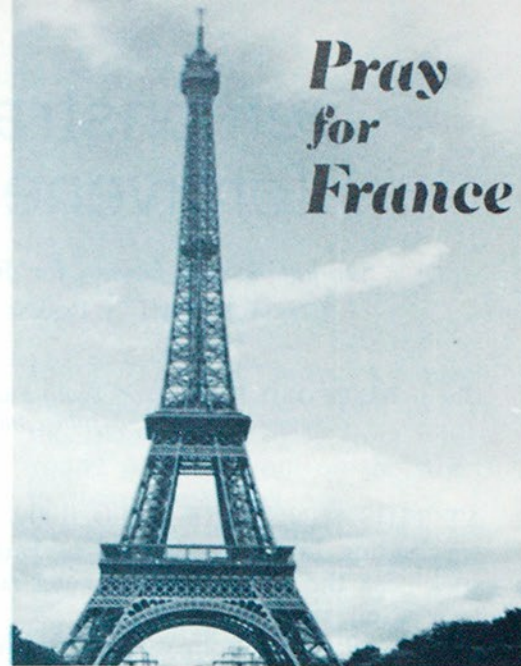
Although traditionally Roman Catholic, less than 10 percent practice their religion. Caught up in the philosophies of existentialism, many have had their hearts and minds numbed by a lack of the knowledge of the Word of God.

At the same time there is a revival of occultism and mysticism. The practice of spiritism is as common as any other religious practice in France today.

We must recognize that the hour is late and time is running out. We must sense the urgency of personal involvement in missionary thrust around the world.

We must be totally committed and turned on to the revolutionary methods of the Holy Spirit for last-day revival, and do everything within our power to reach men and women for Christ and bring them under His Lordship.

During July hundreds of French Christians will join their American counterparts in praying for revival to grip France. As they pray, the work of God will go forward through the ministries of "Mission: France" and our Assemblies of God churches here in France.



## Pray for France

### The need is pressing...

KNOWLEDGE abounds in France. Hundreds of the world's greatest scientists, artists, authors, mathematicians, and astronomers were born in France.

But the knowledge of Christ and the Word of God are unknown to many Frenchmen today.

In a recent survey taken in Paris, only one in seven persons could identify one of the four Gospels, and only one in 24 had seen and touched a Bible!

The French like to say they are sons of Voltaire and rationalists, but demonism and spirit mediums are doing a flourishing business. In Paris alone 100,000 people consult 6,000 fortune-tellers every day.

Every means must be used to evangelize this nation of 52 million people quickly. Of the 37,708 cities and villages in France only 5,000 have a Protestant church. Evangelical Christians number approximately 200,000, and that is an optimistic estimate.

In collaboration with Missionary Kenneth Ware we have established the "Every Home Crusade." This is an effort to place a Gospel of John in every home in France.

Every month we receive additional requests for more information on the person of Jesus and His teachings.

The needs of France are pressing, and we must act quickly. Please pray and work with us that by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, many Frenchmen will receive the gospel.

—BERNARD CLEMENT  
Founder, Paris Evangelistic Center

*Teen Challenge rallies draw thousands of young people to hear the gospel.*





# Demonstrating forgiveness

Sunday School Lesson for July 7, 1974

1 SAMUEL 24:1-7; PSALM 25:4-10

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP / South-Eastern Bible College  
Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion

AT THIS JUNCTURE in his flight from Saul, David was hiding in the wilderness of Engedi, a beautiful spot near the Dead Sea characterized by rich vegetation and groves of trees.

Saul, returning from a battle with the Philistines, received the news concerning David's hiding place and at once went to that area. Saul slipped into a cave and took a nap, unaware that David was hiding in that same cave!

## DAVID'S TEMPTATION

1. *Tempted by circumstances.* It appears that David, at least momentarily, thought circumstances indicated it was God's will for him to kill Saul, but he changed his mind in the light of divine principles.

We need to be very careful to interpret circumstances in the light of the Word and the leading of the Spirit.

2. *Tempted by friends.* David's friends too misinterpreted the circumstances and unconsciously

became tools of the devil. Temptation often appears in subtle and disarming forms and through unexpected channels. We must turn a deaf ear to the dearest voices when they do not harmonize with the voice of the Lord. (See Acts 21:10-14.)

3. *Tempted by misapplication of God's promises.* We do not know just when and where God promised David victory over Saul; but we may be sure David's friends both misquoted and misapplied that promise.

Satan quoted Scripture in tempting Christ—and he has been tempting Christ's followers in the same way ever since. Our safeguard is to know the Word, understand its principles, and consider every Bible verse in the light of the context.

## DAVID'S SELF-RESTRAINT

1. *David respected Saul's office.* Saul was still reigning as king by divine appointment; to resist him would have been to resist the ordinance of God (Romans 13:1, 2). David was more afraid of sin than of Saul; he preferred a blameless conscience to personal safety.

2. *David refused to take matters into his own hands.* Since God still saw fit to allow Saul to continue as king, David would not interfere with God's prerogatives. David's self-restraint is all the more admirable when we remember he knew God had chosen him to be Saul's successor; but unlike Jacob, he did not try to help God and promote himself. It is quite evident that to bring glory to God was David's supreme goal.

This leads us to an all-important truth: *The only promotion worth having is that appointed of God and brought about by God.*

How sad and profitless it is when we seek to exalt or promote ourselves. Why do we sacrifice eternal gain and stoop to carnal scheming, political wire-pulling, and diplomatic back-slapping to gain position, influence, and power? If we are truly free from all desire for personal aggrandizement, we will be satisfied to leave the matter of our promotion entirely in the hands of the Lord.

## DAVID'S PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Psalm 25 may be linked appropriately with David's sparing Saul, for it was written by David. In this Psalm he prayed to God for the guidance he so definitely needed when coaxed by his friends to take Saul's life.

"Show me *thy* ways, O Lord; teach me *thy* paths. Lead me in *thy* truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day" (vv. 4, 5).

This Psalm may be divided roughly into three stanzas of seven verses each, with the last verse forming a conclusion.

The first division consists of a prayer for protection, guidance, and forgiveness. The second division contains a contemplation of God's perfect character, while the third turns again to prayer for deliverance. In the final verse David enlarges the scope of his prayer and seeks God for the welfare of the nation he loved and over which he soon would reign.

## SOLVES A LOT OF PROBLEMS





# From servicemen ...with love

By ELDON BROWN / *Missionary to Okinawa*

"THANK GOD, I was loved by Jesus and you!" These words of appreciation were for the American servicemen's church in Okinawa from Pastor Omura.

To assist this Japanese pastor in his work of pioneering an Assemblies of God church in Naha, the GIs presented him with a 1973 Datsun.

The servicemen's church in Okinawa was started in 1967 when Missionaries Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno opened their home for a meetingplace. The group increased rapidly, and a storefront building was rented for services.

More servicemen were saved and filled with the Spirit, so I was asked to come to Okinawa and direct the growing church.

We erected a permanent building in 1971 and set three goals for the servicemen's ministry: (1) evangelize the unsaved GIs; (2) provide Pentecostal worship and fellowship; (3) involve the men in missions.

After 4 years we can see that these

goals are being met. Nearly 100 Spirit-filled servicemen minister throughout the island which has 100,000 Americans and 900,000 Okinawans.

Our missions program includes distributing Japanese literature in cooperation with the Okinawan churches. We have also assisted the pioneer work in Kin by paying the rent on the building as well as subsidizing the pastor's salary.

Another outreach of the servicemen's church is the Teen Challenge Center in Koza second largest city in Okinawa. Along with friends from the American community, the servicemen have sponsored a coffee-

house. "The Net" provides a meetingplace for Christians from all over the island and a base from which young people go out on the streets to share the gospel.

Each Saturday night Christian servicemen and Teen Challenge workers visit the bar areas. On street corners they play guitars and sing, talk about Jesus, and distribute Light-for-the-Lost literature. A Speed-the-Light bus enables teams to go into housing areas for Bible raps and to outstations where they sing and testify.

On April 13, 1974, representative groups from the Japanese and American Assemblies of God met to dedicate Pastor Omura's new car to the work of the Lord.

Only a generation ago American servicemen fought one of the most desperate battles of World War II on this 67-mile-long island. Today their sons are winning another victory—a victory for Christ by working together in love.

*Servicemen and their families join Japanese Christians in prayer as they dedicate the new car bought by the servicemen for Pastor Omura.*



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*WAR a good warfare.* Paul gave that strange command in 1 Timothy 1:18: "This charge I commit unto thee . . . that thou . . . mightest war a good warfare."

Can warfare be *good*?

Paul thought so. In fact, he often used military terms in his writing. He recognized the struggle against sin and Satan is an all-out warfare

in every sense of the term.

He declared this is a *good* warfare to be pursued with faith and a good conscience.

The command is also for us today, for the battle still rages. Nowhere is it more intense than among people in military life—our servicemen and women. They are responsible to help keep us free. They

guard our nation against hostile forces—yet they also are constantly under attack from the enemy of their souls.

Never have the problems and pressures faced by our servicemen been greater than in recent years. Never has sin been as ruthless. The forces of evil have taken a heavy toll.

On the other hand, never have the

## 'War a good warfare'

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opportunities been greater for reaching servicemen with the gospel than right now. All signs indicate there is greater openness among military personnel for spiritual truth than ever before!

Recently I was invited to minister for 3 days on an Army post. The chaplain in charge instructed me to give altar calls at the end of my sermons. So many men responded by coming to the altar and by kneeling at their seats that we were unable to count the number who accepted the Lord!

At another post I visited, the post chaplain talked with me for an hour about his concern for Christian servicemen when they return to harsh civilian life!

A number of chaplains have told me about the difficulty they have in keeping good gospel literature available. The demand always seems greater than the supply.

More military installations than ever are insisting there be more evangelistic chapel services with informal worship and even testimony times in the services.

Christian servicemen are bolder than ever in sharing their faith with others. There also seems to be greater tolerance toward these Christian servicemen and their right to worship as they wish.

