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FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

By PERCY S. BREWSTER

throughout the world, the Bible has good news. It states that Jesus Christ, who healed the diseased and afflicted so long ago, is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). He has never changed but still waits in the shadows of our lives to help.

He is always quick to recognize and honor the cry of faith, even as He did when the woman who was weak with an illness of 12 years duration pushed through the crowd and touched Him.

Jesus immediately said, "Who touched me?" (Luke 8:45). Hundreds were gathered around, pressing and touching Him, but only one touched Him with faith. He said to the woman, "Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." That kind of touch will always have an answer from the Lord!

In our lifetime we have seen a marvelous revival of divine healing throughout the world. Multiplied thousands have sought and received healing for their bodies from the hand of Jesus.

Along with the genuine there has been the spurious. Quack healers have foisted themselves upon poor, suffering mankind, seeking to make capital out of people's need. Spiritist mediums likewise have laid claim to healing powers. Others have taught that mental power can overcome sickness, while many have prayed to the Virgin Mary and departed saints for healing. All these systems are to be rejected because they have no scriptural foundation. They can only result in frustration, irritation, and trouble. They bring real Bible healing into disrepute.

If all the Christian churches were alive to their calling and practiced divine healing with the liberal display of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, all the imitations and counterfeits would not have opportunity to deceive the people.

Remember the great miracles of Jesus were called *signs*. The healing miracles were a rebuke to people's doubts and a divine confirmation of His gospel. These signs are needed today as much as in those bygone days to overcome the unbelief and the indifference to the gospel that we find everywhere.

God gave the church two great weapons with which to fight Satanic powers: one is the demonstration of divine power in healing the sick, and the other is the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies. Where His servants faithfully minister to the sick and teach concerning the "signs of the times" that point to Christ's return, they experience Holy Ghost revival. There is a moving of the Spirit that defeats all opposition. The latter-day outpouring of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues is one of the most

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prominent signs of the days in which we live.

Divine healing is not a new teaching. It is as old as the human race. God Himself taught His ancient people that He would be their Healer. The early prophecies proclaimed that the Messiah would come with healings and miracles. Interwoven in the Psalms is the assurance that God cares for His people enough to heal and preserve them.

Jesus Himself taught and demonstrated God's willingness to heal the sick. Practically every known disease was cured by the command of Christ.

Before He returned to heaven He delegated this healing ministry to His disciples. He commissioned them to go out into all the world with a twofold message: to preach the forgiveness of sins and the healing of the sick. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that

healing



believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:15-18).

The disciples obeyed this command from Christ. "They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). Healings were the common order of the day.

Sometimes the sick were healed individually, sometimes en masse. On at least one occasion God did special miracles so that cloths coming from the body of the apostle were enough to transmit healing to the people. On another occasion the power of God was present to such an extent that even the shadow of an apostle falling upon the diseased was enough to bring healing to them.

What can we say to all these things? The Bible

is full of the teaching of divine healing. God has immense love and concern for the sick and suffering. Even during the wilderness wanderings of His rebellious, erring people, His compassion and sympathy reached them. The moment they returned to Him in humble repentance, He provided a remedy for their sickness. Moses was directed to make a brass serpent and place it high upon a pole in the midst of the camp where the sick people lay, and if the sick would look upon that serpent they were healed (Numbers 21:9).

Today a drawing of a serpent on a pole is used by physicians as a symbol of their healing profession. By means of their medical knowledge and skill they are able to help the suffering in many ways. At the same time, thousands of medical doctors all over the world are sincere believers in the power of prayer. They firmly believe in divine healing and in the supernatural power of God to effect miraculous changes in human bodies. They realize there are limitations to the ability of medical science to cure human ills and they will be among the first to declare that God answers prayer for the sick.

So the duty of the church is clear. God's servants are called to preach and practice divine healing; and when believers are sick, their first resort is to be prayer. For the Bible says, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray" (James 5:13). It further says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..."

Thank God for this marvelous provision He has made for healing the sicknesses of His people. He who caused the brass serpent to be raised in the wilderness to bring healing to His ancient people still loves the sick and suffering. He caused His own Son to be raised on the cross for our healing (John 3:14, 15).

The Old Testament prophet said, "With his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5), and the New Testament apostle declared, "Christ... his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:21-25).

Every blessing we have—for soul and body, for mind and spirit—comes to us through our Lord's death on the cross. It was God's way. He sent His Son Jesus Christ to bear our sins and the bruising of His body was for the healing of ours. There is nothing mystical about divine healing. It is the gift of God, like salvation, and we appropriate it through simple faith. What God has said He will surely do. Believe it, and healing will come.

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The Flow Is Downward

GORDON WATT, IN ONE OF HIS BOOKS, tells of a government official in India who was engaged in irrigation work. The official came to the proprietor of a certain field and told him he was going to make it fruitful.

The proprietor answered, "You need not attempt to do anything with my field. It is barren and will produce nothing."

The official replied: "I can make your field richly fruitful if it only lies low enough."

If we are willing to lower ourselves and be truly humble in God's sight, He will pour His streams of blessing into our lives. Salvation, healing, and spiritual power will flow from heaven into any heart that is low enough. But water flows down, not up. The low ground is always greenest.

The story of Christ's earthly ministry is replete with examples of humble folk who received His healing touch. One of these is the Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28). She asked Jesus to deliver her daughter of a tormenting demon, but He told her that His healing ministry was only for the house of Israel, the children of the Kingdom. "It is not meet to take the children's bread," He said, "and give it unto dogs."

She might have taken this as an insult; but instead she used it as an invitation. "Truth, Lord," she answered, "yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." When Jesus saw her take this lowly place He said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Her faith was great because it was mixed with much humility.

It is possible to have faith that can move mountains, without having the kind of faith that moves God. The apostle said, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2). The faith that moves God is not a brazen faith, but a meek faith. It is marked by self-abasement, a broken spirit, and a sense of unworthiness.

When we come to God in prayer, let us not use the Bible promises as clubs as though we can force the Lord to do something He is reluctant to do. Neither let us march proudly into His presence wearing robes of self-righteousness as though we can merit His favor. It flatters the ego to suppose we have some inalienable rights to God's blessing. It gratifies the flesh to think we have some dictatorial authority by which to demand certain privileges of the Lord. Our Heavenly Father is so kind and patient that He often grants our requests in spite of this presumptuous attitude on our part, but Peter prescribes the clothing we should wear when we enter the court of the King of kings. "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

If we are well-trained children of our Heavenly Father we do not make a demand of Him—we make a request. We respectfully ask a favor. None of us deserves the least of God's favors; and yet He has invited us to come boldly to His throne of grace, to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us come boldly, but humbly, recognizing His holiness, justice, and almighty power, and also remembering that He is a loving Father. He loves to bless the humble ones. When we get low enough we shall receive from Him the help, the healing, and all other things we need.

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WE BELIEVE . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEN, AFTER PENTECOST, the paralytic was healed through Peter and John at the gate of the temple, it was "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" that they said to him, "Rise up and walk."

As soon as the people in their amazement ran together to them, Peter declared it was the name of Jesus which had so completely healed the man.

As a result of this miracle and of Peter's discourse, many people who had heard the Word believed (Acts 4:4).

On the morrow Peter repeated these words before the Sanhedrin, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... doth this man stand here before you whole"; and then he added, "There is none other name under heaven... whereby we must be saved." Peter's statement declares that the name of Jesus both heals and saves.

We see that *healing and health form part of Christ's salvation*. Did not Peter clearly state this in his discourse to the Sanhedrin where, having spoken of healing, he immediately goes on to speak of salvation by Christ? (Acts 4:10, 12). In heaven even our bodies will have their part in salvation; salvation will be incomplete until our bodies shall enjoy the full redemption of Christ. Why then should we not believe in this work of redemption here below?

We see also that health as well as salvation is to be obtained by faith. The tendency of man by nature is to try to bring about his salvation by his works; and it is only with difficulty that he comes to receive it by faith.

But when it is a question of the healing of

the body, he has still more difficulty in seizing it. As to salvation, he finally accepts it because by no other means can he open the door of heaven; while for the body, he makes use of well-known remedies. But were not these words, "Thy faith hath saved thee," pronounced when the body was healed? Happy is he who comes to understand that divine healing is the will of God.

Our Heavenly Father wishes to reveal to us His love and to manifest the power of Jesus. He desires to exercise our faith, and to confirm it, and to make us prove the power of redemption in the body as well as in the soul.

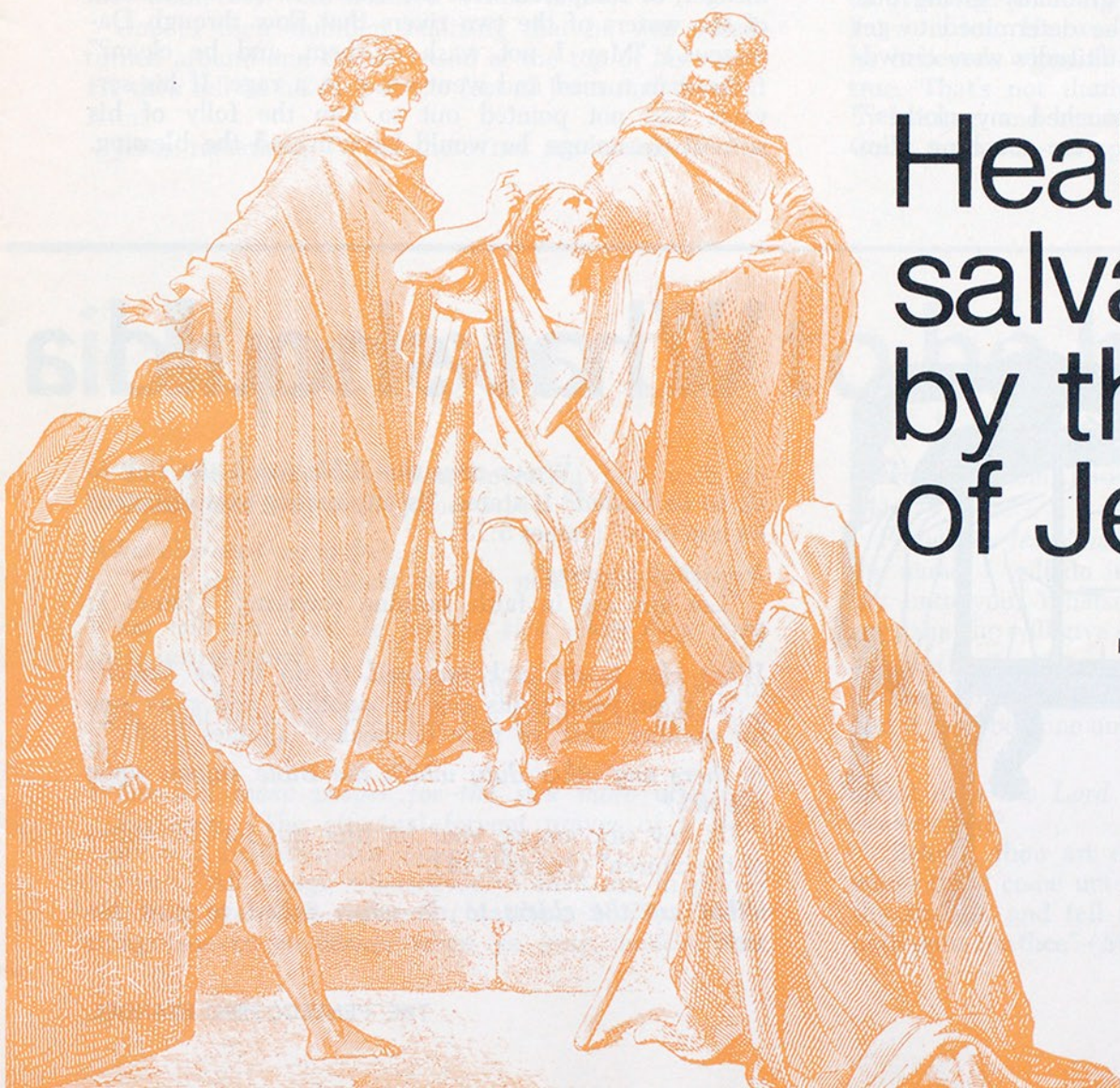
Wherever the Spirit acts with power, there He works divine healings. Would it not seem that if ever miracles were superfluous, it was at Pentecost, for then the word of the apostles worked mightily, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit was abundant? Well, it is precisely because the Spirit acted powerfully that His working must needs be visible in the body.

If divine healing is rarely seen, we can attribute it to no other cause than that the Spirit does not act with power. The unbelief of worldlings and the want of zeal among believers stop His working. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit; let us place ourselves unreservedly under His direction; and let us seek to be firm in our faith in the name of Jesus, whether for preaching salvation or for the work of healing.

God grants healing to glorify the name of Jesus. *Let us seek to be healed by Jesus that His name may be glorified.*

Health and salvation by the name of Jesus

By ANDREW MURRAY



If you are sick, this message is for you.

THE FAITH THAT BRINGS HEALING

By Evangelist HARVEY McALISTER

TWO BLIND MEN had this kind of faith (Matthew 9:27-30). As they approached Jesus, seeking healing, He asked them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" Satisfied with their response, Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

I believe Jesus meant: "If your faith is limited, so will be your recovery; but if your faith is boundless, you may have perfect sight." Theirs was an unlimited faith. It knew no bounds. The record reads, "And their eyes were opened."

FAITH IN CHRIST'S WILLINGNESS TO HEAL

The woman with the issue of blood is a picture of helplessness and hopeless despair (Mark 5:25-34). In ill health for 12 years she had spent all her money and was no better. Her strength was gradually giving out.

Then she heard of Jesus and she determined to get to Him. Finally she found Him. Multitudes were crowding about, but she pressed her way in.

Suddenly Jesus asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Certainly in the multitude *many* were touching Him.

But they touched Him with no object in view; but she believed that if she touched His clothing, she would be healed!

There was no question in her mind, and no doubt in her heart. She did not doubt His power, and still less His willingness. Sooner would she doubt her right to avail herself of the heat of the sun's rays in winter, or to quench her thirst by a drink from a pure and cool mountain stream in summer, than to have in her heart any doubts about her right to His healing virtue. She came in the crowd behind Him and touched His garment. Hers was an instantaneous healing. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole."