For more than 32 years the Assemblies of God has led the way in ministering to servicemen. In 1941, before the attack at Pearl Harbor, the General Council voted for the Home Missions Department to provide literature for servicemen.

*Reveille*, the famous red, white, and blue nondenominational paper edited by Myer Pearlman, was the result. Over 14 million copies were distributed during that war. The publication received many citations from the military. It is still being used effectively today.

By 1944 a separate Servicemen's

Department was formed to carry out an intensive ministry among servicemen.

After World War II it became clear a ministry to servicemen would be needed for a long time, so the work was continued as a division of the National Christ's Ambassadors (Youth) Department.

After the 1971 General Council voted to restructure Assemblies of God headquarters and departments were grouped into divisions, the Servicemen's Division was renamed Servicemen's Ministries.

Then the 1973 General Council voted to combine ministry to servicemen, military chaplaincy, and industrial and institutional chaplaincies into a new Chaplains Department of the Division of Home Missions.

The new Chaplains Department was fully activated early this year. Since that time plans have moved steadily ahead to intensify the work of the Assemblies of God among servicemen everywhere. Never have we been in a better position to accept the challenge than right now.

Our good warfare continues to include the ministry of correspondence. More than 10,500 men and women on the mailing list receive a flow of letters and help. Servicemen and women write to us about every problem you could imagine. No matter what they need, we try to provide it.

In addition to *Reveille*, we have used a wide variety of other literature among servicemen. New literature being planned will help meet current needs and demands in the military.

*At Ease*, our bimonthly newsletter publication, is having an increasingly important impact. It is being upgraded for a wider circulation.

During months when *At Ease* is not published, the Youth Department sends its award-winning monthly *Youth Alive* to servicemen.

Our chaplains, contact pastors, and servicemen's representatives continue to have outstanding ministries. We currently have 39 Assemblies of God ministers serving as active-duty chaplains. Reports indicate our chaplains are having outstanding ministries wherever they are stationed.

While we gear ourselves in Servicemen's Ministries to "war the good warfare," we are aware we cannot do it alone. Victory can be assured only as individuals and churches stand with us. This can be done in three ways.

First, we must have your prayers in behalf of our servicemen and our work. Our servicemen and women face subtle but intense dangers which only prayer can overcome.

Second, we need the mailing address of every serviceman or woman you know. When we have these addresses, we can minister to your loved ones more effectively. Please don't let them be AWOL from our mailing list.

Third, we need the support of every individual and every church who will join us in this battle for souls. You can do this in one of the following ways:

1. Observe Servicemen's Day, July 7, or another day more suitable to the calendar of your church.

2. Encourage your church to include Servicemen's Ministries in the regular missionary budget of the church for monthly support. These offerings receive Home Missions and World Ministries credit.

3. Send a personal offering to help reach the servicemen around the world.

The needs are before us. The opportunities for ministry have never been greater. Let us join forces now and war a good warfare on behalf of our servicemen!



# Twelve opportunities

By WILLIAM J. DeLEO / Chaplain (Captain), U.S. Army

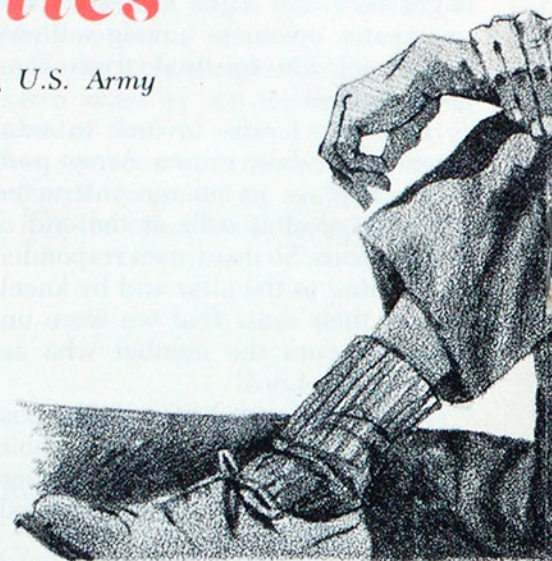
THE HOT rainy afternoon had stretched into early evening.

Before I could call it a day, Army regulations insisted I visit the maximum security cell at the post stockade. Besides my other duties, I had been assigned as Protestant chaplain of the stockade. I was glad of this extra responsibility, for it had given

me many opportunities to bring the light of Christ into otherwise dark, lonely, bewildered lives.

But today—well, the cloudy afternoon had run over into my attitude, and I could only wish that I didn't have to go.

I buttoned my security clearance pass to my right pocket. When I



## SPIRITUAL FLIGHT

*Lord, I've experienced exhilaration in freewheeling flight  
through celestial halls of air.*

*Like a carefree child*

*diving . . .*

*twisting . . .*

*soaring . . .*

*Currents of sea breeze moaning in all around.*

*I've also known uncertainty and isolation of  
instrumented excursions through turbulent clouds,  
nights dark and fearful that never end,  
rain drenching monsoons,*

*early morning haze that blinds forever,*

*When earth and sky are masked in silent curtains of  
blackness and fog,*

*and faith transcends fear like blips on a radar screen,*

*Vectored through space by electrical impulses,*

*Mocking the rushing wind's disorder*

*until the swollen rages of heaven have subsided.*

*Lord, Your love and guidance are also like radar;*

*Faith, the only requirement in leading us to  
your final Controller,*

*the Holy Spirit,*

*Who monitors and corrects our course  
down life's glide-slope . . .*

*terminating in heaven.*

*Daily course corrections keep our souls*

*centered on that divine airway,*

*Guiding our spiritual flight when day turns to night*

*or dawn has scarcely touched the mountaintops with light;*

*Secure in the knowledge that our Controller*

*knows our flight plan and will lead us  
to safety and peace.*

—Capt. ROBERT B. ROBESON

got to the guard station, I shouted to the sergeant behind the desk to mark down that I was headed to C Compound (the maximum security section).

I secretly hoped there weren't too many men "maxed" tonight, so my job would be easier. And that thought made me feel guilty.

I pressed the warning buzzer to those inside to release the electric lock so I could pass through and begin to visit the cells.

"Hi, Sarge," I said. "How many we got in tonight? Not too many, I hope—for my sake as well as theirs!"

"How ya been, Chaplain?" he returned my greeting. Then he added: "I'm afraid we've got 12 tonight."

For the past couple of weeks we had had only four or five in "max." But tonight, of all nights, there had to be 12! Twelve men meant about 3 or 4 hours. I wouldn't be home until after 9—a long time since 6:30 a.m. when my day began.

But God knows just when we need a lift, and what happened next made the rest of the evening fly by.

I entered the dimly lit room, a 10- by 10-foot cell illuminated by a 60-watt bulb. Huddled in a corner





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was a lean black soldier. Soaking wet he wouldn't have weighed more than 130 pounds. He had been in C Compound for a week now, and I had visited him several times.

I walked over and sat down on the floor beside him.

With a bewildered and hopeful look in his eyes he said, "Chaplain, I can't get out of my mind what we talked about last week. Will you help me to know Christ as *my* Lord and Saviour?"

What seemed like seconds later we were praying that God would give him the strength to stand up to the pressures of prison life and to face his court martial with confidence that from it God would work out good for him through Christ.

We parted smiling because of the newfound hope that had just entered this young soldier's life.

In those moments the Lord had also renewed my strength—and changed my attitude. With new vigor, and new gratitude for 11 more opportunities to witness, I started into the second cell.



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# Don't be like the elder brother

By OWEN C. SALWAY

THIS IS a farm story. It is about two brothers whom Jesus held up for spiritual examination.

We often hear about the younger son who left the farm, went to a far country, spent all his money, and fell into sin.

Seldom does anyone preach about the elder brother who stayed home and carried out his responsibilities on the farm. But there are some lessons to be learned from him. Although outwardly he was a faithful and dutiful son, underneath it all was something which shows through and reveals some qualities we can't admire.

Notice three things about this elder brother.

### *A son with no sense of brotherhood*

It is true he was part of the household. He lived with the family and worked on the family farm. But he showed no concern for his brother.

His younger brother was out in sin. There was an empty place at the table, yet he never mentioned it.

Jesus is concerned about empty places. In the Parable of the Marriage Feast He said, "Bring them in that my Father's house may be full."

Jesus wants a full house. Empty places bother Him. There is room in heaven for all, and He is not willing that any should perish.

Is there an empty place at our table? Is someone out in sin? Will the family circle be broken in heaven? Jesus wants us to be concerned.



Yes, the elder brother was part of the family but he had no sense of brotherhood. How unlike the Lord who pleads with the sick, blind, rich, and poor to come unto Him. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).

There was further evidence of the elder brother's lack of concern when the prodigal repented and came home.

"Thy son," he said to his father, "hath devoured thy living with harlots" (Luke 15:30).

"Thy brother," replied his father, "was dead and is alive" (Luke 15:32).

He tried to dodge his responsibility, but his father reminded him there was a relationship he must face.

Is this why there are empty pews in our churches? Perhaps it is not so much because of the counter-attractions on the outside, as it is the elder brother spirit on the inside. Do we really care? Will we face up to the fact that men and women lost in the far country of sin are our responsibility?

We need to "bring them in from the fields of sin," as the hymn says.

#### *A worker without fellowship*

This elder brother did not rejoice in his work. It was a burden, not a delight.

He angrily pointed out to his father that he had worked hard and obeyed him over the years, yet he had never killed a fatted calf for him.

Undoubtedly it was true. He had carried out his responsibility on the farm, but they were joyless years. No festive times. No merrymaking with his loved ones. It was service without fellowship.

No doubt he talked to his father about crops, feed, and stock, but

never once heart-to-heart. If he had, he would have shared his father's concern for the prodigal. He was merely performing his job and living for material things.

The elder brother did not enter into the father's real interest. How much of our work is done without sharing the heartbeat of God? Do we perform our tasks in a perfunctory fashion? Is it service without fellowship, or do we really share God's concern?

#### *An heir without happiness*

The prodigal had his portion of goods and spent it. The elder brother, likewise an heir, had a portion coming to him, but he was unhappy.