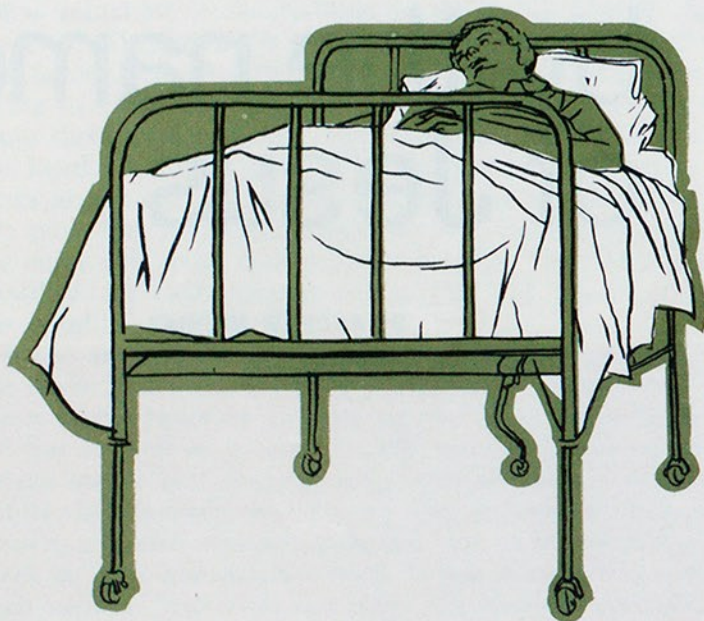
FAITH DEMONSTRATED BY HUMILITY

The reasonings of the natural man sometimes run counter to the Lord's ways. How true this was of Naaman as he sought Elisha to be healed. He had figured out just how God's prophet should proceed. "I thought," said Naaman, "He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper."

A messenger from Elisha had told him, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

Naaman was pleased with the promise, but certainly not with the condition attached to it. "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?" he protested. (I have stood on the banks of Jordan, and I have stood on the banks of the Abana and Pharpar. Jordan's waters are muddy and meager, as compared with the clearness and abundance of the waters of the two rivers that flow through Damascus.) "May I not wash in them, and be clean?"

Naaman turned and went away in a rage. If his servants had not pointed out to him the folly of his natural reasonings, he would have missed the blessing.



What should a

WHAT DOES *the Bible* teach the sick to do to be healed? It states, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray" (James 5:13).

How shall he pray?

"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:6).

What else is the sick required to do to be healed?

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5:16).

Is there any other duty which the Bible enjoins upon the sick?

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church" (James 5:14).

What are the elders to do when called to visit the sick?

Naaman must be made to understand that the words of the messenger were not spoken that he might reason as to the comparative values of the rivers; they were addressed to faith—they were something for him to *believe* to the extent of acting in obedience. "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean" (2 Kings 5:14).

If you need healing, natural reasonings will get you nowhere; but bowing in submission to the Word, humbly claiming its promises, honestly meeting its conditions, will make possible the working of the Spirit's power within your body in healing.

FAITH DEMONSTRATED BY OBEDIENCE

As Jesus entered a certain village on His way to Jerusalem, He met 10 lepers. They stood off at considerable distance, crying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Jesus spoke to them words which would require great faith and quick obedience: "Go show yourselves unto the priests."

The priests in those times would be equivalent to the health officers of our day. They alone could officially decide whether these lepers were fit for privileges of citizenship, which were taken away from lepers. To tell them to show themselves to the priests could mean but one thing: they were qualified to pass the required examinations. This command implied instant cleansing. Their acts of obedience, which were acts of faith, synchronized with the fact of their healing: "As they went, they were cleansed" (Luke 17:14).

One of their number, realizing that he was cured, turned around and thanked God at the top of his voice. He then fell on his face at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him.

Jesus remarked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but

where are the nine?" How important thanksgiving and obedience are to healing!

The Word of God preached becomes the Word of *faith*. It produces a wonderful inspiration for men to believe. What is the need in your life? Is it forgiveness? Healing? Power for service? You need faith! Faith is the hand that reaches up to receive that which the pierced hand of the Man of Calvary, in wondrous grace, is reaching down to bestow.

FAITH IN GOD'S PRECIOUS PROMISES

Do you feel you do not have faith, or that your faith is weak? Hear the Word of God preached, and faith will come! Receive into your heart a divine promise suitable to cover your particular need. Do not be haphazard in choosing. Approach the matter with intelligence, for there is a promise somewhere in the Bible that will exactly fit your case. Let your soul feed upon the precious promises. Hold them in your heart! Meditate on them! Get alone with God so that you can read, pray, and praise! Sometimes you must just listen! Then He will speak by His Spirit, by a still small voice, and your heart will cease to be troubled. This is the scriptural way to obtain faith.

Once I watched and listened to a brother in the Lord trying hard to get faith in another way, but he seemed to be getting nowhere. He was kneeling by a bench in the prayer room of a church, pounding it with his fist. Every time he would hit that seat a blow with his clenched fist he would cry aloud, "Lord, I believe!"

But he was not really believing—he was merely trying to overcome a monster of unbelief. I knew it, and he knew it too. He was trying to convince himself that he believed, when all the while the very opposite was true. That's not the way to get faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Believe God's promises—act upon them—and you will be healed.

sick person do to be healed?

"Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

What else are they to do?

"They shall lay hands on the sick" (Mark 16:18).

What will the Lord do for the sick when they obey these instructions?

"They shall recover" (Mark 16:18). "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:15).

What will make prayer for the sick more effective?

Fervency. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).


Faith. "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22). "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that

ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Prayer in Jesus' name. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23).

Close fellowship with Christ. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

What does the Lord require of the sick after he has been healed?

"Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14). "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19). 

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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

ANKLE BONE KNITS MIRACULOUSLY

I WAS AT THE Tidewater Christian Schools doing some volunteer work on May 2, 1970. Another man and I were clearing an area of trees and underbrush in preparation for construction of a new school building. I don't know exactly what happened, but one minute I was standing there; the next I found myself stumbling over the 24-inch buzz saw we were using.

The saw hit my ankle bone dead center. I felt no severe pain, it was more like feeling thousands of volts of electricity from my head to my toes.

Immediately I feared bleeding to death, but I had not severed an artery and did not bleed too badly.

While waiting for the ambulance I began wondering why this happened. We had prayed for protection before starting to work. At first I questioned God, but then faith took hold. I believed that somehow, according to Romans 8:28, God would get glory out of the accident.

X rays showed the lower half of my ankle bone was completely severed. My foot had a gash in it four to five inches long and about a half inch deep. Some of the trees we had taken down were four inches in diameter; the saw went through them almost as quickly as the blink of an eye. It could have just as easily severed my whole leg!

The surgeon put a three-inch screw in my ankle. He also had to pull down and mend a severed tendon. Then he put a cast on my leg up to the knee. Upon learning the seriousness of the accident, we began to believe God for a miracle and told others we were doing so.

I was in the hospital for five days. Shortly after returning home I attended special meetings at a nearby church. I was prayed for, but nothing happened. I hobbled on crutches back to my seat, somewhat disappointed.

But the next night I returned to the meetings. I hesitated to respond for prayer, being reminded by the devil that nothing seemed to happen the last time. Suddenly I realized I was not taking God at His Word, and decided to be prayed for again. Nothing happened immediately. Then, as we talked, the power of God came down and literally knocked the crutches out from under me. As I walked back and forth across the front of the church, I knew I was healed.

At the time, the cast had been on my leg 14 days.

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

The doctor had said my foot was not even to touch the ground for 10 to 12 weeks!

I was able to get an appointment with the doctor two days after my healing. Needless to say, he was against taking the cast off. He talked to me almost half an hour trying to convince me, but I insisted. I had to sign a statement relieving him of any responsibility, his partner being a witness. He then consented to remove the cast. In 18 years as a surgeon he said he had never done anything like this.

Ever since the 16th day after the accident I have been walking on that foot without support. X rays show the bone knitted together in its proper place. Praise God! He is still in the healing business.—Edwin T. Connor, Virginia Beach, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Samuel D. Beiler Jr., First Assembly, Virginia Beach, Va.)

VISION IMPROVES THROUGH PRAYER

MOST ALL OF MY 47 YEARS I have had a serious eye problem and have been under the care of one of the best specialists in St. Louis, Mo. I had so many hemorrhages in the back of my eye that the tissue holding the retina in place had deteriorated.

At various times I was told by several doctors that my eyesight could last only a few years. Each time God helped me through that period.

About two and a half years ago I had developed cataracts. My doctor sent me to a retina specialist who told me that due to my serious eye condition the cataracts could not be removed without great danger of the retina collapsing during surgery. If this happened, the retina would detach, resulting in blindness.

In the following months my sight became even dimmer. I walked in a cloud of fog. At church I was often embarrassed when someone reached out to shake my hand and I wasn't aware of it.

In April 1971 the specialist told me the cataracts were so dense that they could no longer observe the condition of the retina. Eight doctors, including my specialist, met in conference and then decided to go ahead with surgery. I was given no encouragement that I would have any sight after surgery; however, the doctor said nothing but a miracle would make my sight improve without the operation.

The following night when I went to the midweek prayer meeting, Pastor Moore immediately asked me concerning the doctors' decision. God's presence was evident as the pastor called the people to special prayer for me. As they reached out to God, He began moving immediately.

I looked up and saw my pastor praying. It was then I saw his suit was dark, not gray. I looked around and everything was brighter. I could see the dark framework of the clock on the far wall—I had never been

able to see it before. We began praising God, for I knew a miracle was being performed.

In a few days I went back to St. Louis, but not for surgery. My doctor took one look at me and exclaimed: "I can see through the cataracts to the back of the eye!" Immediately he had a group of doctors look at me, all of whom were amazed. They couldn't believe it. One doctor said, "Great! I've never seen anything like it."

Unanimously they decided no operation was needed. Then I gave my testimony to the doctors and their reply was, "Marvelous."

To this day I am no longer in a fog as I was, although my vision is still imperfect. But I can read my Bible and see to do my housework. I asked God to give me a Scripture verse to stand on, and He gave me this: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward" (Isaiah 58:8).

Pray with me in faith that God will complete the healing of my eyes so the doctors may witness another great miracle.—Mrs. Loretta Marsch, Jefferson City, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor L. Jack Moore, Western Hills Assembly, Jefferson City, Mo.)

HEALED OF SKIN PROBLEM

OUR TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER Heather Dawn was healed of a skin problem December 8, 1971, at North Side Assembly of God, Godfrey, Ill., during special meetings conducted by Evangelist William Caldwell, of Tulsa, Okla.

An enlarging spot on Heather's face had caused us to be concerned about a possible skin disease. The condition had developed in one month and was very obvious. The area was raised and discolored; it was itchy and irritable.

The evangelist prayed with my husband and me about her condition. By the time we arrived home from church that night, the trouble was gone, leaving only a shadow of where it had been. Praise God, it hasn't bothered her anymore.

I thank God I have Someone to bring my child to, anytime—whether day or night. This healing has been a convincing testimony to my family.—Mrs. Dan Smith, Godfrey, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert N. Rutledge, North Side Assembly of God, Godfrey, Ill.)

HEALED OF PERIARTHRITIS

FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS I suffered constantly with acute periartthritis in the left shoulder. The most relief I could receive was by taking aspirin. The doctor treated me but told me not to expect results for at least another year and maybe not at all.

In the early part of October 1969 the pain became so severe I felt I couldn't go on. The aspirin no longer gave relief.

I went to church on Sunday night, October 22, and the pastor preached very earnestly on faith in prayer. As he was preaching, something wonderful happened that gave me the faith I needed.

My wife and I were sitting in the back of the church. But for a minute or so it seemed as if I were standing only four or five feet from Pastor Hare, and I could see tears in his eyes. I turned to my wife and told her this. She said, "How could you see from back here?"

I looked again, but I couldn't see him in that way this time. Then the Lord showed me it was by His power I had been able to see this, and I understood the reason my suffering had become so severe was that the Lord wanted me to ask Him for healing.

That night I knelt by my bed and asked God to remove the pain. When I awakened the next morning, the pain was gone. That was two and a half years ago. God has healed me completely. Praise His name.—Fred Fuhrmanek, Baltimore, Md.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daniel W. Hare, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Baltimore, Md.)

CYST DISAPPEARS



IN JANUARY a very painful cyst developed on my eye. It was full of pus. The doctor gave me a patch to keep my eye covered.

During the morning service on January 23, my pastor anointed me with oil and prayed for my eye. That same day I took the patch off my eye, by faith, and I discovered that the cyst was completely healed.

I love Jesus and praise Him so much.—Shelly Speck, Tuckerton, N.J.

(Endorsed by Pastor James Occhipinti, Assembly of God Church, Cedar Run, N.J.)

DELIVERED FROM WORRY

WORRY STARTED TO CONTROL ME because of a family problem. As time went on, worry clutched my thoughts more and more. Soon I was eating, sleeping, and talking worry. It became so severe that I felt a tightness like a band gripping me around the upper waist.

I could not find joy in anything. People began to ask me where my laughter went, and others remarked how terrible I looked.

One Sunday evening the Holy Spirit revealed to Pastor Killian that someone in the congregation was feeling a great inner emptiness, the cause of which was a heavy burden. He even mentioned where the person was sitting, and said that it was a woman. I was the one. Only God could have revealed this to him, because I had never said anything about my tormenting problem. This was God's way of proving to me His awareness of my personal need.

I then went to the altar. When Brother Killian prayed, God began to move in my life. A new freedom came and the Lord restored my joy.—Mrs. Helen Stiles, Indiana, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Nate Killian, First Assembly, Indiana, Pa.)

The follow-through of faith

By J. W. JEPSON

Associate Pastor, First Assembly, Lebanon, Oregon

NEARLY EVERYONE who has been to school has experienced it. It's the feeling of suspense when the report cards are given out at the end of the school year.

"Did I pass?" we wondered. Finally, we mustered up enough courage to look at the card. "Ah, I made it!" What a relief!

No normal person wants to fail and have to take a grade over. We want to learn our lessons, pass the tests, and go forward from there. The same is true in the school of faith.

Faith grows. That is the main point in Jesus' comparison of faith to a grain of mustard seed (Matthew 17:20). It starts small, but if developed properly it will grow to mountain-moving proportions.

To grow, faith must be exercised. And to be exercised, it must be challenged.

Every challenge that confronts faith is an opportunity to grow spiritually. But our faith must follow through. A faith that wavers won't do.

So don't run from that trial, that problem, that situation. Sooner or later you'll face it again. It might be in a different form, a different place, and it might involve different people; but the challenge will be the same, and your faith will not grow until you take a stand upon the principles and promises of the Word and gain victory by God's grace!

It's not enough just to take the whole armor of

God. Having taken it, we must stand (Ephesians 6:10-18). If we run, we are vulnerable. If we stand, all heaven will back us up!

THE BIBLE contains many examples of this principle. In 2 Kings 13:14-19 God promised to smite the Syrians and deliver Israel. The prophet Elisha told King Joash to hit the ground with his arrows. This was the king's opportunity to demonstrate the aggressiveness of his faith in God's promise, to show the inner vigor of his determination to follow through on this divinely provided opportunity.

But what did Joash do? He hit the ground three times—three halfhearted taps were the limit of his inner initiative! That was enough to upset any man of God who was in the habit of believing for a full answer! It upset Elisha. Yes, Joash got what he had enough faith to believe for. He got his three successful military campaigns, but he failed to get complete and permanent victory. His faith did not follow through!

Peter wanted to meet Jesus on the water (Matthew 14:28-32). Jesus welcomed this remarkable expression of aggressive faith and invited him to come. At first Peter did fine. It was an exhilarating experience as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. But when the waves got bigger, fear replaced faith—and Peter began to sink. His faith did not follow through!

John Mark must have felt excited. He was on his way to the mission field with Barnabas and Saul. Acts 13 tells us about it. First came the boat ride from Seleucia to Cyprus. Next it was a whirlwind missionary tour through the island that climaxed in the dramatic conversion of the country's prudent deputy, Sergius Paulus.

Then came another boat ride—but this time things were different. They were traveling farther away from home and deeper into unfamiliar territory. When they landed at Perga, John Mark took a look at that strange, unevangelized country and headed back home. The need was still there. The call was still there. God was still there. The reasons for making the missionary journey in the first place were still there. But fear and homesickness paralyzed his faith and obscured his spiritual vision (as it always does).

It was a lot easier and more enjoyable to shout the victory among thousands of saints back home in Jerusalem than to pioneer the frontiers of the kingdom of God among rock-throwing pagans in Asia Minor. So his faith failed to follow through.

BUT SOME PEOPLE do follow through by God's all-sufficient grace! In Joshua 14:6-15 Caleb remembered the promise God made to him 45 years before. So he went to Joshua with full faith in God and announced: "Now therefore give me this mountain..." He wanted his full inheritance and nothing less. "Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb... because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel."

And there was the woman with the issue of blood (Matthew 9:20-22). The Law said she was not supposed to be out among people (Leviticus 15:25-27). But that did not stop her. The crowd did not stop her. Bashfulness did not stop her. She had made up her mind to touch the hem of Jesus' garment no matter

what the obstacles, and she did! Her faith followed through, and she was healed!


Four men carrying a palsied man and his bed could not get anywhere near Jesus because of the crowd (Mark 2:1-12). For most people that would have been reason enough to give up and go home. But that did not stop four men with determined faith! They tore part of the roof off to get to the Master! The sick man came through the roof on his bed, but he walked out the door with his bed under his arm. Somebody's faith followed through.

And there are many more, both in Bible times and now. These are people who know what God wants to do and what God wants them to have. They know the

promises of God and how to stand on them all the way. They are accustomed to victory, not defeat.

That's what God wants for all of us, and His grace is sufficient to make it so. Only believe—all the way.

It's the follow-through that counts, that wins. The runner who stops one yard short of the finish line loses, even though he ran well and led the field.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1, 2). Real faith will follow through. 

It need not happen to you!

HE WAS THE SOLE OCCUPANT of the lonely shack, and it was apparent to those who found him that the young explorer had been dead a long time.

Sitting in an upright position, with a dish across his knees as a desk, his skeleton hand clutched a letter which he had been writing when death claimed him:

"The sun is shining, Mother, but I feel so cold. I can still walk a little, but that is about all. There is no blood in me because I have not eaten for so long. I haven't seen another human being for 40 days now.

"There are some magazines here, but the stories are so silly. I have some cards, but I don't care for solitaire. The only thing I worry about is whether God will forgive my sins."

He died with no one at his side. He died with no hope in his heart.

Some may question the equality of men—the affirmation that all men are created equal. But all must agree that in two respects at least, all men are born equal.

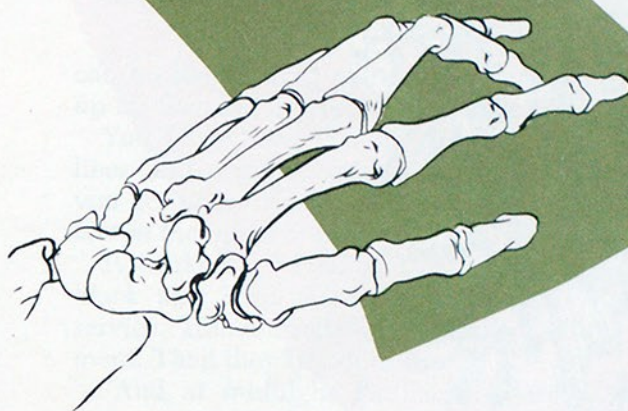
This equality expresses itself in the fact that all men, regardless of nationality or race, are born with only one life to live. Differences in education, wealth, or society cannot affect one iota this basic factor of human existence.

This equality is also demonstrated in the sobering fact that all men must one day conclude their earthly pilgrimage. The circumstances are not always the same! Some are carried into eternity on the waves of a violent death—the hapless victims of war, crime, or accidents. Others die slowly, held fast in the merciless fist of a dreaded disease. Many others pass away quietly in their sleep, worn out through an existence of hard and numerous years.

But all men, in one way or another, are called upon to leave this earth. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

You too, sir, will one day leave this world behind. You too, madam, will one sad day have to kiss your loved ones good-bye.

It may be your lot to die like the young explorer



By SAMUEL M. BUICK

with no one at your side. But you don't have to die without hope in your heart! The lack of assurance manifested by the explorer when he penned the words, "The only thing I worry about is whether God will forgive my sins," does not have to be your experience. It need not happen to you!

You can know the peace of God in your heart today! The sacred record makes it as clear as a cloudless day with the noonday sun: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

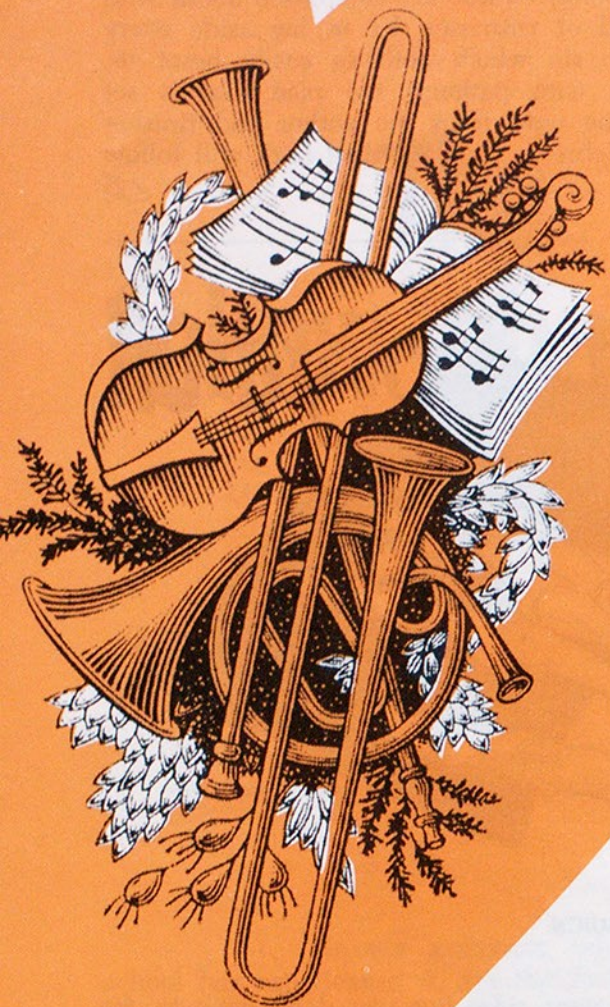
I'm thinking of another man who was about to die. He also sat down to write a letter to someone he loved. This is what he had to say:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8).

Paul wrote these words in a gloomy dungeon, in the twilight hours of his life, when all his friends but One had forsaken him. But he died triumphantly because of his faith in Christ.

Wouldn't you like the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour too?

—The Pentecostal Testimony



5 Biblical methods of healing

By C. M. WARD

GOD HAS WONDERFULLY USED the healing line, the laying on of hands, and the anointing with oil for the sick in our services. I am convinced, however, that the Word sets forth many other channels for healing. Here are five.

FIRST, "*As he thinketh in his heart, so is he*" (Proverbs 23:7).

Dr. Walter Alvarez, emeritus consultant in medicine, Mayo Clinic, revealed the case of an able physician who changed from being sure he had a terrible gastric ulcer, which would surely kill him someday, to the conviction that he had a terrible heart disease that would kill him.

Dr. Alvarez continued: "I got very friendly with him, seeing him every year when he would come in for his annual checkup. I never found anything wrong with him, and I must have known him for at least 20 years. How curious that he was an excellent physician who must have known perfectly well that what he had was hypochondriasis; he must have known when I showed him his X-ray films and his electrocardiograms that he was all right; and yet he remained miserable. I could never convince him he was well."

Some people have to change their thinking in order to get well.

A good prayer meeting can do it.

Not long ago a man commented: "Prayer is certainly a wonderful thing. For years I have detested the man I work for. Circumstances got so bad that a few months ago I decided in desperation to try praying and see if anything would happen. It certainly did! Today we are the best of friends. *How God changed him!*"

What actually occurred here is that God changed the one who prayed. *You cannot think disease and enjoy health.*

I do not know why we associate calamity with the will of God "done in earth, as it is in heaven." I believe the will of God is always for our good. It must be for the highest benefit when performed "in earth" as it is for the greatest good when exercised "in heaven." *I should expect the best and not the worst.*

It is wrong to pray fearfully, "Heal me, God, if it be Thy will." It is right to pray confidently, "Heal me, God, according to Thy will—that I may enjoy and profess 'in earth' what is enjoyed and professed 'in heaven.'"

SECOND, "*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine*" (Proverbs 17:22).

"Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

I am sure that melancholia breeds sickness.

Sometime ago I visited Shasta, the old stagecoach stop in northern California. It is soaked in the history of the old West. I paused to read a page of *The Shasta Courier* which appeared Saturday morning, April 24, 1852.

The editor was urging folk to attend a musical that

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night. He addressed himself to people with the "blues," and this is what he said: "We assure all persons afflicted with long-metered mouths, extended nether lips, elongated phizes, sighs, groans, and other hyperchondriachal symptoms that they will not be the same again after this evening of fun."

I thought as I read, *This may be a good criteria by which to judge myself.*

Am I *down* in the mouth? Am I inclined to *pout* with my lower lip sticking out? Does my face have a six-o'clock look about it? Is the only symphony people hear from me a discouraging arrangement of sighs and groans?

I want to become contagious with good cheer.

I love a line in the Book of Hebrews which says, "He liveth to make intercession for you" (Hebrews 7:25).

I do not need to beg. I do not need to bombard. I need to affirm that Jesus Christ has me in view. I must rest and relax in that fact. It is the basis for confident joy.

Gloom and pessimism are darkness. Darkness spawns disease, both moral and physical.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he who follows me will not walk in darkness" (John 8:12).

I do not serve a downcast, defeated Christ. The Word says, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" (Hebrews 1:9).

I think we need a greater flow of this oil in our assemblies and in our homes.

Perhaps you need a good laugh. *It would break the strain and tension which binds you.*

I ask you to repeat Psalm 126: "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Count your blessings; name them one by one; and it will surprise you what the Lord has *done*. Then, count your blessings; name them two by two; and it will surprise you what the Lord can *do*.

THIRD, "David took an harp, and played with his hands: so Saul was refreshed, and was well" (1 Samuel 16:23).

Music can provide a stream of healing. It can soothe. It can stimulate. It can move against depression.

This is the power of great Pentecostal song services. They martial strength. They prime a flow of vitality. They give the lie to Satan. Diaphragms expand. Throats open. Hands clap. Feet tap out time. *Our bodies become alive with victory.*

Always the touch of the Spirit is manifest in this. "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing" (Isaiah 28:12).

There is a tendency to let this surge of life disappear from our song services. We get involved in the music. We become spectators instead of participators. We watch a performance.

The military has long known what a band and a lively tune can do for weary troops. Suddenly the exhausted find new strength. The soldier who feels he



Concerned with spiritual values

By THURMAN L. FAISON
Evangelist

THE COUNCIL ON SPIRITUAL LIFE to be held in Minneapolis speaks loudly to our religious contemporaries that we are still a Movement concerned with spiritual values. It also speaks to our constituency that those in positions of leadership are endeavoring to provide every means of stimulus to bring us afresh to the Lord, to the Word, then back to the world in the power of the Spirit.

The Council will be of great importance and bring many spiritual benefits to the lives of those who attend.

can no longer drag one foot in front of the other picks up his feet and moves. Music can *refresh*.

You have been in and out of a good many healing lines and are no better. Let me suggest to you that you get yourself involved in a great gospel song service. *Get in the midst of praise.*

It worked for Paul and Silas. They had been beaten black and blue. Their bodies ached from travel and service. Handcuffed and leg-ironed, they suffered torment. Then they began to sing.

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:25, 26).

Has the enemy taken your song? Without a song your life will become sour and cynical. Your perimeter will shrink. You become self-centered. God has a melody of health for you. Sing and overcome your sickness.

FOURTH, "Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed" (James 5:16). This may be the clinic you need, sir. No evangelist can help you until you come down off your high horse. You have developed a crust. You have never admitted a mistake. You are always right. You need a release from pride and self-righteousness.

Your posture of superiority has separated you from the interchange of human fellowship. You are lonely. You are withdrawn. Perhaps you are self-willed. Everyone is out of step except you.

You need to take a personal inventory. Discover that you are not as good as you think you are.

James said, "Confess your faults *one to another*." Healing will start. A sense of humility will erase irritations of pride and malice.

Surrender your ego! Relinquish your life. Your striving
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has knotted your organs and embarrassed your spirit.

You do not have to strike a bargain with God: You do this and I will do that. God already knows *who* you are and *what* you are.

Remember the life of Gideon. God chose a man who by his own admission said, "My family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house" (Judges 6:15).