When the feast was put on for the returning prodigal, the elder brother did not understand. He had to ask one of the servants what was going on. Happiness was foreign to him!

We Christians are heirs of God, yet how often we are void of joy. When will we learn how to *enjoy* God's work and find *delight* in His Word?

The story says they began to be merry and it doesn't say they ever stopped! When we come to the Father, there should be peace and joy that never ends. "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:32).

A businessman was about to enter a restaurant when he noticed a ragged little boy pressing his face against the window.

"Are you hungry, son?" asked the man. The boy nodded.


"Come on then," replied the businessman, and they found a table. The youngster sat wide-eyed looking at his surroundings. A large helping of food was placed before him, but he didn't eat.

"What's the matter, son?"

"I have a brother outside who's hungry too. I can't eat when I think of him out in the cold."

"Bring him in," said the man. So the boy raced through the door and returned in a moment with another dirty ragamuffin. They sat down together and enjoyed their meal.

Some of us are sitting at the feet of Jesus Sunday after Sunday, taking in the good things of salvation, receiving bountiful spiritual blessings, while others in need wait outside. Are we thinking of them? Is there an empty place at your table or in your church?

Jesus wants us to invite them in. We have a responsibility as part of the family of God. We must share the heartbeat of God. Let us serve Him with gladness. 

## **Worthless checks**

"THREE AND A HALF million dollars! That's a large check. May I pick it up?"

"Certainly," the banker I was visiting replied.

So I picked up the check. No policemen were near. I could have bolted out the door with it.

But the bank official was unconcerned—the check hadn't been endorsed.

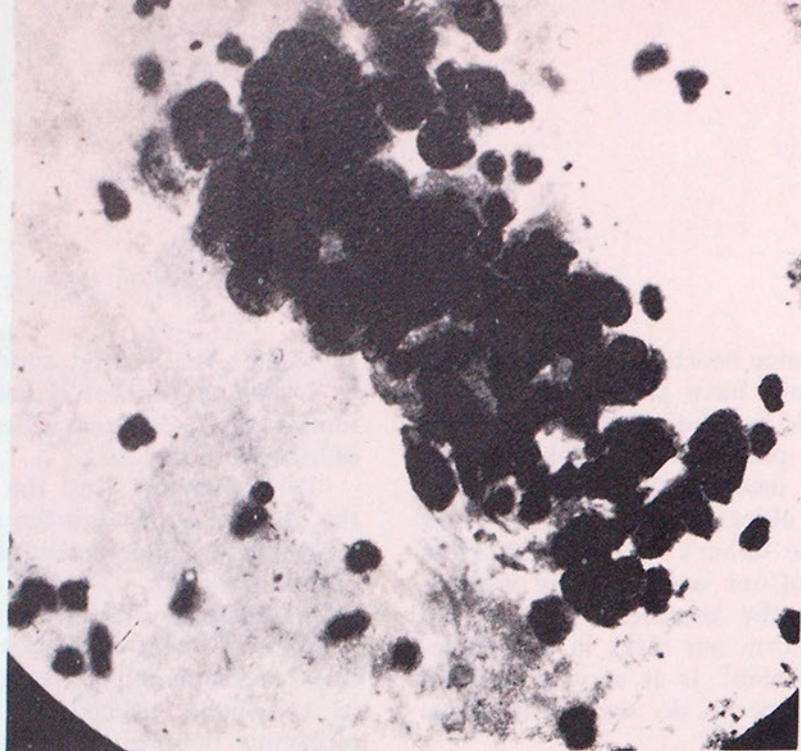
Without the signature of the authorized officer at the company to whom the check was made, it was just another piece of paper!

It is thus with our salvation. God's check has been made out to each of us. But this check can be cashed only through personal repentance and faith. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

No bank will cash a check that hasn't been endorsed—nor will God cash His check made out to each individual for full salvation unless that individual personally "signs" it by placing his faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—CHARLES LUDWIG





American Cancer Society

# To bring me to God

By E. S. CALDWELL

CANCER! What do you do when the doctor tells you it will take your life within 6 months?

Paradoxical as it may seem, you read. Especially you read articles about the relentless killer that has invaded your body.

Until the biopsy confirmed his doctor's diagnosis, Bill Corman seldom read anything more than the sports pages, and made only an occasional stab at the Bible. He had no time for reading!

Now he has plenty of time. He feels like a prisoner in his own home. And like a prisoner, he has leafed through every magazine in the place.

*How about a walk—once around the block?* But as he opens the door rain begins to spatter the sidewalk. So Bill Corman sadly closes the door, shutting out the dampness and the chill.

*How about a book?* *It's been a long time.*

*What's this green one?* "Revival-time Pulpit Number 16."

The middle-aged man's finger moves down the table of contents and stops at the title, "God Honors Your Body." Bill settles into his new recliner—a gift from his wife Barbara—and opens the book to page 248. He reads:

*"God honors the body. That is why it is a sin to dishonor it. There is unmistakable evidence that God is interested in the body. He places high value upon it.*

*"First, God honors the body in forming it. You are housed in something neither the apes nor the Army put together.*

*"Your body is so complicated that the chief wonder is that it doesn't give more frequent trouble. It contains about 2,500,000 pores, about 3,000 to the square inch. The human skeleton has more than 200 bones. All the blood in your body is pumped through your heart once every minute, and your heart beats about 70 times a minute or 100,800 times a day.*

*"The average person can hold about 230 cubic inches of air in the lungs and at each breath from 25 to 30 cubic inches are inhaled and exhaled. Most men breathe about 18 times a minute.*

*"Your body has more than 500 muscles and about an equal number of blood vessels. Your normal*

temperature is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The average person takes in about 5½ pounds of food and drink a day, which is almost one ton a year.

*"Your heart is an unbelievably rugged organ. It is a four-chamber, four-valve pump instrument which handles 5,000 gallons of blood a day, almost enough to fill a railroad tank car. It supplies a circulatory system whose vessels total 12,000 miles, and in the course of a lifetime beats 2½ billion times.*

*"The kidneys are among the most miraculous organs in the body. They contain approximately 280 miles of tiny tubules whose function is to filter impurities from the blood. In the course of a day they filter something like 185 quarts of water from the blood, purify it, and return it to circulation.*

*"Normally the adult body contains approximately 24 trillion red cells which carry oxygen to nourish tissues. Laid edge to edge they would stretch 116,000 miles—half way to the moon.*

*"Our body is the direct work of God. My body is not the result of some fortuitous concourse of atoms. It was not formed by blind force. It is not an accident. My body is the plan and the power of God. It is designed to bring me to God."*

Quietly Bill Corman lies back and closes his eyes. *Lord, You made this body of mine for Your purposes. I guess I've used it for my own. You know that I've gone to church, but that's about all I've ever done for You. Now my body isn't worth much, but I would like to use whatever strength I have left for You.*

Removing his glasses, Bill uses a handkerchief to dry his eyes. Re-adjusting his glasses, he continues reading until he comes to a paragraph that seems to have been written to him personally:

*"The more your body is tuned to God, the more it will reach toward the heavenly, and less toward the earthly. That is the transition.*



That can be accomplished now.

"The next step is *transformation*. You will be conscious of a new likeness.

"The third step is *translation*. When you have made your body a residence for Jesus, there is no shock in dying."

Suddenly the front doorbell jars Bill from his thoughts. He goes to the door.

"Hi, Mr. Corman! Remember me? I'm Rick Wilson—your roommate at Memorial Hospital last month."

"What a surprise! Come on in, young fella." Bill's face brightens. "Have I got something to share with you!"

"In the hospital we spent a lot of time talking about sports, but today I've got to tell you about the most important discovery I've ever made."

During the next 2 hours Bill pours out his heart to the young man and leads him to Jesus.


A few weeks later his sister-in-law—Barbara's older sister—came to see Bill. And the excitement of his testimony captivated her. She had to know the reason behind the transformation in her suffering brother-in-law. He had become so—so *Christ-like*.

That evening Barbara saw the answer to 11 years of prayer. Her sister, now 53, knelt beside Bill's bed as he introduced her to his Saviour.

A phone call the next week reported yet another victory. Barbara learned that her sister had already helped a neighboring family find Christ.

Bill never complained as cancer continued to ravage his body. Many who visited him were encouraged by the faith and trust in God they saw in both Bill and Barbara.

Last March, as Bill attempted to walk down the hallway, he stumbled. Barbara caught him in her arms. "Are you alright?" She asked.

"Everything is just fine," he said in a contented, peace-filled voice. And a moment later Bill Corman went to be with Jesus. 

Faith to live by

# Why do brothers *fight*?

By RICHARD D. DOBBINS, Ph.D.

*Some time ago a little fellow printed a question on a card; it made me chuckle: "How come brothers have fights?"*

When there is more than one child in a family, there is concern over whether all have an equal part in the parents' love.

This has been so throughout the history of the human family. Even famous Bible brothers had fights. The fight between the first brothers resulted in Cain killing Abel.

What about the conflict between Ishmael and Isaac; and the one between Jacob and Esau? Joseph too could tell us about the squabbles he had with his brothers.

Even in Jesus' day James and John argued about their position among the disciples.

This competition for parental affection and approval spreads into other areas. Brothers who have fought over securing their own place in the home often go on to compete with each other over status positions in life.

All that most youngsters really want to know is that their parents

love them and approve of them. Since a child's mind finds it difficult to grasp how parents can have as many places in their affection as there are children in the home, a child often finds it necessary to defend his own actions and blame his brothers or sisters for disapproved behavior.


The child's obvious effort in such a case is to bring the parents' disapproval on the brother or sister while retaining parental approval for himself.

A child's big fear is losing his place in his parents' affection and approval.

If the parent is blind to what is going on, he may listen to one child more than another. This inevitably sharpens the conflict and compounds the problem.

The wise parent will remember what a manipulator he was as a child and will lessen the distance between his own children by reassuring each repeatedly that none can take the other's place.

Children who understand that each has his own place in their parents' affection and are secure in that place have less of a need to compete with each other.

Wise parents will remember how Jesus avoided intensifying competition among His disciples by acknowledging that He really couldn't identify the one who should sit on the right from the one who should sit on the left—and that He loved each of them. 