Before his first big battle, the Lord said to him, "But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host: and thou shalt hear what they say" (Judges 7:10, 11).

You do not have to impress God. He will take what faith you have and strengthen it. Remember! It is the sword of the Lord and of Gideon. You cannot win the battle by yourself.

God cannot work where there is pride.

Luke reports this principle. He says, "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37).

The Amplified Version puts it this way, "Release and you shall be released."

Evacuate these false positions. Turn them over to God. Turn your fear over to Him. Turn your resentment over to Him. You cannot enjoy health while you live a secluded, detached existence. Do not give merely your areas of pain and physical discomfort to God. Give yourself to Him.

FIFTH, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

I am convinced that healing is woven into every page of the Bible. Somewhere in some line on some page the Lord has written a personal diagnosis of your problem and direction for your victory. Only the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of truth," can lead you to it. This message is an incentive for you to look beyond the customary healing line.

The "joy of the Lord" is a strength that permeates every cell of the body; a perceptible power which prevails against tension and fatigue and sickness, and before which the forces of evil seem to shrink and recede. There is healing in this baptism of joy.

I have known occasions when I felt I could not face another engagement. Every muscle cried out for cancellation. Then I have exercised some willpower and gone to the house of God.

Suddenly the waves of this joy have begun to sweep over me. *It is an elixir.* It massages my body. It soaks away the tiredness. For the moment the outside world evaporates. There is no invasion of sorrow or heartache. I am enjoying a taste of God's heaven. And my physical being responds to it.

Mister, God is a *big* God. His ways are myriad.

I have listed five avenues of healing. There are many more. Do not confine yourself to one single route. There is healing for you.

It could well be that the Father has directed this message to you, and that immediately you will find healing by moving in one or more of these directions. I will rejoice with you in such discovery.



SOUTH AFRICA has one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, but it is one of the neediest fields as far as Pentecostal revival is concerned. It has many evangelical churches, many unscriptural Pentecostal sects, and many professing Pentecostals who have grown very cold and dry. Due to these influences, real Pentecostals are becoming lax in their Pentecostal worship. The power, zeal, and zest of many Pentecostal movements is diminishing; hence the need for prayer.

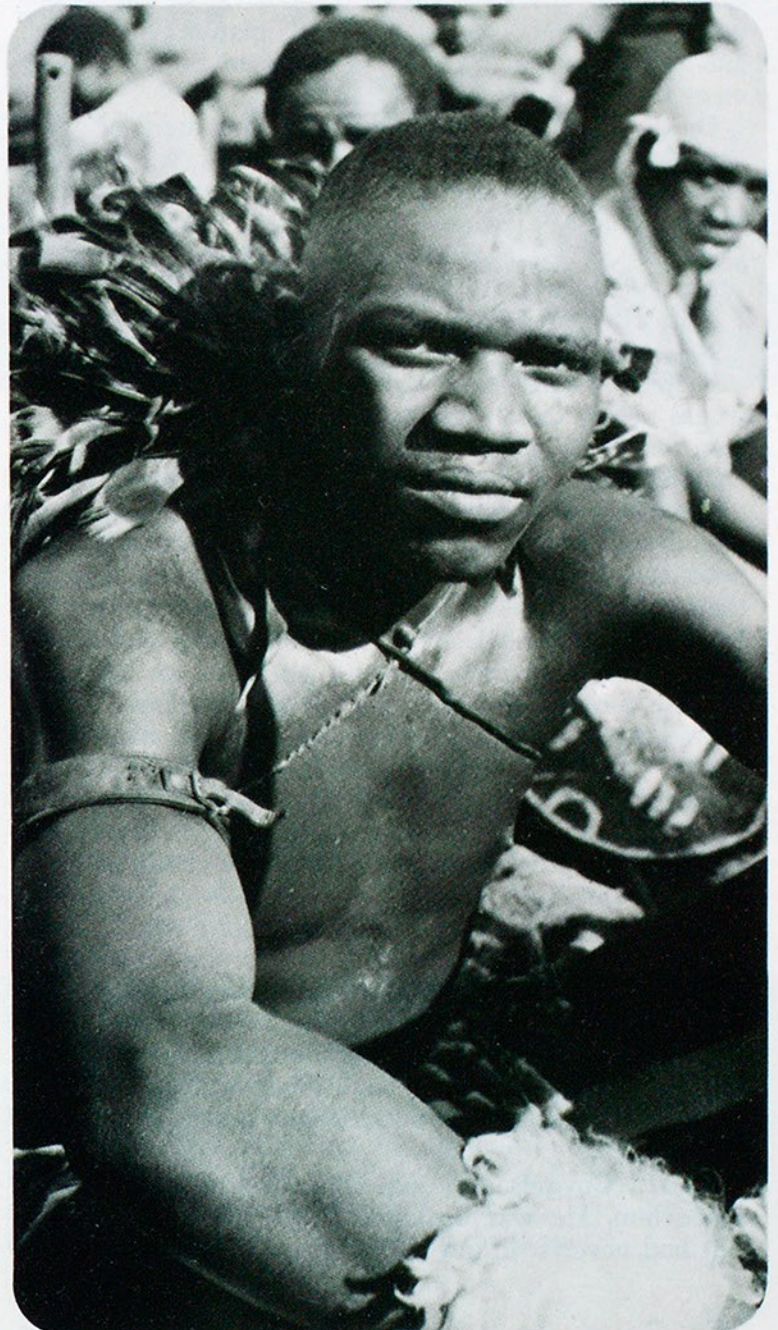
We feel that unless God intervenes and sends a Holy Spirit revival, we will likewise grow cold. Consequently September has been set apart as the month of prayer for revival in South Africa. During this time, all our churches will be calling to God to "revive us again." We long to witness and be a part of a Pentecostal revival that will sweep this country. We are challenged with the fact that a very small percentage of the 15,000,000 blacks in South Africa have the real experience of Pentecost.

Everyone here is talking revival. We are making it a matter of prime concern from the local to the national level. Won't you join us in prayer during this month? God is already beginning to move miraculously in various parts of the country.

HAROLD MONONYANE, *General Superintendent*
International Assemblies of God, Republic of South Africa

Prayer requests for South Africa

- ☐ South Africa has a shortage of Bible-trained ministers. Pray that many African young men will catch a vision for the pastoral ministry. Many new churches are now asking for pastors.
- ☐ Pray for the Shangaan and Venda tribes. We have no witness to these people.
- ☐ There are places in South Africa where a Pentecostal message has never been preached. Please intercede that God will open doors in these areas.
- ☐ Pray for the mining compounds. Men from six African countries come to work in the gold mines each year. This is a tremendous mission field.
- ☐ The Northern Transvaal now has a resident missionary. Pray that God will guide the development of this recent missions outreach.
- ☐ The Asian work of South Africa needs your prayers. The engrained religious beliefs and rituals of worship make ministry to these people very slow and difficult.
- ☐ The Asians have no Christian heritage in their homes or history. Consequently there is a need for Christian teachers. Pray that God will raise up an army of Bible instructors to teach them.
- ☐ Pray for the International Bible College in Nancefield, South Africa.



DECADES AGO South African farmers imported laborers from India to work in their sugarcane fields. Descendants of these workers are today's Asian population in this African country.

As the Asian community grew, all Oriental characteristics grew with them. The Asian in South Africa holds dearly to his original social structure and traditional religious worship.

The regulations of their caste system are scrupulously respected. Hindu and Muslim temples and schools dot the Natal Province. Asian religious ways are steeped in idol worship, superstition, and sacrifices.

A typical community of South African Asians lies on one side of a mountain near Pinetown, a suburb of the coastal metropolis, Durban. Mr. Govindsamy and his family live in the last house up that steep and rocky mountain. Not far away is a Hindu temple built by his father. In this temple the Govindsamy family for many years worshiped their idol gods in complete submission and dedication.

Each year Mr. Govindsamy would uphold the family traditions at the spring festival. His devotion was unbelievable! Many days before the festival he would begin a strict diet accompanied by oblations, sacrifices, and prayers, as he prepared himself to be filled with an evil spirit.

On the day of the festival he joined hundreds of other worshipers in a parade to a nearby stream where musicians were playing strange-sounding instruments to call the evil spirits. The priest prepared the usual oblations, filling the air with burning incense. Everyone joined in singing and chanting, including Mr. Govindsamy.

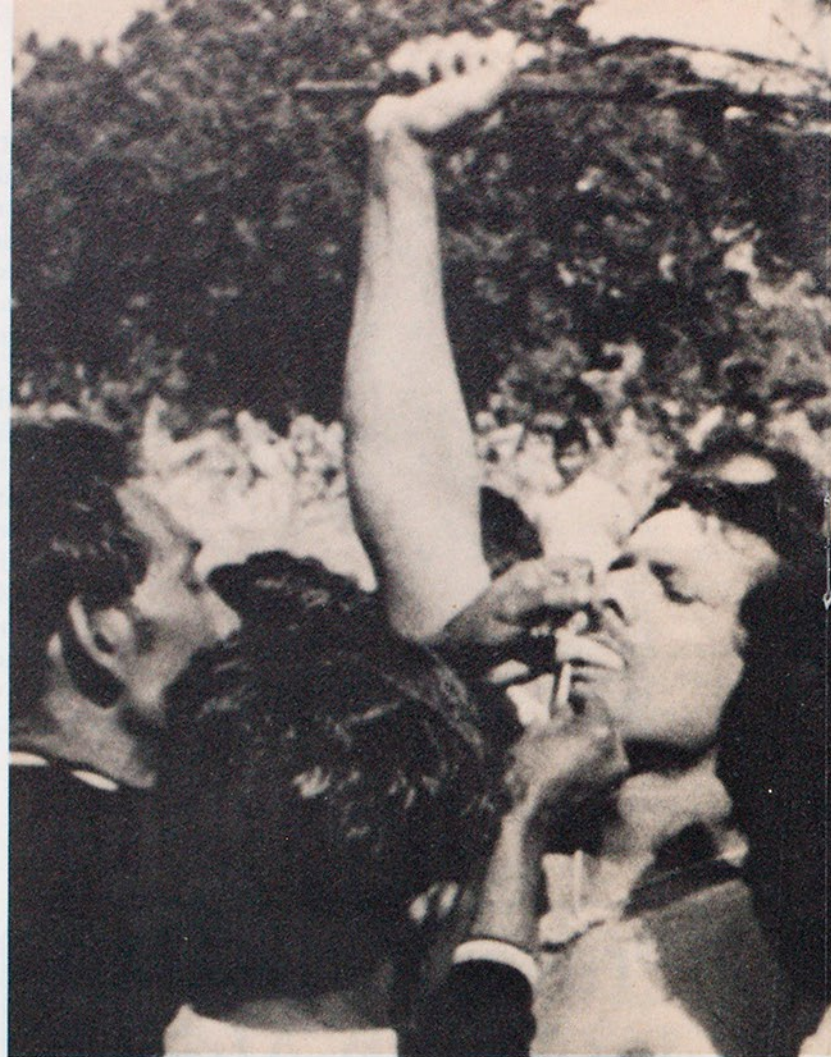
With the palms of his hands together he would bow before his idol and the burning incense. Suddenly an evil spirit would come upon him with such force it would nearly knock him to the ground. Several strong men would hold him while the evil spirit "filled" him completely and his body became the spirit's temple.

While the evil spirits were filling the other people, men would pierce the skin of Mr. Govindsamy's forehead and tongue with sharp, six-inch needles, leaving them in their place. Small fish hooks, loaded down with fruit, were then hooked into his back, chest, and shoulders. He felt no pain, nor did he bleed as his body became completely numb and under the control of the indwelling spirit. In a calm and rational manner he would walk among the people seeking to impart "blessings" and the evil spirit to others.

A small four-wheeled wagon decorated in float fashion, bearing an idol surrounded with hundreds of flowers and burning incense, was slowly brought to Mr. Govindsamy. Small ropes from the front wheels, with hooks on each end, were hooked into the flesh of his back and he would pull the wagon two miles up the rocky mountain road to the temple.

How much hope is there for a man like this—mistakenly devoted to the wrong cause; totally set in the ways of earnest error? How can such people be reached for Christ?

In Mr. Govindsamy's case, it took a miracle to convince him. He was acquainted with the supernatural, but had never seen any supernatural power work quite



Filled with an evil

By **DON COLEMAN** / *Missionary to South Africa*

like the One who completely delivered his daughter-in-law Hazel from the torture of demons.

Hazel was possessed by evil spirits, suffering continuously with pain and torture. Her only relief came when she was taken into the temple near her home. After taking Hazel to many temples, paying many priests, saying many prayers, their hopes vanished. Instead of getting better, she was getting worse.

Finally, a faithful witness of the Lord spoke to her husband Dan telling him there was hope in Jesus Christ. Dan invited the believer to come to his home to hold a gospel service. Around the sick bed of his wife, Dan heard the gospel preached. The Lord was faithful to His Word. As they offered up the prayer of faith, Hazel was completely delivered.

When the family saw the miracle wrought in Hazel's mind and body, they could not deny Christ. In a short time the entire Govindsamy household became Christian believers.

Mr. Govindsamy had never seen anything like this in his life. He was so overwhelmed that he and his family revolutionized their whole mountainside for Christ.

They rented a small building just behind the Hindu temple and began to gather together to sing and wor-



BELOW LEFT AND RIGHT: Pastor Dan Govindsamy and family. Pastor Selvaraj Govindsamy and family.
LOWER LEFT AND RIGHT: Dan and Selvaraj's father, mother, and sister. Missionary Charity Harris beside Good News Crusades van.



vil spirit

ship the Lord. The entire Govindsamy family was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Now Mr. Govindsamy, who once yielded himself to evil spirits, testifies to the indwelling Christ and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Soon after the family's conversion, their oldest son Dan became their pastor, and the Lord blessed and prospered them. Dan attended International Bible College and became the first Asian to be granted credentials in the Asian branch of the International Assemblies of God of South Africa.

Not long afterward the young pastor felt led to open a new work in South Africa. His brother Selvaraj, who also attended IBC, replaced him and became the second minister in the Asian work. Today the little church is crowded with people hungry for spiritual food. The Word is preached in power and confirmed by the Lord.

During a Good News Crusade with Missionary-Evangelist C. C. Harris, Pastor Dan was called to pray for a sick woman. I was helping with the crusade and went with them. Upon arrival we immediately discerned that the woman was demon-possessed.

It appeared that the woman was near death. Hours of prevailing prayer were spent by her bedside. The evil spirits were strong and did not want to relinquish their temple; but eventually they began to leave. As

the evil spirits departed, they uttered eerie guttural sounds. At last victory was ours; Mrs. Goorchuran was completely delivered.

In a week's time she was able to give her testimony. Her family was stunned by the miracle of healing and could not deny Christ. I personally led five of them to the Lord.

The Goorchuran family lives some 15 miles away in Chatsworth. They have graciously opened their home for church services, where another church has been started. Danny Munsamy, our third Asian minister and Bible school student, is their pastor.

The pattern is being repeated again and again. Idol worship and sacrifices do not meet the need of the Asian people; instead, they lead them down a road of darkness. Many Asians are possessed, oppressed, and influenced by evil spirits, but God is beginning to answer the prayers of His people.

Deeply engrained religious beliefs and rituals of worship have made the work slow and difficult. It takes the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit to convince South African Asians and to deliver them. Thank God for the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The new Asian Christians in South Africa do. They are living proof of the delivering power of the gospel.

You must help your people!

By GENE GRAMS
Missionary to South Africa



ABOVE: Johannesburg, "City of Gold," has a population of approximately 1.5 million. BELOW: Left to right: Pastor Christopher Kumalo, Missionary Gene Grams, and Pastor Alvin Kyle.

ALTHOUGH CHRISTOPHER KUMALO, a juvenile gangster roaming the streets of Johannesburg, South Africa, was living a wild and wicked life, something inside of him kept saying, "You must help your people."

In his attempt to satisfy that inner voice, Christopher enlisted as a police trainee and for six years served as a policeman in some of the roughest parts of Johannesburg. He believed he would be able to help his people as a police officer.

Still he was not satisfied. One day he became interested in the theater and enrolled in the Union Artists School of Music and Drama, where he studied for five years. His abilities as an actor and musician soon caught the eye of the producers. It seemed a very brilliant career lay ahead of him, with the possibility of overseas performances.

The soul-searching continued, however. He could not escape the desire to really do something great for his African people.

About this time, a very strange chain of events occurred. An unsaved man gave Christopher a gospel tract which convicted him of sin and eventually led him to Christ.

He then felt that if he could only teach his people the Word of God and share his salvation experience, this would truly be the greatest service he could do for his country. His desire to study the Bible became intense.

When he went to a pastor to inquire about the possibility of going to a Bible-training school, he was told that the Bible school was for older men and he would have to wait. Wait? How could he wait when his people were perishing in their wicked ways?

He was still a member of the theatrical group, and along with his group took first place in a national competition. This brought him some attractive offers. Soon he would be sent overseas, and there were dreams of great excitement and lots of money.

But this was not what he was searching for. He was looking for an opportunity to study the Bible so he could teach it to his people. One night he wept and travailed in prayer that God would help him find a Bible school where he could learn more about Him and His Word. That very night he felt the Lord say, "Christopher, do



not worry. I will give you a Bible school to attend." Little did he realize how God would do this.

He became employed by a printers supply company. The very next day he was sent with a delivery of paper to our Assemblies of God Press. While he was there, Phil Mangum, our missionary printer, jokingly said to Christopher "You look like a preacher."

Little did Brother Mangum realize what was going on inside of Brother Kumalo when his reply came: "How can I be a preacher if I don't have a place where I can go and study the Bible?" Brother Mangum immediately responded by giving him the address of our Bible college in Rustenburg, and soon Christopher Kumalo was enrolled.

I met Christopher after he had completed his first term at African Bible College. I was impressed with his zeal to work for God. Praying together, we realized God was going to use him in the ministry.

One day the Lord graciously baptized him in the Holy Spirit. The desire to preach God's Word grew even more intense, until he received a burden for the city of Boksburg, about 20 miles east of Johannesburg.

So great was his burden for Boksburg that he went to

pioneer the new work immediately after graduating from Bible college.

His first evangelistic thrust was a tent meeting. But the results were so disappointing—its outcome seemingly disastrous. A windstorm destroyed the tent and there was only one convert. Only one convert! But today, that one convert is in Bible college and feels the call of God to establish a work in another new area. Praise the Lord!

With persistence and renewed spiritual fervor, Brother Kumalo continued faithfully to pursue the call of God to Boksburg. One by one souls were saved.


During his first year in that city he married a young lady he had met in Bible college. With her help the results were even better.

First there were house meetings; then a school classroom was obtained, but it seemed a church building was needed. By this time the growing congregation was fully supporting Brother and Sister Kumalo.

A building fund was started, but it takes much money to build a church. The government had given a church site which had to be used within a year. How could it be done? I was in the U.S. on furlough when Morris Williams (currently field secretary for Africa) cabled me from South Africa with the message that money was urgently needed for the Boksburg church building.

Shortly after I received the cable, I participated in a missionary convention in Hancock, Maryland. God blessed during that meeting, and when the need of the Boksburg church was presented, Pastor Alvin Kyle and his fine deacons felt that God would use them to help build the Boksburg church. The congregation sacrificially responded with \$7,000 to sponsor the project. Half of the money was given as a loan to start a revolving loan fund to help build more churches in South Africa.

Pastor Kyle recently made a trip to South Africa for the dedication of the Boksburg church. The Boksburg congregation expressed their sincere appreciation for the help which his assembly in Maryland had given. They presented Brother Kyle with an African blanket and hat so that he might always remember how very grateful the people of Boksburg are for the help given in their time of need.

Today Pastor Kumalo says, "I have seen the faithfulness of God over and over again as He has turned the many hindrances into blessings and victory." 



CALL TO ACTION

BY J. PHILIP HOGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sleeping in harvest

"He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame" (Proverbs 10:5).

NO SEASON OF THE YEAR carries more priority than harvesttime. It upsets the status quo and requires expenditures of men, animals, and machinery like no other season of the year.

The outcome of the laborer and the investment of the entire season may depend upon a few fateful hours during harvest. Planting and cultivating may be done with leisure, but not the reaping. The farmer watches every cloud and tests every breeze. The key strategy is mobility; move in fast, strike swiftly, and move on to other ripe and beckoning fields.


The worst mistake any reaper can make at harvest-time is preoccupation with other tasks to such an extent that he cannot move in when the harvest is ready. Likewise, the worst mistake the church of the Lord Jesus Christ can make in this decade is to become so committed to other things—ever so necessary and worthwhile—that it misses God's timing for the harvest.

Fortunately the strategy for harvest is well defined in the New Testament. We are to look and we are to act. ("Look on the fields"—"Now is the accepted time.")

This is a world in which tired old systems are falling apart, leaving yawning vacuums. The old gods have not yet been replaced in every case, and Christians must enter quickly with the message of life in Christ Jesus or these vacuums will become another open door to militant, revitalized pagan cultures. Perhaps the new gods will be more refined and vocal than their antecedents, but they will use every means of modern communication to advance their claims.

Today the Foreign Missions Division is faced with more colossal opportunities and wide-open doors than ever before in its half century of history. The vistas for evangelism, training, and church planting reach beyond all former horizons. This year we are going to Vietnam and Kenya. Ethiopia beckons. And what can you say for Indonesia, suddenly flung open in quick and unexpected harvest?

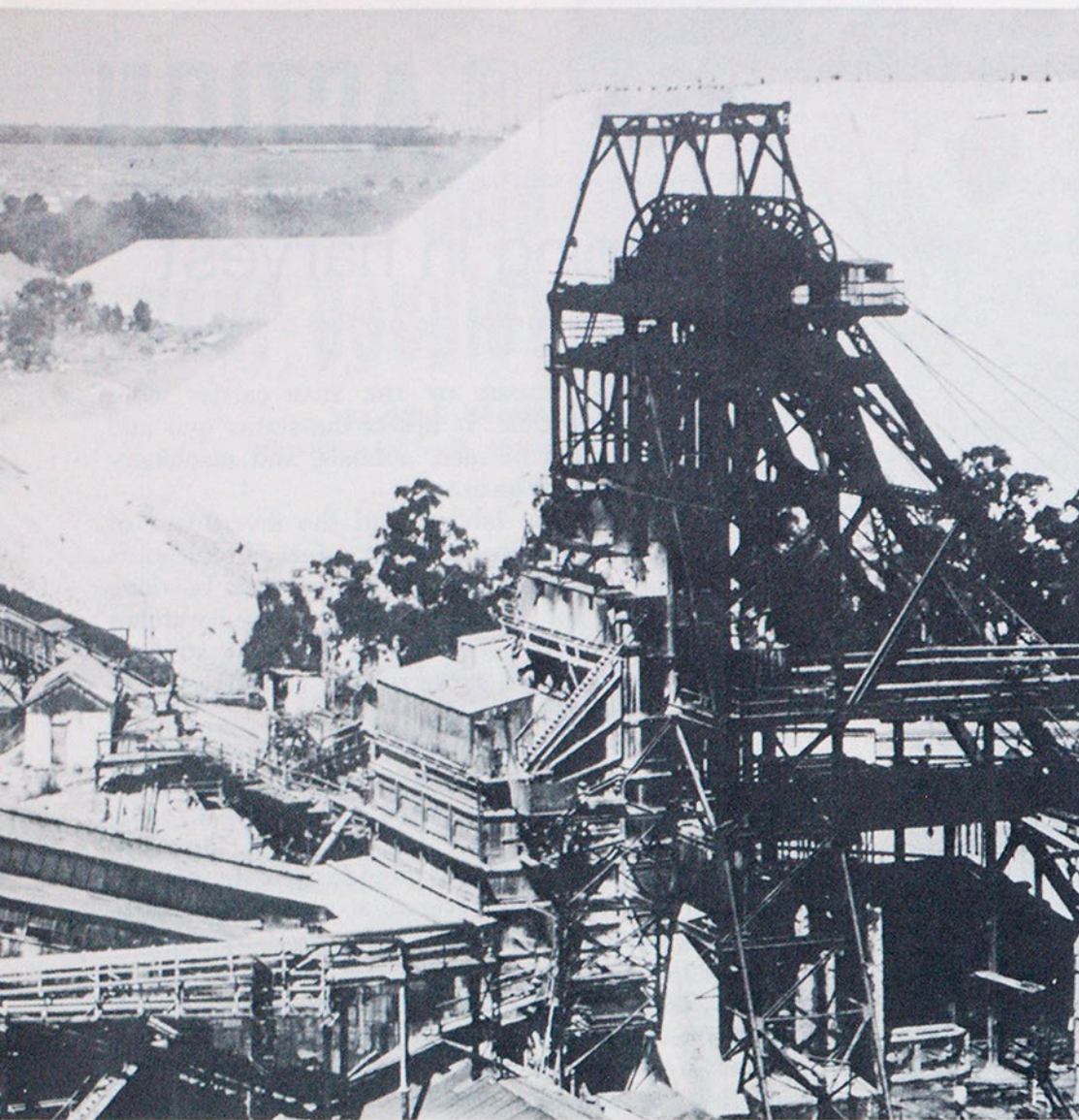
What about Brazil whose government now demands trained ministry? This opportunity alone may well challenge every Bible teacher in the American Assemblies of God. What can we say about vast cities that are ready and await only the reapers?

What about calls of Pentecostal believers that continually spring up through random seed sown by travelers, servicemen, or literature, all beckoning for a missionary? Do we dare let revolution, totalitarianism, non-theistic humanism, vast population shifts, and war frighten us away from the greatest opportunity of reaping the church of Jesus Christ has ever known? 

Pray  Pray

AUGUST

Pray for revival in
SOUTH AFRICA



Gold rush, 1972

By E. PHYLLIS GRAMS / Missionary to South Africa

THE SHRILL NOISE of the whistle, the clang of a bell, and suddenly the whirl of the cable as the cage descends one mile into the African earth. A new shift begins its day at the mine.

Silhouetted against the dawn, the tall headgear of the mine rises steeply from the flat ground. The many complexes of the mine can be seen clearly sprawling across the veldt. Twenty-four hours a day men risk their lives in the deep of the earth to bring up the precious metal—gold.

South Africa produces over one-half of the free world's gold. Gold mining is its third major industry. The economy of the world demands

gold; so men and machines are employed to loosen it from the rock, refine it into gold bricks, and place it on the world market.

To reach the mining shaft, the miners ride an electric elevator or cage operated by a winding driver. If the power is accidentally cut off, as sometimes happens, the million-dollar machinery, the mine complex, and the gold itself immediately become worthless—until the power is restored.

Power is needed to take the men underground. A constant power supply is essential or the cage will remain idle on the surface; or worse yet, it will drop too quickly, killing those below and inside. Power, elec-

trical power, is one of the most important things in the industry.

This is a beautiful parallel to missionary work in South Africa. Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" God has placed a value on the soul of man, and it is beyond the price of gold.

Southern Africa has many souls yet to be mined from the quagmire of sin. Christ's death on the cross demands action. The great heart of God calls out for the release of men still in the depths of spiritual darkness.

The effort expended for the spiritual gold in South Africa has already brought rich reward. One young man, a former Tsotsi leader, has been transformed into a radiant Christian, organizing Christian witness groups to work in the trains to and from Johannesburg.

Another man has been miraculously changed from a habitual drunkard into a faithful deacon in the church. He now brings his whole family to church with him.

Others have been transformed from followers of darkness to children of light, courageous in the face of evil, not compromising their testimony in spite of persecution.

We have fine church buildings for the people to worship in and three Bible colleges as well. This is the machinery for mining souls. Our operation is complex, but thanks be to God, we have a rich vein. It is the richness of the vein which staggers our imagination, for the truth is, we have barely scratched the surface.

Just as electrical power is necessary to operate the miner's cage and machinery, so prayer will activate the power of the Holy Spirit to penetrate to the length and breadth of South Africa. We challenge you to pray for the future of our missions effort as we continue to mine for precious treasure.

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The pattern of blessing

Sunday School Lesson for August 6, 1972

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

EXODUS 40:12-19, 34-38

AT MT. SINAI Israel entered a relationship with God which may be likened to a marriage. To Israel it was said, "Thy maker is thine husband" (Isaiah 54:5). The Scriptures speak of Israel as the wife of Jehovah.

Carrying out this figure, we may say the tabernacle was to be the place where Jehovah and His wife would be "at home" after the nuptial ceremony. "Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them" was God's directive (Exodus 25:8).