Dr. Dobbins, pastor in Akron, Ohio, is a licensed psychologist with a doctoral degree in counseling.



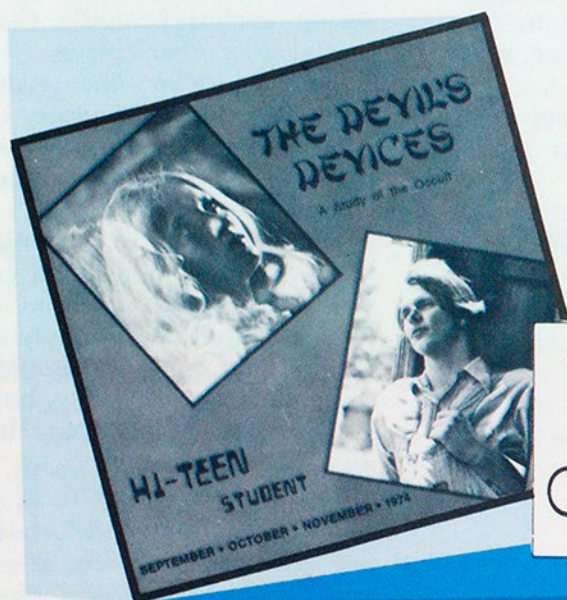


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**NEWS OF OUR TIMES****'Distress of nations with perplexity...'****WEST FACES CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP**

FROM CANBERRA TO QUEBEC, and from Bonn to Jerusalem, shock waves of political disasters have rattled the foundations of governments, bringing the world to new crises that seemed to match the prophetic description of Jesus Christ in Luke 21:25, "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity."

Scandals, feuding, resignations, and runaway inflation filled the news as men grasped for solutions that elude them.

Nobel Prize-winning Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany resigned in the wake of a spy scandal, weakening Bonn's relations with the Soviet bloc and affecting the United States as well.

In Iceland, Premier Olafur Johannesson's leftist coalition government fell during an internal dispute over how to control inflation and stimulate a sagging economy.

In Canada, Prime Minister Elliott Trudeau's minority government fell after losing a no-confidence vote in Parliament over economic strategy.

In Australia, the first Labor Party government in 25 years was forced to call a midterm election in a bid to get majority in Parliament as rising living costs brought widespread discontent.

In March, Britain's Conservative cabinet fell, succeeded by a Labor regime that is having great difficulty with the economy and with violence imported from Northern Ireland.

Italy's government also fell in March. Premier Mariano Rumor organized the nation's 36th government since World War II. But soaring costs of living, weak currency, and rampant strikes which ousted the former government also plague the new.

In Denmark, quick maneuvering saved the minority liberal government from certain defeat, granting it a limited reprieve in its attempt to present an approved budget.

Belgium's general elections in

early spring were intended to resolve a crisis. Instead, the nation is currently operated by a shaky center-right minority.

Portugal's 40-year-old dictatorship has been overthrown, leaving the country in an uncertain political stance.

Neighboring Spain worries about Portugal's headaches and fears student uprisings in Madrid that are inspired by the Portuguese military coup.

The political upheaval in Portuguese Angola has sent nervous tremors throughout Africa as rebels make guerrilla warfare against their western colonizers.

India, already in the throes of a shaky economy, faced a massive rail strike, threatening Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government.

In the Middle East, discontent led to Prime Minister Golda

Meir's resignation. Economic and political difficulties engendered by the conflict with the Arabs have divided the Israelis.

France's head of state died from a long illness, temporarily robbing that country of a leader.

The United States, richest and strongest, continues to reel from surprising disclosures resulting from Watergate investigations. Solutions are elusive.

One day when history is consummated we shall see how perfectly all things worked out—how meaningful every detail was. Meanwhile, those who place their confidence in the God of history experience no lack of leadership, for "God works in everything for good to them that love Him, to those who are called according to His purpose."

—Norman B. Rohrer

**Relief efforts must do more****ADVANCING DESERT BRINGS DEATH, PRIVATION TO AFRICA**

THE DREADFUL six-year drought that has brought death and desolation to six countries south of the Sahara Desert continues to spread.

Originally confined to the six nations of the Sahel—Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Upper Volta—the drought has moved into southern Sudan and Ethiopia.

Experts estimate that nearly one-third of the 66 million persons who live in this 4,000-mile band from the Atlantic to the Red Sea are threatened with starvation.

So wasted is the land, they fear, and so slight the prospect of a bountiful harvest, that not even a good rainfall this season can end the horror.

David Smithers, director of Christian Aid, the relief agency of the British Council of Churches, recently returned from a tour of the area and reported the situation is rapidly deteriorating.

He said he had never seen suffering and human deprivation on such a scale and warned that the worst is yet to come.

"Nothing within living memory compares with the present situation," Mr. Smithers declared, "where over 100,000 people and 4 to 5 million cattle are reported to have perished."

The drought is advancing southward. The usually lush tropical forests of the northern Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, and Dahomey have received so little rain that their coffee and cocoa crops are far below normal. Nigeria's peanut harvest has been cut by two-thirds.

Last year some \$150 million in relief goods was sent to this region by the international community—secular and church-related. But, says one official in Niger, "1974 is going to make 1973 look like the horn of plenty," and much more effort will be required.

**Congress convenes next month****Social action urged with evangelism by four Swiss congress papers**

LAUSANNE—Authors of the final four study documents to be considered here in July at the International Congress on World Evangelization appeal to evangelical leaders to rediscover the evangelistic approaches of the first-century Christian church.

Evangelism which ignores the social situation of the people for whom it is intended is less than effective because it is less than Biblical, the writers contend.

"In the light of the Biblical teaching there is no place for an 'other-worldliness' that does not result in the Christian's commitment to his neighbor, rooted in the gospel," writes Rene Padilla of Buenos Aires in a paper titled, "Evangelization and the World." He is associate general secretary for Latin America of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Samuel Escobar, another South American, warns evangelicals against reducing the gospel or mutilating it "to eliminate any demands for the fruit of repentance and any aspect that would make it unpalatable to a nominally Christian society." The writer is currently working in Canada as the general secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

"Certainly a Western Christian such as myself can only hang his head in shame when comparing our own approach to evangelism with that of the early Christians, and with that of contemporary Christians in many developing countries," writes Michael Green, principal of St. John's College, Nottingham, England.

The fourth paper, written by Professor Ralph D. Winter of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., asserts that many thousands of contemporary Christians must leave their homes if the world is to be evangelized. "The Highest Priority: Cross-Cultural Evangelism" is the document's title.





## A SAD LISTING

**TEL AVIV**—A bereaved father reads a memorial booklet issued by the Israeli government listing the 2,522 soldiers, sailors, and airmen killed or missing in action from the beginning of the October Arab-Israeli war up to mid-February. Only 190 of those listed in the 44-page booklet, "Fallen and Missing in the Yom Kippur War," were full-time servicemen; the remainder were reservists. (RNS photo)

## WOMEN ARE TARGET OF DRUGS

**NEW YORK**—Statistics show that between the ages of 20 and 40, twice as many women as men are on tranquilizers and other psychotropic drugs. These are drugs that are prescribed by doctors.

Dr. Robert Seidenberg, who makes this claim, is professor of psychiatry at the Upstate Medical Center of the State University of New York.

"Most of these drugs make you feel relaxed—they're happy drugs," he says. "And this is the irony: we condemn our children when they use these drugs

on the street, yet the medical profession is handing them out like candy.

"I find women who tell me, both socially and professionally, that they resent this rather simplistic approach. Often the doctor can't find what's wrong, and he assumes that because she's a woman she's hysterical. 'Hysterical females' have almost become one word these days. Now the drug companies are promoting the use of these tranquilizing drugs to the general practitioner, and women are the chief targets."

## Court decision says fetus not a 'person'

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The U.S. Supreme Court has left standing a lower court decision that Rhode Island's restrictive 1973 abortion law, which gave "personhood" to the fetus, is unconstitutional.

The Rhode Island law, passed soon after the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on abortion, authorized abortion only to save the life of the mother. It vested

the fetus with "life" from the moment of conception, and also provided the fetus with the status and constitutional guarantees of a "person."

Rhode Island's new abortion statute replaced a strict law which was declared unconstitutional following the 1973 Supreme Court decision. The Supreme Court legalized early-stage abortions.

## Bible distribution rises in Eastern Europe

**NEW YORK**—More than 690,000 Bibles and New Testaments were distributed by the Bible societies in Eastern European countries in 1973. The figure is 9 percent higher than the previous year.

Of the total, 316,187 copies of the Scriptures were placed in East Germany, 151,490 in Poland,

42,064 in Yugoslavia, 3,117 in Czechoslovakia, and a total of 180,951 in Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, and the Soviet Union.

Figures were compiled through the United Bible Societies, an international organization, and issued here in the annual report of the American Bible Society.

## Christians oppose rites

## TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION MAKES COMEBACK

**LOS ANGELES**—The awareness technique called transcendental meditation, developed by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, may be the fastest-growing cult in the West, according to Russell Chandler, religion writer for the *Los Angeles Times*.

The small, bearded guru from India seemed to vanish after a burst of popularity in the 1960s among popular entertainment personalities. But now his transcendental meditation (the art of sitting quietly for 20 minutes each morning and evening while repeating a "mantra"—a phrase or meaningless sound like "om") has surfaced.

Yogi's disciples at the U.S. headquarters in Westwood, Calif., estimate that more than 350,000 persons have taken the basic seven-step course in meditation. Some 15,000 to 20,000 new

recruits are added each month, they told the *Times* reporter.

"Transcendental meditation (TM) is a form of Hinduism," states David Haddon of Berkeley. Haddon, leader of the Christian Joint Education Committee opposing TM, calls it an initiation rite constituting "religious worship," and says that the Maharishi is spreading religious teaching which "violates the traditional American liberty from government-sponsored religious indoctrination."

"Much of the acceptance of TM in public schools and in the military has come from medical research indicating that TM may help some drug abusers stop drug use," Haddon said in the *Times* interview.

Reporter Chandler estimated that the guru's society is grossing at least \$1.5 million a month in fees from new meditators—most of it deposited in banks in Switzerland where the Maharishi now lives.

## 62.4% of Americans have some religious affiliation

**NEW YORK**—The number of Americans having some religious affiliation has leveled out at 62.4 percent, according to the annual tabulation by the National Council of Churches.

A total of 131,424,564 members of churches and synagogues is reported in the 1974 *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*, up only 35,000 from the previous tally—but at the same percent of population as reported a year earlier.

If any trend is shown by the new figures, the National Council said, it is that the older, so-called "mainline Protestant" denominations continue to lose members while theologically conservative or strongly evangelistic groups are generally gaining.

## ABS names new director for Bible-a-Month Club

**NEW YORK**—John A. Duguid, a staff member of the American Bible Society's Ways and Means Department, has been named director of the organization's Bible-a-Month Club.

Launched in 1962 by officers of the American Bible Society, the club is composed of people who promise to donate at least \$2 monthly to let some needy person receive a personal copy of the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society acts as the donors' representative distributing the Scriptures to needy people throughout the U.S. and the world.

## AT A GLANCE

• • • The average American taxpayer will work 2 hours and 38 minutes out of his eight-hour day to pay his 1974 federal, state, and local taxes, the Tax Foundation says. It will take the average worker one hour and 24 minutes to pay for his housing, 61 minutes to pay for his food. He has 2 hours and 57 minutes left to pay for his clothing, transportation, doctor bills, education, home maintenance and repairs, furniture, recreation, personal items, savings and investments.

• • • More and more Israelis are thinking about leaving their country. An opinion poll published by a newspaper in Tel Aviv showed that more than 1 out of every 19 adult Israelis is weighing the pros and cons of emigration. In the 18 to 29 age group, the figure is more than 1 in 5. Observers think the nation as a whole is undergoing a psychological crisis, according to a report in *Discern the Times*.



## Assemblies of God reports gain

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Assemblies of God records show membership increased six percent during the year ending May 1.

Bartlett Peterson, general secretary, reported membership in the U.S. reached 751,818, as compared to 710,071 a year ago.

Assemblies of God congregations now number 8,920 in the United States. There are 12,570 ordained ministers and another 6,390 licensed, making a total of 18,951 clergy in this country.

Fifty-one local congregations showed an average attendance gain of 100 or more during the past year. Oklahoma City's First Assembly, pastored by Dan Shaeffer, topped the nation with a net church school attendance gain of 499.

Atlanta's Assembly of God Tabernacle registered the second largest gain of 378. Evangel Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky., was third with 357.

North Texas District churches

have the largest single district membership with 47,931. Southern California is second, with Northern California—Nevada and Oklahoma third and fourth respectively.

District gains by percentages show Alaska leading with a 21 percent addition in membership. Georgia was second with 19 percent and the Peninsular Florida District indicated gains of 18 percent.

"Local church congregations innovating in their communities are responsible in large part for this growth," A/G officials affirmed.

They also pointed to a dedicated team of national, district, sectional, and local leaders who are involved in programs with the primary objective of congregational growth.

The current widespread charismatic renewal has also played an important role in the growth of the Assemblies of God.

Missionaries of the Assemblies of God, largest Pentecostal church group in the world, now serve in 92 countries. Overseas members and adherents number 3,938,274.

## PAUL STANEK NAMED TO ROYAL RANGERS POST

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Paul E. Stanek Jr., 31, of Griffin, Ga., has been named national promotional and training coordinator for Royal Rangers, the Assemblies of God program for boys.

He succeeds Don Franklin, who has served in the position for the past three years. Brother Franklin resigned to become pastor of Springfield Assembly in Battle Creek, Mich.

For over 11 years the new coordinator has been involved in district Royal Rangers leadership. He served the Georgia District as its Royal Rangers Commander and Aide-de-Camp and has provided consultant services to Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida for the program.

Brother Stanek serves with the United States Army Reserve as a chaplain carrying the rank of first lieutenant. He holds a master's degree in education, Ed.S. degree in administration, and is completing a doctoral program. He is presently director of the Griffin Christian School.

National Royal Rangers Commander Johnny Barnes said, "Paul Stanek has served with distinction on the staff of six National Training Camps and National Training Trails. He will bring valuable experience and skill to this position."

There are now approximately 120,000 Royal Rangers members in the U.S.



## WITH CHRIST

William W. Wagon, 83, Warren, Ark.; on March 19, 1974.

Brother Wagon was a pioneer of our Movement in Arkansas, having been an ordained Assemblies of God minister since 1920. He pastored several churches, including Blue Springs, Kingland, Union Grove, Beulah Land Assembly at Crossett, and Happy Home Church near Hampton. He is survived by his wife Leona and four sons. One son Floyd is an Assemblies of God minister and a grandson David is a minister of youth.

Robert L. Moore, 70, Lakeland, Fla.; on March 28, 1974.

A member of the Peninsular Florida District, Brother Moore was a pastor, educator, and administrator. He served as teacher and president of Northeast Bible Institute from 1960 to 1964. He also was on the faculty and served as dean of education at South-Eastern Bible College from 1949 to 1960. Brother Moore also pastored in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Anne, a son, and a daughter.

H. Mack Snow, 73, Orlando, Fla.; on April 18, 1974.

Brother Snow was a member of the Peninsular Florida District and pastored churches in Georgia and Florida. He also ministered as an evangelist for a time. He is survived by his wife Maurine and three children.

Lawrence E. Blue, 72, McKinleyville, Calif.; on April 23, 1974.

Brother Blue, a member of the Northern California—Nevada District, pastored several churches in Oklahoma, Florida, and California. He also did evangelistic ministry for a time. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and a daughter.

Annie B. Brown, 78, Marianna, Fla.; on March 30, 1974.

Sister Brown was a member of the West Florida District. She served the Lord as an evangelist and co-pastor. She is survived by her husband Earl.

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### NEW SANCTUARY DEDICATED

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—Southwest Assembly celebrated the opening of a new sanctuary on Easter Sunday with 366 in Sunday school. Pastor Lester Burton preached in the morning. District Superintendent Fay Hutchinson was the dedicatory speaker, and R. A. Thompson, district secretary, spoke in the evening. The new sanctuary will accommodate over 450 and includes nursery facilities. Pastor and Mrs. Lester Burton, inset.

### IOWA CHURCH CONTINUES PHENOMENAL GROWTH

**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—The great revival which started at West-side Assembly continues, according to Pastor Tommy Barnett.

Recently the church moved into its new 1,500-seat auditorium with a record attendance that day of 3,521 in Sunday school. This is the third auditorium the church has occupied in the past three years and it is already full.

More than 3,000 people accepted Christ last year. The church has almost completed its new bus garage which will house modern facilities for repairing a fleet of 13 church buses.

"All of these facilities are be-

ing used to reach this city with the gospel of Jesus Christ," says Brother Barnett. "We are indeed grateful for what God is doing."

**MARION, IND.**—West Side Assembly here is still rejoicing over blessings received during a prophetic revival with Evangelist B. R. Minton.

Pastor A. W. Thomason reports attendance was good with many people from other denominations coming to the services. Brother Minton used a large chart to teach Bible prophecy.

Several sought and found the Lord. On the last Sunday of

the revival 675 were present for Sunday school.

Last December the congregation moved into a beautiful new auditorium. The circular-shape building will seat 1,200 and is valued at over \$300,000.

**SPOKANE, WASH.**—Hillyard Assembly recently was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Sheets during a week of special meetings.

"The charismatic emphasis resulted in several being filled with the Holy Spirit," states Pastor John E. Hunter. Three were baptized in the Spirit the last night of the revival. The church was filled to capacity every service.

Brother Hunter says souls were being saved in the regular services of the church even prior to the revival.

**VELMA, OKLA.**—Two were filled with the Holy Spirit, three re-filled, and three reclaimed during a five-day revival at First Assembly. Billy D. Nickell of Andrews, Tex. was the evangelist.

Pastor Harold Baker reports the Spirit of God was evident in every service and the congregation was greatly blessed.

**MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO.**—Sixteen were saved and several re-filled with the Spirit in May during a revival at Northwest Assembly here with Evangelist Leo Gaston of Springfield, Mo.

Pastor Jim David reports many were renewed and refreshed during this revival.

**PASADENA, TEX.**—Three were saved, two reclaimed, and eight baptized in the Holy Spirit during a recent four-week revival at Golden Acres Assembly. Samuel Calk was the evangelist.

Pastor Billy Yeats reports, "This was one of the best revivals the church has known. Each service was unique as the Holy Spirit moved in our midst. Several received healing for their bodies and some were delivered from the smoking habit."

Fifteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

**SEGUIN, TEX.**—Five were saved, three reclaimed, and two re-filled with the Holy Spirit during a recent revival at Central Assembly here with Evangelist Tom Calk.

Pastor D. B. Alexis reports the evangelist's ministry brought a great awareness of the nearness of the Lord's return and caused much soul-searching among the people.

**BELLEVILLE, ILL.**—Six were saved and eight received the Baptism during a revival meeting with the Larry Riley Evangelistic Team from Garden City, Mich.

Pastor H. Eugene Thrasher of Villa Hills Assembly reports many needs of the congregation were met. One man was healed of a stiff neck and a severe cut on his finger.

Attendance was very good, and a spirit of revival prevails in the church.

Villa Hills Assembly is experiencing continued growth and anticipates a building program soon.

*Congregation (showing three of the five seating sections) at the West Side Assembly, Marion, Ind., during Brother Minton's meeting. Seated on the front row (left to right) are: Jerrald Galloway, associate pastor; A. W. Thomason, pastor; and B. R. Minton, evangelist.*



### ILLINOIS CONGREGATION HAS RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE

**SPRINGFIELD, ILL.**—Another record was established in April by the seven-year-old Calvary Temple here as the Sunday school attendance averaged 1,623 for the month.

On Easter, Pastor M. C. Johnson preached to a record-breaking attendance of 2,023.