THE PLAN OF THE TABERNACLE

The outer court. Surrounding the tabernacle was a fence about 150 by 75 feet, hung with white linen—symbolic of God's righteousness possessed by Him and imparted to man (Revelation 19:8). This fence taught the Israelite that his sinfulness excluded him from God's holy presence and produced a sense of need and unworthiness (Isaiah 6:1-7; Luke 5:8; 18:13). There was a door opening into the court, typifying Christ (John 10:9; 14:6), who is our means of access to God.

The brazen altar. This stood just inside the door to the court. Here the Israelite met the priest who offered the sacrifice on his behalf at the altar. This altar typified the cross where the true *Lamb*, of whom all others were typical, was slain for our sins.

The laver. This great circular basin of brass stood beyond the altar in front of the door into the tabernacle. Here the priests washed before they performed their sacred duties. This signified that purity must come before service. Purity is essential to fellowship with God.

The holy place and its furnishings. The tabernacle had two compartments. The front room was twice the length of the back room—the holy of holies, which was a perfect cube. In the front room, called the *holy place*, were: (1) the golden lampstand with seven branches, which spoke of divine illumination; (2) the table of showbread, which spoke of fellowship with God; and (3) the golden altar of incense, which spoke of prayer and intercession.

The holy of holies. Between the holy place and the holy of holies hung a veil barring the way into God's presence. This veil suggested only *partial* exclusion. Once a year the high priest was allowed to pass into the holy of holies—there to offer sacrifice for all the sins of all the people. In this act the high priest was typical of (and in contrast with) Christ who died and shed His blood for us, rose again, and now is our Great High Priest. (See Hebrews 4:14-16; 9:24; 10:19-22.)

Within the holy of holies was the most important article of the tabernacle—the *ark of the covenant* with

the *mercy seat*. This ark was an oblong chest containing the two tables of the Law; it represented the seat of God's government over Israel. The Hebrew word translated "mercy seat" means "covering." The mercy seat covered the ark containing the Law—signifying God's holiness in contrast to Israel's sinfulness. Israel had broken God's law and needed a covering for her sinfulness. This was provided in the sacrificial blood which covered that which spoke of Israel's sinfulness—and ours.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TABERNACLE

1. *The tabernacle may be regarded as Jehovah's palace; the holy of holies, His throne room; the priests, His ministers of state. Into the court came the people, His subjects, to offer their gifts as expressions of gratitude, and their sacrifices as a confession of sin. They had violated His laws and were admitting their need of forgiveness.*

2. *The tabernacle may be regarded as Israel's school-house where the people learned the ABCs of redemption truth. Every article in the tabernacle—and many of its parts—taught them lessons concerning God's holiness, their sinfulness and need, and His way of salvation.*

3. *The tabernacle is a type of the individual New Testament believer (2 Corinthians 5:1). The holy place may represent man's soul and the holy of holies his spirit—that part of his being with which he communes with God.*

4. *The tabernacle is also a type of the New Testament church. Like the tabernacle, the Church is composed of many parts representing the believers, and is filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:21; 1:20-22).*

PROFITABLE EXCHANGE



beautiful

By LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN
Pastor, Bethany Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey

WHEN I WAS A TEEN-AGER, you never would have caught me saying the word *beautiful*. My friends would have taunted me unmercifully and called me a sissy.

But times have changed. In recent years this word has attained a new respectability, and men seem to use it even more than women.

In Acts 3:1-12 the word *beautiful* stands out impressively. It appears twice in this short narrative; it begins with a capital "B," for it is the name of a gate to the temple. More importantly, it is a beautiful key with which to unlock several truths.

BEAUTIFUL GATE

Physically, this was a beautiful gate. It was located on the east side of the temple and scintillated in the morning sun. According to Josephus, the only eyewitness whose evidence has been preserved, it was made of costly Corinthian brass.

In our church buildings it is probably prudent to avoid excessive ornateness and expense. But I cannot believe that God looks with favor upon unattractiveness. Priority must be given to spiritual beauty, but an appreciation for elegance with good taste is understandable.

BEAUTIFUL TEAM

The two disciples prominent in this story, Peter and John, formed a beautiful team. Theirs was a remarkable comradeship because they were opposites. Peter was impulsive; John was contemplative. Their friendship dated back to preconversion days and became an even closer relationship after they entered the ministry.

It is thrilling to observe how the grace of God enables dissimilar people to work together in harmony to advance the cause of Christ. When the love of God fills human hearts, integration of the most diverse temperaments becomes possible.

God loves teamwork. Perhaps He makes allowances for a certain amount of individualism, but I think the ideal is cooperative effort for the glory of God.

BEAUTIFUL ACTIVITY

Peter and John remembered Jesus' unique definition or characterization of *church*: "My house shall be called the house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13); and they frequented the temple regularly to pray. It must be a beautiful sight to God to view His people engaged in sincere prayer.

Probably a church can be multipurpose in its pursuits, but a few things should predominate. Any analysis of the Book of Acts reaches the conclusion that prayer and preaching held precedence. At times we may be hard put to explain the efficacy of prayer, but that it works is undeniable.

BEAUTIFUL EMPHASIS

Peter and John conceived of their ministry as spiritual in nature. They did not understand their mission as one of improving people economically. Of course, they were powerless to fill this beggar's cup, for Peter explained, "Silver and gold have I none."

However, Peter and John did have something to give and share and they did so unselfishly. They ministered to the man's fundamental needs. Their emphasis was beautiful because it was putting first things first. A Christian cannot "stop his ears at the cry of the poor," but the spiritual needs of mankind require first attention. We need to have our value system in proper sequence.

BEAUTIFUL NAME

Peter used the name of Jesus in his charge to this lame man. Had he presumed to use his own name, the result would have been zero—probably worse than that, because the supplicant would have become thoroughly disillusioned.

Many times recorded in the Gospels, Jesus instructed people to use His name in their quest for blessings and benefits. One of these exhortations is all-encompassing in its scope, "If ye shall ask *any thing* in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14).

I like the words of John Newton's old hymn:

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.*

Peter and John were handling a beautiful name.

BEAUTIFUL HEALING

All healing is beautiful, but in this instance it was particularly so. The man's lameness was congenital—"lame from his mother's womb"—and this factor accentuated his hopelessness. No human cure was possible. Luke's medical mind discerned the cause of the lameness—a prenatal weakness in the anklebones. But

difficult circumstances are no impediment to the healing power of the Lord.

The cure of this man came immediately—it was instantaneous. No rehabilitation was required.

The cure was miraculous. God's creative work was involved in the man's limbs becoming usable.

The cure was incontestable. "All the people saw him walking...they knew that it was he which sat for alms."

The healing of this lame man compels the description, *beautiful*.

BEAUTIFUL AFTERGLOW

Look at two things the man did after he was healed. First, he went to church with Peter and John. In appraising the validity of a religious experience, that's usually a good sign. Then, he "held Peter and John." His embrace of these two apostles reflected his gratitude toward them, and also his eagerness to identify with them and the Lord.

Look at how the people reacted. "They were all filled with wonder and amazement." The supernatural element in religion will always excite honest souls. "All the people ran together unto them [Peter and John]." It is beautiful to see people run to church to hear the preacher declare the gospel.

Finally, look at what Peter and John did. They disclaimed any independent power or merit of their own. Also, Peter took admirable advantage of the people's excitement and preached an extemporaneous sermon which brought five thousand men to Christ in one big sweep.

God is beautiful. Jesus is beautiful. The Holy Spirit is beautiful. The Bible is beautiful. Salvation is beautiful. Healing is beautiful. Soul winning is beautiful. Christian unity is beautiful. Heaven will be beautiful. And much, much more.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). And the word which describes our reaction? *Beautiful!*

READ IT EVERY DAY

CHAPTERS FOR
JULY 30—AUG. 5

Sunday—Isaiah 19-23
Monday—Isaiah 24-27
Tuesday—Isaiah 28-30
Wednesday—Isaiah 31-35
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This Week's Memory Verse

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since Jesus was baptized in Jordan, is it not more in keeping with humility to be baptized in a river or pond than in a church baptistry?

Baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21). Since it is such, I do not know of any reason for requiring that it must be in a river or pond. Properly, baptism should take place upon the convert's confession of faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Where the disciples at Samaria or the house of Cornelius were baptized we are not told (Acts 8:12; 10:47, 48).

Who were the disciples at Ephesus, and why was their baptism called John's baptism?

I believe they were Jews living at Ephesus who had been taught the doctrine of John the Baptist: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," and, "He that cometh after me... shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:3, 11). They had believed this message through the ministry of Apollos (Acts 18:24, 25).

When Paul came he brought them up-to-date. He could tell them that He who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire had already come. The Ephesians accepted his message, received Christ, and submitted to water baptism. After this Paul laid hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and "spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:1-7).

The Bible says concerning Christ, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" (Acts 2:27). Did Jesus have to suffer the fires of hell in order to save us from hell?

Two Greek words are translated "hell," Hades and Gehenna. Scripture indicates that the spirit of Christ went to Hades upon His death—not Gehenna, the place of punishment, which is described as "everlasting fire," and "hell fire" (Matthew 18:8, 9).

The Greek word "Hades" corresponds to the Hebrew word "Sheol." Josephus the Jewish historian says that Sheol consisted of two compartments: one to which the wicked went, and the other, spoken of as Paradise or Abraham's bosom, to which the righteous went (see Luke 16:22, 23; 23:42, 43).

If the devil is on earth "walking to and fro," why is he called "the prince of the power of the air"? (Ephesians 2:2).

When the devil is described as the prince of the power of the air, it means he is the ruler of spiritual darkness. He is also called "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Satan evidently is the ruler of the present world system, directing the course of life of those who are not saved. Before we were saved, we "walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). Now it is different. As Christians we should avoid conforming to this ungodly world system.



A Christian worker uses "The Cross and the Switchblade" to witness to an inmate.

Photo by Mike Blizzard

MIRACULOUS RELEASE

By **DON WILKERSON** / *Brooklyn Teen Challenge Director*

AT THE CLOSE of one of our Teen Challenge morning chapel services, a staff member came to the pulpit requesting prayer for one of the new converts. "The judge sentenced him to prison," he told me.

Joe had been with us two months and bore testimony to the fact that Christ had changed his life. However, he faced the court case from a previous crime.

That morning in court the judge refused to allow him to return to Teen Challenge and gave him a one- to four-year sentence. We all had assumed he would be allowed to return to us. Even Joe had told others, "No one from Teen Challenge is ever sent to jail." Yet this happened to him.

When the report reached us that morning, the entire staff and the young men in the Teen Challenge program began to pray for Joe's release. He had planned to go on to the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa., and there continue to serve the Lord. He couldn't go if he were in prison. We were sure, however, that with the Lord the case was not closed.

Joe had no attorney, but the court had assigned a young Jewish lawyer as a legal aide. He recognized that

this was not an ordinary case—and that Joe was not an ordinary drug addict. He saw that Joe was different—changed.

Before Joe was sentenced, the lawyer had told the judge, "This young man has accepted Jesus Christ." The judge looked down and smiled as if to say, "Tell me another one." He seemed determined not to change his decision. Joe was immediately taken from court, and preparations were made for his transfer to an upstate reformatory.

The lawyer, however, felt that Joe should not be in prison. He wanted him to return to Teen Challenge and made a request for a higher court to hear the case. Rarely will it do so, especially in a case like Joe's.

Meanwhile we continued to pray. During a special week of prayer at Teen Challenge when we had a 24-hour prayer chain in operation, Joe's need was presented before the throne of God daily.

Four weeks after his sentence, the Supreme Court agreed to hear Joe's case (during those four weeks Joe had led four cellmates to Christ). When the case was brought before the high court, the judge agreed to allow one of our staff workers, Jim Isom, to approach the

bench to explain more about Teen Challenge and what happened to Joe. The judge listened carefully and agreed to overrule the previous sentence and allow him to return to the center.

"I thought the lawyer was going to shout 'Hallelujah!' right in court," Jim told the staff later as he shared the testimony of Joe's release in another chapel service.

We all knew that prayer brought Joe back to Teen Challenge.

—New York Challenge

This testimony reveals once again that Christ is the answer to every problem.

Jesus delivered me from drugs

By **BILL RIGSBY**

New Orleans Teen Challenge Director

MY PARENTS were good moral people, but they were not Christians. They supplied all my needs except the spiritual, which I now know to be the most important.

Upon entering high school, I joined a crowd which had many bad habits. For kicks we stole cases of beer from warehouses and used false ID cards to buy liquor.

At the age of 13 I was introduced to a drug. Several of my gang had heard of "getting high" by using a certain brand of nose inhaler. Five of us pooled our lunch money and left school at noon to purchase two of these inhalers at the drugstore. That was my first experience with amphetamine, a stimulant. We would cut it into chunks and swallow it with pop or water.

My drug use broadened to barbiturates and other stimulants. Often under the influence of red birds I would stagger in the hallways and classrooms at school. I was not conspicuous, however, because many other students were doing the same.

One night a fellow taught us how to smoke marijuana. Once on marijuana, I lost interest in everything except using the drug and going to parties. After dropping out of school I was arrested many times because of drugs, gang fights, and stolen cars.

One night I gave in to the urging of others to try the needle—heroin—"just once." Soon I was on drugs night and day. I lost weight and my health declined.

When I was 17, I met and married Theresia, and encouraged her to "turn on" to drugs.

While I was pushing drugs and playing the bongo drums at nightclubs and parties, many of my close friends died from overdose, suicide, or murder. I began longing for a way out.



Bill Rigsby, shown here with his family, was the founder and director of Oklahoma Teen Challenge before becoming director of the recently opened New Orleans center.

My income had always been through illegal means, but one day a good job opened up. Then Elmer Fisher, pastor of an Assemblies of God church at Moore, Okla., invited me to his church. Instead my wife and I went to a party Friday night which lasted until Sunday morning. But as we lay at home in a drugged stupor, something drew us toward that church; so we got up and dressed.

On the way there I was conscious of an inner conflict. I wanted to go to church, yet felt restrained. During the service I sensed a power I had never experienced before. When I looked at Theresia, she began to cry. Then at the pastor's invitation we went forward and knelt at the altar. Suddenly, it seemed as if a thousand-pound weight were lifted from me. At that moment, Jesus became our Saviour from sin and our Deliverer from drugs!

Three months later my wife and I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God has led us into the Teen Challenge ministry, and we thank Him for the souls of many drug addicts and troubled youth He has allowed us to win for Him.

FORGETFULNESS IN PROSPERITY

NOT LONG AGO I received a letter from a young man in Vietnam. In it he told me how he had got right with God, and he was pleading for me to try to get his family to come to church. All he talked about was how important it is to be ready for heaven.