The church expects to occupy a new auditorium seating 3,200 by late summer. The young church is presently averaging more than 1,300 for the Sunday school year.



FAIRFAX, VA.—Four were saved and six reclaimed during a revival at the Assembly of God here. The evangelists were Mike and Bernadine Garland of Glen Rock, Pa.

Pastor Walter J. Keller reports the revival was a time of great refreshing for the entire church.

HAMPTONVILLE, N.C.—Evangelist Marvin R. Dennis of Boone, N.C., recently completed a 3-

week revival at Eagle Mills Assembly.

Pastor Roger Powell reports 12 accepted Christ as Saviour and 17 were filled with the Spirit. Several testified to receiving healing for their bodies.

BENTON, KY.—Trinity Assembly recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Anthony Silva of Grove City, Ohio.

Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit and two refilled, according to Pastor Lloyd Griffin.

"The evangelist's excellent Bible teaching brought a new awareness of God's promises," Brother Griffin states.

GALENA, MO.—The congregation of the Assembly of God was blessed during a one-week revival meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

Pastor Birdell Harp reports one was saved, one reclaimed, and one baptized in the Holy

Spirit during the April meeting. Several visitors from other denominations came to the services. Easter the church had its largest attendance in over five years.

Brother Harp reports the congregation is making preparations to expand its facilities.

FOREST HILL, LA.—Midway Assembly has just experienced a glorious revival, according to Pastor Lee Nunley.

Souls were stirred and refilled with the Holy Spirit, and several people received healing for bodily ailments. Glenn Montgomery of Brookshire, Tex., was the evangelist.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Midtown Assembly recently was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla.

Pastor John Franklin reports 70 accepted Christ as Saviour during the five-night meeting. A number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were healed.

There were visitors from many denominations at each service. Since the close of the crusade, the church has enjoyed a continuous spirit of revival and 30 have found Christ.

Midtown Assembly is a new home missions work.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—A week of revival at Glad Tidings Assembly was outstanding, according to Pastor Harold Harding. "There were many spiritual victories won in the lives of people during the crusade," he said.

A number of visitors came to the revival, and the entire congregation was uplifted by Evangelist Ken Alder's ministry.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	Northside	July 7-14	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Ernest Sumrall
	Birmingham	Lakeshore	July 7-19	Guy A. Mims	Leonard E. Page
	Montgomery	Westside	July 9-14	R. J. Snyder Family	Stanley Broadus
	Phenix City	Girard	July 7-21	Thurman-Phillips Team	Fred Bachman
Alaska	Anchorage	<sup>1</sup> Sunset Hills	July 1-7	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Walter Rose
	Wasilla	<sup>2</sup> Beaver Lake Camp	July 8-12	Loyd & Patsy Singley	W. Rose, Dir.
Ariz.	Prescott	Kids Camp	July 1-5	John Pratt Family	Earl L. Ostrom
	Prescott	Kids Camp	July 8-12	John Pratt Family	Earl L. Ostrom
Ark.	Barling	First	July 7-14	Jerry & Kelly Morgan	Glenn Dorsey
	Benton	<sup>1</sup> First	July 7-12	Ed & Sonja Corbin	James Walker
	Dardanelle	First	July 7-14	Bob McCutchen	Bob Huie
Calif.	Modesto	S. Modesto	July 7-14	Walker-Whitfield Team	Kenneth Turner
	Rialto	<sup>1</sup> First	July 7-12	Les & Sandra Merrick	Cecil Branson
Colo.	Denver	Kids Camp	July 1-4	Phil Appenzeller	R. Polvado, Dir.
Fla.	Chipley	First	June 30-July 7	Andrews Brothers Team	C. E. Hodges
	Crystal River	<sup>1</sup> A/G	July 7-14	Joe & Darlene Black	C. W. Hawkins
Ga.	Centerville	A/G	July 8-14	Mike & Mary Purkey	W. S. Formby
Hawaii	Captain Cook	A/G	July 9-14	The Singing Lords	Porferio Gulfan
	Naalehu	A/G	June 30-July 7	The Singing Lords	Richard Evans
Idaho	Arco	A/G	July 7-21	Warren D. Combs	James Kay
Ill.	Chicago	<sup>1</sup> Lowell Ave.	July 2-7	Paul & Myrtle Hild	Van Frownfelter
	Decatur	Glad Tidings	July 3-7	The King's Daughters	J. H. Crouch
Ind.	Bedford	First	July 31-Aug. 11	Ken & Martha Pilkenton	E. J. Bruton
	New Castle	First	July 9-14	J. Anthony & Arlene Silva	Ed Summerfield
Iowa	Marshalltown	First	July 3-7	The Tanner Team	Aubrey Grindstaff
Kans.	Humboldt	<sup>1</sup> A/G	July 7-12	Phil Appenzeller	John Wyckoff
Ky.	Crestwood	Kids Camp	July 8-12	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	R. Dale, Dir.
	Madisonville	<sup>1</sup> First	July 9-14	Paul & Myrtle Hild	Stan Kostencki
La.	Slidell	First	July 10-21	Keetah Jones	Ansley Orfila
Md.	Savage	<sup>3</sup> Bethel	June 25-30	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	E. W. Mason
Minn.	Alexandria	<sup>4</sup> Lake Geneva	July 8-12	Kathleen Jennings	D. Torgerson, Dir.
Miss.	Aberdeen	First	July 7-14	Gene Emswiler	R. H. Broadhead
	Hurley	Kids Camp	July 1-5	Joe & Darlene Black	J. Whitney, D-CAP
	Hurley	Youth Camp	July 8-12	Tommy Calk	J. Whitney, D-CAP
	Tupelo	Faith	July 3-7	Jim Snyder Family	C. E. Sims
Mo.	Advance	A/G	July 10-21	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	James Hamilton
	Elvins	A/G	July 7-14	Ken & Diane Alder	Joseph Miller
	Orrick	A/G	June 30-July 14	Glenna Byard	H. Scott Garner
	Springfield	Parkerest	July 10-12	K. L. Claycomb	Paul Witten
	Sikeston	Calvary	July 7-12	Wayne Wilcox Evang. Team	T. A. McDonough
Nebr.	Bellevue	A/G	July 3—	Carl & Sharon Taylor	Charles Turner
	Grand Island	Kids Camp	July 8-12	Jennie L. Powell	J. Stocker, Dir.
N. J.	Long Branch	First	July 10-21	Levi & Alma Storms	Walter Eckstein
N. Mex.	Deming	First	June 26-July 5	David & LaHoma Sasse	M. Wayne Barnard
	Dulce	Apache	July 7-14	David & LaHoma Sasse	O. W. Greaser
N. Y.	Rochester	Christian	June 26-30	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Joseph Mignano
Ohio	Dayton	<sup>1</sup> Northwest	July 1-5	Gene & Esther Fiddler	David Ridge
Okla.	Cache	A/G	July 1-13	Benny & Sherri Ferguson	Wiley Meador
	Graham	<sup>1</sup> A/G	June 24-30	Ricky & Diana Pfeil	Hurshel Baker
	Minco	A/G	July 1-7	Joe & Beverly Hancock	Bob Bartosovsky
	Okla. City	<sup>1</sup> Campmeeting	July 8-13	Karen S. King	Joseph Dunets
Oreg.	Portland	Evangel Tem.	July 7-12	Whitenack-White Team	O. Chapin, Dr.
	Sisters	Camp Santiam	July 8-13	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	J. L. Schaffer
Tenn.	Sweetwater	First	July 10-14	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	W. C. Smith
Tex.	Brownsboro	<sup>1</sup> A/G	July 9-14	Samuel & Patricia Calk	David Ferguson
	Carthage	First	July 3-7	H. A. & Ruth Strange	A. J. Pettit
	Canyon	First	July 10-21	B. J. & Joyce Smith	R. C. Roop
	El Paso	Valley	July 9-14	Charles Ogdon	B. R. Griffith
	Ft. Worth	Zion Temple	July 7-14	Luis Torres	Don Davis
	Grand Prairie	<sup>1</sup> Shady Grove	June 24-28	Travis & Mrs. Corder	Karl Thomson
	Highlands	First	July 8-14	Leo S. Gaston	E. Barnes, Dir.
	Jacksonville	Kids Camp	July 8-12	Charles J. Aaron	Earnest Freeman
	Marshall	<sup>1</sup> Calvary	July 8-12	Travis & Mrs. Corder	J. W. Farmer
	Midland	<sup>1</sup> First	July 2-7	Samuel & Patricia Calk	J. W. Ford
	Santa Anna	A/G	July 10-21	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	W. W. Hays
	Southlake	First	July 1-7	Leo S. Gaston	Donald Martin
	Sunray	<sup>1</sup> A/G	July 1-5	Ricky & Diana Pfeil	John Bryant
	Vernon	<sup>1</sup> First	June 30-July 5	Karen S. King	S. E. Eldridge
	Wichita Falls	<sup>1</sup> First	July 7-12	Ricky & Diana Pfeil	A. W. Phillips
Va.	Vienna	First	July 5-7	Levi & Alma Storms	Ron McCullough
Wash.	Gleed	<sup>1</sup> A/G	July 7-12	L. O. & Mrs. Triplett	D. Webster, Dir.
W. Va.	Mossyrock	<sup>5</sup> Mayfield Camp	July 9-12	Charles J. Senechal	Larry Meadows
Wis.	Waupaca	Kids Camp	June 23-July 7	Lula M. Ware	L. Anderson, Dir.
			July 8-26	Gene & Esther Fiddler	

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## HOLY SPIRIT OUTPOURED IN NEW CHURCH

MAHALAPYE, BOTSWANA—Nineteen believers received the Holy Spirit in one of the first services held in the new Assembly of God here.

Queen Assembly, Seattle, Wash., supplied funds for the new church. Just as soon as the



Mahalapye congregation on dedication day. Kneeling at the front (left to right) are: C. C. Harris, Superintendent S. M. Makhaola, and Gerald Olshevski. Above are Pastor and Mrs. Isaac Ketshabile and baby.

roof was on, services were held in the building. Botswanian WMCs provided benches. Missionary C. C. Harris conducted the dedication ceremonies.

This assembly was pioneered three years ago when Brother Harris erected a tent and conducted a Good News Crusade. Bible school students helped blanket the area with gospel literature. Hundreds of people attended the services and many made decisions for Christ.

After the crusade was over, services were continued under a tree. The pastor, Isaac Ketshabile, was the first pastor in Botswana to be supported by the Botswana Assemblies of God Home Missions fund.



## Coffeehouse opened in historic Worms

WORMS, GERMANY—In this historic city where the Protestant Reformation was born, Missionary Alfred Perna Jr. recently held dedication services for Martin Luther's Coffeehouse.

The Cornerstone, a contemporary musical group, presented gospel music for the program. Capt. James Perkins and Maj. John Simpson, Assemblies of God chaplains stationed with U.S. forces in Germany, participated in the ceremonies.

Worms, a city of 90,000 people, has had no Assemblies of

God witness. Teen Challenge, along with the Berean Missionary Fellowship, has pioneered a Pentecostal revival in the area.

The Teen Challenge program, under the direction of Brother Perna and Missionary Barry Eischenhart, sponsored the coffeehouse operation. Many have accepted Christ through the witnessing of the TC members.

One young couple has been delivered from addiction to hard narcotics. They are assisting in the coffeehouse ministry—testifying and witnessing for Christ.

Martin Luther's Coffeehouse in Worms



## NEW SERVICEMEN'S CENTER DEDICATED

BANGKOK, THAILAND—A new chapel and servicemen's lounge were dedicated here in February. Special speakers included Air Force Chaplain (LTC) Edward Shoupe and Wesley Hurst, field secretary for the Far East and Southeast Asia. The lounge was dedicated to the memory of Marine Lance Corporal Paul Goggin who was killed in Vietnam. LTC Thornton Burns Jr., commander of the Bangkok Detachment (right), was presented a memorial bronze plaque which he in turn presented to Ervin E. Shaffer, director of the center (left), to be displayed in the memorial lounge. Cpl. Goggin's father, an Assemblies of God minister, is missions director for the Potomac District.

## Grandmother's healing turns teenage gang to Christ

NALEDI, S. AFRICA—In recent months the churches of this city have experienced a revival among the youth. A gang of young men who formerly spent their time in gambling and dice games have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The leader of the gang, Ephraim Mafatse, was the first to be converted. After many invitations to attend church, he

came to a youth service on Friday evening. That first night he gave his heart to the Lord.

When Johannes, another member of the gang, heard Ephraim's testimony he mocked and made fun, saying that he would believe only if his bedridden grandmother was able to walk again. In simple faith, Ephraim went to pray for his friend's grandmother. For the first time in many years the grandmother walked. Johannes opened his heart to Christ.

The testimonies of these young men set off a chain reaction of conversions and a revival has resulted.

## VETERAN MISSIONARY IS WITH THE LORD

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Joseph W. Nilsen, 76, veteran Assemblies of God missionary to Africa, went to be with the Lord in March.

Ordained by the Northern California—Nevada District, Brother Nilsen began his first term of missionary service in 1929. During this and the succeeding term, Brother Nilsen and his wife ministered at Betongwe and Gombari in the Belgian Congo (present-day Zaire).

The Nilsens' work included the supervising of day schools and a clinic for babies, preaching locally, and ministering in surrounding villages to which they traveled on foot.

In addition to his service in the Congo, Brother Nilsen was the first Assemblies of God missionary assigned to Tanzania. In the face of great spiritual opposition, he established the work

at Igali in the southern highlands near Mbeya.

Two more terms were spent in the Congo before failing health necessitated his retirement. Superannuated in 1963 after more than 30 years of active service, the Nilsens made their home in Medford, Oregon.

Brother Nilsen is survived by his wife Ebba, two sons, and a daughter.





## Assemblies of God and Inter-Varsity collaborate for Ghana crusade

CAPE COAST, GHANA—A Good News Crusade held here recently in the sports stadium drew crowds of more than 2,000 every night.

### J. ROBERT ASHCROFT TO CONDUCT FOREIGN SEMINARS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—J. Robert Ashcroft, former president of Evangel College, has accepted an invitation from the Division of Foreign Missions to conduct spiritual life seminars for A/G missionary field fellowships and national churches overseas.

Dr. Ashcroft's long experience in administration and education will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the maturing national churches.

After Evangelist Danny Santa Lucia from Brooklyn, N.Y., spoke, hundreds responded to the altar call and Christian students from the area instructed them in the Word of God.

To prepare for the crusade, Missionary Bronnie Stroud supervised Spirit-filled students from Southern Ghana Bible Institute and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the University of Cape Coast in the distribution of gospel literature to 5,000 homes and offices. Large banners were posted and announcements were broadcast daily on the local radio stations.

While ministering in this country, Evangelist Lucia, a former drug addict, gave his testimony to more than 6,000 students in 14 schools, colleges, and universities. He spoke in a prison and an army camp as well as

in several churches and community halls.

During the week of special meetings, more than 1,000 came to know Christ, and since then many have been filled with the Holy Spirit. An Assemblies

of God church has been organized and attendance at the services held in a rented building is more than 100. John Hudson, a second-year Bible student, is serving as pastor of the new church.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS REACH OVER 800 PERSONS

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—Pastors and laymen in this city are making an all-out effort to reach every neighborhood with the message of salvation. Church members are volunteering their homes for meeting places.

Pastor Carlos Jimenez, whose church has 300 in attendance, had 20 homes offered the first week. The pastor taught those who were willing to participate in the simple Bible pattern of leading a soul to Christ.

Some were fearful at the beginning of the program, but after one week they were anxious to tell how God had helped them share the gospel with their neighbors.

Pastor Vicente Amaya had only four homes opened for meetings the first week, but at one he found 30 people had gathered. Only four of the 30 were Christians. He spent the entire evening answering questions and sharing the gospel. Pastor Amaya reported, "I was

thrilled. I haven't had a chance to talk with that many unsaved people for a long time."

This outreach has continued to grow until more than 800 persons are attending meetings in 32 homes each week. Most of these are people who had never attended a church service.

### MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

THE FOLLOWING missionaries are returning to the U.S. for deputational work: The Calvin Zeisslers (Philippines); the Rex Jacksons (Togo-Dahomey); Rosa Reineker (Germany); Florence Metcalf (Malawi); Sandra Flagstad (Belgium); the David Harrisons (Brazil); Bonnie Roush (Sierra Leone); the John Wagners (Bolivia); and Betty Savage (Sierra Leone).

The Lawrence Burtons are newly approved missionaries to Micronesia. Their field was incorrectly listed as Philippines under their picture last month.



### MINUTES OF MISSIONS

**BRAZIL**—Paulo, a young salesman in Rio de Janeiro, accepted the Lord through reading a Portuguese gospel tract, "This Was Your Life." He had attended church as a boy but never experienced personal salvation. After reading the tract he went to the local assembly and surrendered his life to the Lord. He is now enrolled in the Pentecostal Bible Institute.

**SOUTH AFRICA**—The national government has recently given property to the Assemblies of God in Roodepoort and Springs. According to Missionary Eugene Grams, an estimated \$9,000 is needed now to build churches on the properties.

**PANAMA**—During the annual Panama Assemblies of God council, 125 young men dedicated their lives to full-time ministry. N. D. Davidson was the council speaker.

**COLOMBIA**—Julio Caesar Ruibal recently ministered for three weeks in several cities of this country. More than 15,000 gathered in an open stadium in Bogota to hear him, and in Medellin he spoke to more than 50,000. Brother Ruibal, a 21-year-old evangelist, has traveled widely in South America preaching the gospel.

**LESOTHO**—The first ministers' seminar for Assemblies of God pastors in this nation met recently on the campus of the Bible school in Maseru. Workshops on evangelism, Sunday school, and church administration were conducted. A communion service for pastors and their wives was held on Friday morning. Missionary Don Phillips was the speaker for the banquet which concluded three days of spiritual refreshing.

**PANAMA**—Missionary-Evangelist Richard Jeffery and Missionary David Godwin have pioneered churches in San Miguelito and Pedregal recently. Now each of these churches has a pastor and is completely self-supporting. Offerings from interested people and churches in Phoenix, Ariz., and Detroit, Mich., helped purchase a lot for the church in Pedregal. More funds are needed for church construction there, as well as for a lot and building in San Miguelito.

### MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO THE FIELD



The Harold Carlbloms  
Indonesia



The T. Glenn Dunns  
Philippines

### FIRST-TIME MISSIONARIES GOING TO THE FIELD



Fred Howsare family  
Indonesia



Velma Kelley  
Peru



# evangeletters

## READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

### Disputes news item

In the April 7 *Evangel* you quoted Bernard Barron of World Vision International regarding the African famines. Mr. Barron has placed the blame for these famines on the Western world and said these famines are due to one-quarter of the world's population consuming 80 percent of the world's resources.

I find it very difficult to reconcile Mr. Barron's statement with any known facts existing today. We indeed enjoy a very high level of living standards but these certainly have not contributed to the famines of Africa.

Fortunately, our high production of food has done much throughout the years to relieve hunger in many parts of the world. It would appear that Mr. Barron would advocate that we reduce our standards of living and thereby help relieve the African situation. This is certainly not realistic.

MAX EPHRAIM JR.  
Illinois

### Enjoys articles on Holy Spirit

I have been born again for several years and only baptized in the Holy Spirit for four months.

I would like to see more articles in the *Evangel* like the one, "The Miracle Bread" by Oskar Jeske (Feb. 24 issue). I still read this article and find it a blessing and a promise of our Lord's care for us.

Please never stop publishing articles on the Holy Spirit. So many people today are so confused about Him. Your publication serves as a great source of education for many.

THOMAS E. CHECHILE  
Pennsylvania

### Likes 'Peter and Me'

The article "Peter and Me" in the April 21 *Evangel* is brilliant. What a profound influence the article had on my life! Any person, young or old, can easily identify with Peter.