Not believing he would ever get to come home, he signed his letter, "See you in heaven."

He was injured and sent home. I supposed he would attend church and would help to win his loved ones, but he has forgotten God altogether. He does not have time for Him. He is too busy with other things.

That is what our nation as a whole has done. In times of distress we call upon God, but in our prosperity we forget Him. There is a reaping day coming.

I do not intend to be a pessimist, but a realist, when I say that things are not going to get better. Check your Bible. The only really bright spot in the near future is the rapture of the Church. Are you ready for it?

—BILL POPEJOY



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NEWS OF OUR TIMES



Some 1,000 people gathered for an open-air rally commemorating the Day of Pentecost in Springfield, Mo. Banners, such as those above and below, were common at the rally. Tentative plans are to make the rally and parade an annual event.



Pentecost parade attracts 1,000

May be first of its kind in U.S.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and others gathered Sunday afternoon, May 21, for an open-air rally and parade commemorating the Day of Pentecost.

Prior to the rally, hundreds participated in a parade to the rally site. Singing as they marched and carrying colorful banners, the group converged on Park Central Square for the Pentecost Sunday observance

which was sponsored by the Springfield Area Council of Churches.

Approximately 1,000 persons attended the rally. Speaker for the occasion was J. Douglas McGlynn, a Spirit-filled Episcopalian pastor. Music was provided by the Evangel College band and an interdenominational choir.

Definitely a first for Springfield, the Pentecost Sunday parade was thought to be the first of its kind in the U.S. Tentative plans are to make it an annual event.

Lutherans call conclave on Holy Spirit

MINNEAPOLIS — Pastors and laymen from the three synods — Lutheran Church in America, American Lutheran Church, and the Missouri Synod Lutherans — have scheduled the first International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit, to be held here August 8-12.

Norris Wogen, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the first to be impressed with the need for such a conference. "I believe it was the good Lord's idea," he says.

Combined membership of the three major Lutheran synods is around 10 million, Wogen says. This includes approximately 15,000 pastors. However, he is quick to point out that the conference is not restricted to Lutherans. "It's for everybody — of all denominations," he says.

Already, planes have been chartered to bring delegates from Scandinavia, Florida, New York, California, Colorado, and Washington.

Not only those who already have had a "definite experience with the Holy Spirit" are coming to the conference, Wogen says, but those who are "hungry to know Christ more personally through yielding to His Spirit." He interprets this growing interest in the Holy Spirit as a prelude to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Wogen estimates that 10 mil-

lion persons of all Christian faiths in the U.S. have had a new and vital experience with the Holy Spirit, and says that the miracles noted in First Corinthians 12 are being exercised all over the world.

"In our services, six times people have spoken in tongues and someone else recognized it because it was his mother language. There are more than 2,400 languages — and God is not even limited to those."

The conference is expected to draw 20,000 people. The meeting will be in the Minneapolis Auditorium, where the Assemblies of God Council on Spiritual Life will be held the following week.

ABS LAUNCHES ADVANCE PROGRAMS

NEW YORK — James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the American Bible Society's National Distribution Department since 1965, was named to a newly created post, director of Advance Programs.

In his new position, Dr. Nettinga will direct a Program of Advance which will touch all aspects of the Society's work. It will culminate in nationwide observances in 1976, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 160th of the American Bible Society.

Beginning with plans to provide Scriptures for Key 73, the Advance Programs will focus upon special emphases each succeeding year.

The American Bible Society expects to publish the entire Bible in Today's English Version in 1976.

James Z. Nettinga



CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UPHOLD BY TEXAS COURT

AUSTIN — Capital punishment has been declared constitutional by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

In a 4-1 decision, the court upheld the conviction of Ronnie Earl Tezeno, sentenced to death in the electric chair for a December 1969 slaying.

Meanwhile, a public-opinion survey released by the Gallup Poll indicated that the U.S. public favors the death penalty for persons convicted of murder, by a 5-to-4 margin.

'LOGOS' DOCKS WITH LITERATURE

CHITTAGONG — Carrying a crew of 120 from 17 nations, the "M. V. Logos" docked in the port of Chittagong in May to offer its educational book exhibits to the half million people of this war-scarred nation.

In his speech as he inaugurated the exhibition, the Deputy Commissioner B. M. A. Shekoer described "Logos" as a "floating storehouse of knowledge for the people of the world." He added, "The ship has come as an ambassador of wisdom, love, and peace in Bangladesh after the country has passed through a bloody war."

The official thanked the captain and staff of "Logos" for coming to Bangladesh. "Our reconstruction," he said, "must be spiritual as well as economic and industrial."

Teams from the "Logos" worked first in the capital city of Dacca where there was phenomenal response by a public starved for books of all kinds, and where great quanti-

ties of Christian literature will be given out, according to Jeanette Lockerbie.

CEYLON CHANGES NAME; TO PROMOTE BUDDHISM

COLOMBO—A renaissance of national pride in Ceylon has led the country to change its name to Sri Lanka. The move was spearheaded by Buddhists, and the new constitution proclaims this faith as the "religion of the majority of the people."

The decree, issued by the country ruled for 157 years by Great Britain, stated that Buddhism "shall be given its rightful place, and accordingly it shall be the duty of the state to protect and foster Buddhism."

However, religious freedom is also guaranteed to the 20 percent who are Hindu, the 9 percent who are Christian, and the 6 percent who are Muslim.

NUMBER OF U.S. DRUG ADDICTS DOUBLES IN THREE YEARS

NEW YORK—The number of addicts in the U.S. has risen from 315,000 in 1969 to more than 700,000 now, according to the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

"Unless we can deal with the conditions in which the addict takes root and multiplies, we are going to have a long-term drain on our resources," says Commissioner Graham S. Finney of the New York City Addiction Services Agency. "Eventually the emphasis has to be put on research and pre-

vention," Mr. Finney says.

Society's inclination to close the door on the rehabilitated addict is "one of the biggest problems we face. . . . Society labels him a drug addict and believes he will always be a drug addict," Finney states. "If his past is discovered, in a great number of cases the employer will release him. If it is discovered prior to his employment, they will not hire him. Society must adopt a more compassionate attitude to the ex-addict."

Congress on Evangelism scheduled March 1973 for South Africa

JOHANNESBURG — The 1966 Berlin World Congress on Evangelism has spawned another such conclave—this one in South Africa.

Planned by African Enterprise, it will be held March 13-22, 1973, according to African Enterprise president Michael Cassidy.

Interdenominational and multiracial, the congress will seek to set forth the relevance and

meaning of mission and evangelism in present-day southern Africa . . . to face the urgency and priority of evangelism . . . to assist all Christian churches and agencies in assessing their resources and potential for mission and evangelism . . . to consider methods and strategy for the present decade . . . to give stimulus, inspiration, and encouragement to Christians as they face this task.

Lutheran, Presbyterian theologians cite charismatic movement growth

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Two theologians said here that people involved in the charismatic renewal movement are finding a deepening in their spiritual lives and a oneness that crosses denominational lines.

The Pentecostal-type movement, which emphasizes being filled with the Holy Spirit, was assessed by a Lutheran theologian, Arnold Bittlinger of Germany, and a Presbyterian theologian, J. Rodman Williams of Austin, Tex. They spoke at a Roman Catholic school, the College of St. Catherine.

Mr. Bittlinger, director of an Evangelical Academy in Bavaria and author of "Gifts and Graces," said Spirit-filled persons are able to transcend all human ties and bonds.

"As the charismatic person lets the Holy Spirit flow through him, his latent gifts become actualized, his true personality unfolds, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit become manifest," he said. "Charismatic action activates what is already potentially present and the Spirit-filled person awakens to who he essentially is and feels himself impelled to spread the Good News."

Members of charismatic communities tend to become more deeply faithful to the really vital practices of their own churches, he added.

Dr. Williams said that charis-

matic persons experience a heightened sense of joy, a new spontaneity and freedom in worship, a deepened sense of community, a fresh devotion to the church, and a growing love of the Bible.

Members feel as if they were living in the early days of the church in their desire to witness and to share the "good news," he said.

Dr. Williams noted that Pentecostals can now be found in most "mainline" churches.

Canadian, U.S. A/G leaders meet in annual conference

TORONTO—Officials of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada hosted an annual conference here in June with their counterparts from the Assemblies of God—U.S.A.

The Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada were a single organization until 1920 when they mutually agreed to separate, largely for geographic reasons.

The executives of both organizations meet annually to maintain continuing reciprocal agreements in areas of mutual interest.

During the conference this year procedures were reviewed in the areas of ministerial transfers, broadcasting, literature, and foreign missions.

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FIFTH MUSIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1-3

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Music Department will sponsor its fifth National Music Conference here August 1-3. The conference is designed to benefit church music leaders, choir directors, choir members, instrumentalists, and accompanists, according to L. B. Larsen, managing editor of the Music Department.

"Music—a Spiritual Ministry," will be the conference theme.

Don Wyrzten, director of NOW SOUNDS, the Youth Music Division of Singspiration, will be a featured guest. Wyrzten's compositions include the contemporary gospel song, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," the musicale, "What's It All About, Anyhow?" and many other gospel favorites.

A keyboard artist, Wyrzten is a member of the Fellowship of Christians in the Art Media and Entertainment. He will speak during a forum, direct reading sessions of his own music, and

speak at the banquet and during the concluding musicale.

Other musicians participating in the conference include Bob Walter, staff arranger for the U.S. Air Force Band; Cyril McLellan, director of Revivaltime Choir; Max Eleiott, composer, arranger, and minister of music at Evangelistic Temple, Houston, Tex.; Paul Ferrin, Tommy Hollingsworth, Hal Stewart, Dave Weston, and Don Stover.

The conference will feature workshops on various facets of church music ministry and skills. A special workshop will be conducted to assist pastors in developing a church music program.

Clinics and forums in specialized areas are also planned. New music to be introduced during the three-day meeting includes a Christmas cantata by Max Eleiott and Bob Krogstad.

A mini-cantata by Dave Weston entitled, "It Shall Flow Like a River," also will be introduced.

Retiring chaplain receives Meritorious Service Medal

EL PASO, TEX.—The Meritorious Service Medal was recently presented to Assemblies of God Chaplain (LTC) Talmadge F. McNabb for outstanding service from Jan. 22, 1971 to May 31, 1972, while serving as chaplain at the Army's William Beaumont General Hospital here.

Brig. General Robert Hardaway III, commander of the hospital, made the presentation.

Chaplain McNabb retired from 25 years military service on June 1. Three years were spent in enlisted status, 17 years in the active chaplaincy, and five years in the reserves.

While stationed in Korea in 1954, Chaplain McNabb rescued a two-year-old Korean-American girl from a muddy paddy field. He contacted Harry Holt in Creswell, Oreg., who came to



Korea and adopted this little girl and eight other orphans.

From this initial adoption, the Holt Adoption Program was organized. Since then, more than 8,000 orphans have been placed in carefully selected homes through the program.

The story of Christine Holt (the two-year-old girl), Chaplain McNabb, and Mr. Holt's meeting was dramatized in a nationwide television program in 1959, entitled "Seed From the East." The story was also published in a book by the same name.

Chaplain McNabb and his family will reside in El Paso.



WITH CHRIST

Joseph Harper, 78, Vallejo, Calif.; on May 3, 1972.

Brother Harper was a member of the Northern California—Nevada District. In 40 years of active ministry he pastored 13 churches in California and also did evangelistic work for a time. He is survived by his wife Ruth and a son Raymond, who is an Assemblies of God minister.

William Dirks, 74, Baywood Park, Calif.; on May 18, 1972.

A member of the Southern California District, Brother Dirks pastored in Lompoc and Baywood Park. He is survived by his wife Nellie.

Olin M. Rayborn, 67, East Gary, Ind.; on May 7, 1972.

A member of the Indiana District, Brother Rayborn held pastorates in Kansas and Indiana. He is survived by his wife Mable.

Richard D. Shaw, 61, Long Beach, Calif.; June 1, 1972.

Brother Shaw, a member of the Southern California District, ministered as an evangelist. He was a member of Hospital Chaplains of America. He is survived by his wife Viola and one son.

Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill.; on May 10, 1972.

Sister Nankivell was ordained by the Illinois District in 1924, and ministered for many years as an evangelist. Her articles appeared frequently in "The Pentecostal Evangel." Alfred A. Nankivell, her husband, preceded her in death in 1970. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Gertrude E. Walsh.

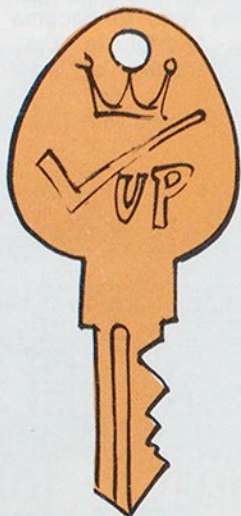
Hulet M. Savage, 84, Wichita Falls, Tex.; on May 31, 1972.

A member of the North Texas District, Brother Savage pastored several churches in Oklahoma and Texas. Survivors include his wife Annie May; two sons Kenzy and Paul, both Assemblies of God ministers; and two daughters, Betty who is a missionary to Africa and Mrs. Paul Joyner whose husband is a pastor in Austin, Tex.

Emma V. Goldsby, 72, Santa Rosa, Calif.; on May 23, 1972.

A member of the Northwest District, Sister Goldsby co-pastored with her husband Edward for many years. She is survived by her husband.

CHECKUP— KEY TO GROWTH



A souvenir key is waiting for you at the Council on Spiritual Life Sunday School booth.

Whether or not you receive a key, your 1972 Sunday School Checkup will be mailed to your church. Watch for it in mid-August. It may unlock SECRETS OF GROWTH.