Here is an expression of the extremes in Christian living of which most of us are aware, but these extremes in life were illuminated by the fact that it is indeed our commitment to Jesus Lord and our willingness to serve Him which overcomes all our crazy faults, every last one of them.

I'm glad to know that the author (Al Ferguson) is editor of *Youth Alive!* Today's youth need more of the same quickening essays.

JANET D'AMBROSIA  
Pennsylvania

### Alcohol containers need warnings

You see warnings on cigarettes and most all drugs, but I have never seen a warning on a beer can. I believe alcohol is much worse than cigarettes.

Why doesn't the Federal Trade Commission or the Food and Drug Administration suggest or make it law that warnings be posted on alcoholic beverages?

Alcoholic beverages are drugs, yet they are sold on the public market with no warnings at all. Many acts of crime, automobile accidents, loss of jobs, divorces, and broken families can be traced to alcoholism. The battle against alcoholism must be the public's, not just the alcoholic's.

MILTON PIETROWSKI  
Oklahoma

### Occult books burned

I was greatly disturbed by one little insert in the back of the April 14 issue.

This was the item on the books of the occult being burned by 100 people of a church in Illinois.

What bothered me was not the fact that these evil books were destroyed, but that it was done publicly. It was an uplifting of Satan in the eyes of the non-Christian community.

The only thing this book burning accomplished was to publicize the fact that the Christian community is against Satan's work in the world today. This was a foregone conclusion before the books were burned.

FRANK T. SCHULTZ  
Wisconsin

### Enjoys 'peace' article

The March 31 *Evangel* has brought me much joy and pleasure. Recently the editorials and all the other articles have been so inspiring.

But the article that especially blessed me in this issue was, "How Can I Find Personal Peace?" by John M. Drescher. I have read it twice and shall keep this issue because it seems it was written just for me.

MRS. C. C. COFFEE  
Louisiana

### Jesus glorified

I really appreciate the way Jesus is glorified in your magazine, and also your missionary zeal.

Please continue to give us articles about missions and miracles God is performing today.

KATHARINE BELL  
Massachusetts

### Hairdresser witnesses

I am a hairdresser with my own shop. Of course, I witness for the Lord at every chance but I felt led to do more.

So I cut out some good hair styles, put them on colored paper, and write a message underneath.

My customers have really enjoyed them. Usually they say something about them, giving me the chance to put in a word for the Lord.

ANNE CONNER  
Virginia

### Shut-in enjoys *Evangel*

I am a shut-in, nearly 77 years old and want to renew my *Evangel* subscription.

One thing I like about the *Evangel* is that it comes weekly

and I don't have to wait so long. Sometimes I cut out articles that I think are extra good and pass them along in letters. When people come to visit, I sometimes give them some of the *Evangel*s.

ANNIE DIVER  
Indiana

### Mother's faithfulness rewarded

Mother's faithfulness in sending me the *Evangel* many years ago helped bring me to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. She has sent it to me for over 20 years.

I cannot get out to church so the *Evangel* and Sunday school literature my mother sends me are precious and help feed my soul.

MARGARET POTTER  
Arkansas



## speaking of books

### THERE'S A NEW WORLD COMING

Hal Lindsey (308 pages, cloth; Vision House Publishers, \$4.95)

If you've been looking for a readable, sensible, up-to-date commentary on the Book of Revelation, this is it.

Hal Lindsey is both a competent Bible teacher and a lucid writer. He's a favorite among young people, having toured college campuses as lecturer and counselor for many years.

His books *The Late Great Planet Earth* and *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* are best sellers.

In *There's a New World Coming* he deals with the entire Book of Revelation, section by section. He interprets the symbols in modern terms like helicopters, meteors, and thermonuclear weapons.

Taking a Premillennial position, he discusses such subjects as the Rapture of the Church, the rebuilding of the Temple, the mark of the Beast, the yellow terror, Armageddon, and the millennium.

His interpretations are not dogmatic, but neither does he hesitate to express an opinion on the most obscure passages.

Some Bible students believe he goes too far in interpreting the details. They point out that prophecy is given to us for confirmation, not speculation.

Jesus said to His disciples, "I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe" (John 14:29). The Lord did not expect them to predict all the events in advance. He simply wanted to prepare them so that when the events took place they would not be shaken, but would

remember the prophecy and know it was all in God's program, unfolding on schedule.

For this reason it is good to study the Book of Revelation. Hal Lindsey makes this mysterious Book relevant to our times with such chapter headings as "144,000 Jews for Jesus," "An Ambassador from Galaxy H," "The Death of World Ecology," and "The Last Days of the Common Market."

He ends with a warning that Jesus is coming soon, and urges the reader to accept Him as Saviour so he may enjoy the new world that's coming.

—R. C. Cunningham

### TRAMP FOR THE LORD

Corrie Ten Boom with Jamie Buckingham (192 pages, cloth; Fleming H. Revell, \$5.95)

Those who have read Miss Ten Boom's book *The Hiding Place* will recall the story of her years in a German concentration camp during World War II where she was sent for hiding Jews from the Nazis in Holland.

In *Tramp for the Lord*, Corrie Ten Boom tells how she has lived since that time. She has crisscrossed the globe, slept in more than a thousand different beds, and lived out of suitcases—all to fulfill her God-given mission to tell people everywhere what she learned in the midst of those dark days in prison—that Jesus Christ is victor.

This remarkable woman, now 81 years old, is still traveling the globe as a self-styled "tramp for the Lord."

Her radiant faith and love for God shine through the pages of this fascinating book.

—JULEEN TURNAGE



# Champion runner of all time

SPEAKING of champions, we have them here at Springfield. I refer not only to Dick Champion, the talented managing editor of the *Evangel*, and his fine family but also to *Youth Alive*, our award-winning youth magazine.

At the 1974 convention of the Evangelical Press Association, awards were given for excellence in many categories and *Youth Alive* ran off with several, including the top award. We congratulate the entire staff of *Youth Alive* and particularly its editor, Al Ferguson.

There were 77 periodicals entered in the contest. *Youth Alive* won awards for "best original art" and "best full-color cover." In addition it was named best youth magazine and EPA's "periodical of the year."

The judges said *Youth Alive* is outstanding for design, content, and writing style. They found it eminently successful in accomplishing its aim: "to provide youth with exciting and inspirational material for self-edification; to provide information concerning youth retreats and happenings around the world; and to make the package attractive so it becomes a natural pass-it-on item

for sharing Christ with others."

We hope our CAs, youth leaders, and pastors appreciate what a fine youth magazine they have. *Youth Alive* ought to be in every home where there are teenagers. Every church ought to take advantage of this eye-catching magazine and use it as a tool for reaching the young people of the community.

The full-color cover that won the award was "*Youth Alive* at Munich." As I looked at that photograph of thousands watching the Olympic competition (among whom CAs were doing personal evangelism) I thought of the great efforts made by the swimmers, jumpers, runners, etc. and it occurred to me that the champion runner of all time never competed in the Olympic Games. He won the championship in Egypt when he sprinted out of the presence of his master's wife.

"Lie with me," she urged. But he said that would be wicked—a crime against her husband and a sin against God—so he ran for his life (Genesis 39:7-12).

Joseph was an athlete to be admired and emulated. "Flee youthful lusts," the Bible says (2 Timothy

2:22). Never has this advice been needed more than in this wide-open day of loose morals and sexual permissiveness.

"Flee fornication" (1 Corinthians 6:18). "Flee idolatry" (1 Corinthians 10:14). There's a time to stand and fight, and there's a time to run. In military warfare, a strategic retreat may win a battle better than a brave but hopeless stand.

One secret of a victorious Christian life is to remove oneself from the scene of temptation. "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Proverbs 4:14, 15).

If you think you can put your finger in the flame and not be burned, you're wrong. Don't expose your soul to danger by running with the wrong crowd, reading the wrong magazines, or indulging in questionable pleasures. Follow Joseph's example and run for your life. You may never win a gold medal at the Olympics but you can earn a crown of everlasting life if, when temptation comes, you run fast enough and run in the right direction.

—r.c.c.

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

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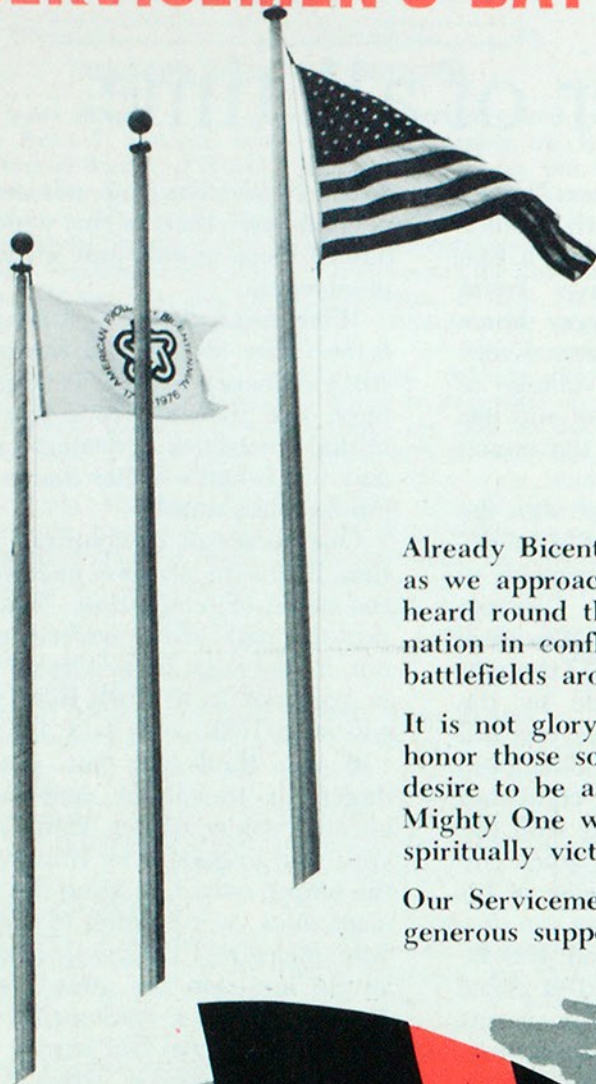
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