AUGUST 27 IS SS CHECKUP DAY



STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Chickasaw	First	Aug. 6-18	Johnny Troutt	M. G. Barfield
	Russellville	AG	Aug. 8-19	Dennis & Becky Polk	E. L. Greenhaw
	Wilmer	Georgetown	Aug. 2-13	Ray & Elaine Leonard	A. J. Cameron
Ark.	Arkadelphia	First	Aug. 6-13	Laymon Jones	Temon Jenkins
	Branch	AG	Aug. 13-20	Glenn T. Dorsey	Glendal Black
	Biscoe	First	Aug. 7-13	Ralph & Ruth Copeland	Jimmy L. Noland
	Fayetteville	¹ Calvary	Aug. 6-11	Charles J. Aaron	J. W. Farrell
	Houston	AG	Aug. 8-20	Jim & Donna Snyder	William D. Fent
	McGehee	First	Aug. 6-13	Jeremiah Hanley	Dibrell Helton
	Springdale	¹ First	Aug. 13-18	Charles J. Aaron	Kenneth Woods
Calif.	Los Angeles	¹ Westchester	July 30-Aug. 4	Orville Phillips Team	Don Trimmer
	Los Gatos	First	Aug. 10-13	T. D. & Gladness Jennings	Kelsey C. Prinzing
	Santa Cruz	² Bethany Park	Aug. 1-4	Christian Hild	Berent Knutsen
	Silver Spur	² District Camp	Aug. 7-11	Christian Hild	Berent Knutsen, Chm.
Colo.	Glenwood Springs	First	Aug. 2-6	Doug Jones Family	Don Taylor
Fla.	Lynn Haven	First	Aug. 2-13	Homer Peterson	Howard Lee
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel	Aug. 9-20	James & Peggy Hazelton	Carl Mauldin
Hawaii	Waimanalo, Oahu	Waimanalo	Aug. 13-20	Esther Mae Wyrick	Homer Rugwell
Idaho	Sun Valley	³ Bellevue Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Bill & Naomi Hayes	John Anderson, Chm.
Ill.	Aledo	¹ AG	Aug. 1-6	Carl E. Gammel	John J. Biddle
	Mascoutan	Full Gospel	Aug. 9-13	Ben & Rynette Benton	Phillip Dunn
	Mason City	AG	Aug. 8-20	John Pratt Family	Kenneth C. Wallace
	Pocahontas	AG	Aug. 13-25	F. R. McAdams	Bill Cuneio
Ind.	Decatur	First	July 31—	Jerry Rollins	Gene Gardner
	Hammond	⁴ Hessville	Aug. 6-11	Victor Etienne	Frank C. Goss
	Hartford City	³ District Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Max Sapp Team	Evan Paul
	Kokomo	Southside	Aug. 6-20	The Gospel Sounds	Howard Watkins
	Lowell	First	Aug. 6—	Jerry Rollins	Melvin Robinson
	Washington	AG	Aug. 1-6	Thomas & Mary Calk	Roscoe Russell
Iowa	Conrad	AG	July 31-Aug. 6	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Ronald Mooberry
	Des Moines	¹ Glad Tidings	Aug. 13-18	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Richard Arrowood
	Muscatine	First	Aug. 7-13	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Wilbur Schuessler
	Newton	AG	Aug. 1—	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	William C. Hamilton
	Sheldon	¹ Parkview	Aug. 7-11	Harvey & Kathi Lange	R. E. Corlew
Kans.	Kansas City	¹ Oak Cliff	Aug. 6-13	Bud & Mary Alexis	James Bell
Ky.	Lexington	¹ First	Aug. 8-13	Carl E. Gammel	J. Kenneth Groen
La.	Alexandria	² District Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Bud & Mary Alexis	R. D. Pilcher, Chm.
	West Monroe	¹ Siegle	Aug. 13-18	Johnny & Karen Jones	Floyd Key
Maine	Charleston AFB	¹ Bangor	July 31-Aug. 4	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Edward Sponberg, Ch.
	Limestone	¹ Loring A.F.B.	Aug. 13-16	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	James F. Wilson, Ch.
Md.	Baltimore	⁴ Middle River	Aug. 1-13	Irving & Mary L. Howard	Clyde Oliver
Mich.	Charlevoix	¹ AG	Aug. 13-18	Phil Appenzeller	Bob Rutledge
	Lake City	⁵ AG	July 30-Aug. 6	Charles & Mrs. Blythe	Truman S. Lowell
	Muskegon	Central	July 30-Aug. 20	Musical Vander Ploegs	Bernard Ridings
	Olivet	Faith	July 30-Aug. 6	Snow Peabody	Paul Spence
Minn.	Hutchinson	AG	Aug. 1-13	Len & Esther Hutsell	R. S. Crouse
	Osseo	Maple Grove	Aug. 6-13	John & Diane Jacob	Garth Lambie
Mo.	Grant City	¹ AG	Aug. 6-11	Les & Sandra Merrick	Dorothy Knott
	Independence	¹ First	Aug. 13-20	Bud & Mary Alexis	Charles McKnight
	Orrick	AG	Aug. 13-18	Les & Sandra Merrick	Scott Garner
	Poplar Bluff	⁴ First	Aug. 13-18	Victor Etienne	Gail C. Copple
	Springfield	Glad Tidings	July 31-Aug. 4	Gladys Voight	R. D. Davis
N. H.	Portsmouth	¹ Pease A.F.B.	Aug. 7-11	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Robert L. Matthews, Ch.
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Central	Aug. 1-13	Keetah Jones	S. B. Manning
N. Y.	Dansville	AG	Aug. 8-20	Arne Vick	A. William Kyler
N. C.	Wanchese	AG	Aug. 13-27	Andrews Bros. Team	R. O. Denton
N. Dak.	Crosby	AG	Aug. 6-11	Kathleen Jennings	Clarence Brotzman
Ohio	Bucyrus	AG	Aug. 6-11	Donald T. Bailey	David M. Revell
	Sandusky	¹ Faith Memorial	Aug. 8-13	Paul & Mrs. Hild	Bob Lafferty
	Xenia	¹ First Christian	Aug. 6-11	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Eugene Fitzgerald
Okla.	Inola	AG	July 30-Aug. 13	Leon L. Ammons	J. W. Henegar
	Oklahoma City	Hilltop	Aug. 6-13	Charles Tolbert	Johnnie Bennett
	Turner Falls	² District Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Charles J. Aaron	L. Moore, Chm.
Oreg.	Butte Falls	² District Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Charles J. Senechal	Floyd Bailey, Chm.
	Canby	² District Camp	Aug. 7-11	Charles J. Senechal	John Fuiten, Chm.
S. C.	Columbia	Central	Aug. 1-13	Corbett & Mrs. Berthelot	Glen D. Miller
S. Dak.	Aberdeen	³ District Camp	July 31-Aug. 4	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Wes Bartel, Chm.
Tenn.	Knoxville	Woodlawn	Aug. 9-20	Mike & Linda Murdock	Ervin Donaldson
Tex.	Amarillo	Fairview	Aug. 7-20	Doug Chambers	A. L. Beggs
	Fort Worth	Northside	Aug. 2-6	Bob Bartlett	James Singleton
	Greenville	Section Camp	Aug. 7-11	Thomas Calk	Paul Clark, Chm.
	Karnes City	First	Aug. 6-13	Bob & Sandy Parker	Jesse Van Winkle
	Lake Dallas	¹ First	July 31-Aug. 4	Travis & Mrs. Corder	Franklin Bryant
	Madisonville	First	Aug. 6-20	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	E. R. Mason
	Mount Pleasant	First	Aug. 13-20	Alton Garrison	Charles W. Hyde
	Plano	¹ First	July 31-Aug. 4	Samuel & Patricia Calk	L. A. Allgood
	Texarkana	Rose Hill	Aug. 13-20	Thomas Calk	Boyce Green
Vt.	Brattleboro	Bethel	Aug. 2-13	Charles O. Hudspeth	Ronald Getchell
Wash.	Mineral	AG	Aug. 8-13	Irish Gospelaire	Clyde Sofie
	Raymond	AG	Aug. 7-13	Knouse-Stovall Team	Vernon Skaggs
	Spanaway	AG	Aug. 6-13	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Daniel Johnson
	Tenino	AG	Aug. 6-11	L. O. & Mrs. Triplett	Jon Stanford
	Wapato	AG	Aug. 6-13	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Donald Enders
Wis.	Lake Nebagamon	³ District Camp	July 31-Aug. 5	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	Andrew Eitzen
	Mayville	¹ AG	Aug. 6-11	Phil Appenzeller	Roy A. McKain

¹ Children's Revival

² Children's Camp

³ Youth Camp

⁴ Youth Revival

⁵ Deeper Life Crusade

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT ORDAINS 10 AT ANNUAL COUNCIL

GREENVILLE, MISS.—Ten ministers were ordained by the Mississippi District during its annual council at First Assembly here.

Cyril Homer, president of South-Eastern Bible College, was guest speaker. More than 400 people attended the evening services.

J. F. Doggette was host pastor for the council.

BEECH GROVE, IND.—Faith Assembly here recently concluded a five-night kids crusade with Evangelist Charles J. Aaron. An average of 182 were present each night, including more than 60 children who do not attend church or Sunday school elsewhere.

Pastor J. P. Monson reports the altars were filled each night as Brother Aaron gave the children instruction and invitation to accept Christ.

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



These pastors from the Mountain District of Taiwan gathered for their first district council this spring. Victor Trimmer (front row, center) was elected district superintendent.

A new district is born in Taiwan

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—A new district among the aborigines, or mountain people of the island, was recently recognized by the Taiwan Assemblies of God.

The new Taiwan Mountain District is the result of several years' dedication from Missionary Garland Benintendi, David Plymire, and others, who felt burdened by God to go into these remote villages with the full gospel.

Today the district has over 30 congregations and almost 40

preaching points.

The first district meeting was held in the village of Ta Tan in March. Taiwan Missions Director Victor Trimmer was elected district superintendent; Wang Mu-Liang, assistant superintendent; Ling An-Chu, secretary; and Chen A-Yung, treasurer.

Brother Trimmer preached the ordination service where seven pastors were ordained, 14 received licenses to preach, and 12 were issued Christian workers papers.

More than 2,000 accept Christ during Taiwan crusades

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—Over 2,000 persons came forward for salvation during recent revival services held in the southern port city of Koahsiung and in the capital city of Taipei.

Nora Lam, of Bethel Temple, San Jose, Calif., was guest speaker for the crusade.

"Many gave testimonies of healings from cancer and other diseases. The blind received

sight and the crippled were healed," reports Pastor Vic Trimmer of the American Assemblies of God.

The crusade in Koahsiung was the best-attended Christian revival in the history of the city.

Church leaders and pastors of almost every denomination attended and supported the crusade.

Hundreds responded to the altar calls during the crusade in Taipei. Nora Lam was guest speaker for the services. The altar calls were not just general invitations for prayer, but clearly given for those who wanted forgiveness for sins.



This lovely old home is the Teen Challenge Center for Berlin. Ronald Loy is director of the work.

President's wife visits Berlin Teen Challenge

Center opens coffeehouse for U.S. servicemen

BERLIN, GERMANY—The wife of West German President Gustav Heinemann attended the opening of the Teen Challenge Center here.

"Mrs. Heinemann was so impressed by the work of Teen Challenge, that she left a check for \$600," reports Missionary Ronald D. Loy.

Among the features of the new center is a commercial kitchen, laundry, office, and swimming pool. The house will accommodate up to 28 residents.

A highlight of the center's

recent activities was the dedication of "The Golden Gate," the center's coffeehouse in Wiesbaden, the U.S. Air Force European headquarters.

The dedication attracted the Chief of Staff, General Brian Gundersen, also General James Young, and three colonels of the Chaplains Corps.

Armed Forces television covered the event, along with three Wiesbaden dailies.

"A young airman delivered from drugs by God's power gave a ringing testimony at the dedication," Brother Loy reports. The airman was delivered from drugs while helping renovate the house prior to its opening.

MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

The following missionaries are returning to the States for deputational work: the Sam Johnsons (Spain); the Dewey Hustons (Malawi); the Jose (Mike) Santiagos (Ecuador); the Ralph Jimenezes (Haiti); the Norman G. Backmans (Liberia); Judith Foster (Japan); the Larry Malcolms (Zaire-Iso); the Robert Mackishes (Austria); the Habib Iskanders (Jordan); the T. O. Johnstons (Mexico); the Lee Roy Wards (Nigeria); the John DeCocks (Surinam); the Bobby Jacksons (Dahomey); the R. Morris Devins (Indonesia); the Herbert S. Griffins (Ghana); the Henry E. Mocks (Peru); and Minnie Ecklund (Nigeria).

The David Spencers, who have been working in Nicaragua for the past five years, have been newly appointed while on the field.

Lily Barlow (Liberia) has

completed special training in Ethiopia and is leaving for the field.

The following missionaries have transferred to new fields: Mrs. Lois Stewart from El Salvador to Mexico; the Lawrence Larsons from Fiji to Vietnam; and the Louis Richardses from Singapore to Hong Kong.

The Norman Andersons (Brazil) have transferred to International Correspondence Institute. The Earl Kramers (Colombia) have been approved for Latin American radio and TV ministry.

The Harry Leids (Indonesia) and the Roy Armstrongs (Philippines) have transferred to the ministerial list. The Vernon Driggers (Ghana) have transferred to the inactive list.

Mrs. Wilma Cobb (Nigeria) has transferred to the superannuated list.



Sarah Johnston

NEWLY-APPROVED MISSIONARIES



The Mike McClaffins
Kenya



The Randall Walkers
Brazil



The Donald Jeters
Portugal



The Robert Tripps
Vietnam



The Fred Howsares
Indonesia



The Danny Anglins
Malaysia



The Arie Van Driels
Surinam



The David Berkheimers
Portugal



The Randall Clarks
Middle East



The Gordon Bialaks
Italy



The John Blakeleys
Latin America



The Claude Hendersons
Middle East



The Gene Schachterles
Thailand

Missionary to Hong Kong dies

HONG KONG—Miss Sarah C. Johnston, 68, an Assemblies of God missionary to the Far East since 1944, died at the Queen Mary Hospital here May 7.

During her 28 years of service with the Assemblies of God, Sister Johnston helped establish a primary school in Ping Shaan and worked in the Children's Garden, an orphanage of more than 1,000 children. She also taught in the Ecclesia Bible Institute and served as secretary of the school's Board of Directors.

Sister Johnston served in China eight years before receiving missionary appointment from the Assemblies of God. From 1936 to 1942, she engaged in language study, taught Bible classes, did evangelistic work under her own initiative.

In preparation for missionary service, Miss Johnston attended Clarion State Teachers College, Central Bible College, and John Brown University. She taught school 14 years at DuBois, Pa.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO FOREIGN FIELDS



The Eugene Hunts
Dominican Republic



The Warren Flatterys
Switzerland



The Gordon Wedens
Costa Rica



The John Franklins
Guatemala



Wilma Jones
France



The Arlie Teskes
Korea



The Robert Crabtrees
Austria



The Vernon Pettengers
South Africa



Alta Hodge
S. India



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