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

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a miracle

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your neighborhood

Where have they gone?

The power of His name

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Mama, will you touch me?

My husband Jim was 700 miles away involved in missionary service in Tonga.

About midnight I heard a noise outside. Looking from the balcony of our Samoan home, I saw two men peering into the house.

"Get away from here," I yelled, with a strength and courage not my own. The men turned and went off into the night.

Debi, Jimmy, and I were frightened. Would the men come back? What were they after?

Together we knelt and prayed, asked for divine protection, and committed ourselves to God. I told the children, "Jesus will take care of us. Perfect love casts out fear. If we truly love Jesus, we have nothing to fear."

But for me sleep seemed far away. My imagination was filled with frightening prospects.

Just then I heard a soft knock at my bedroom door. "Mama, can I sleep with you?" Jimmy asked. "I'm afraid."

"OK," I answered.

I was glad for the company. I told Jimmy good-night and assured him there was nothing to fear because we belonged to Jesus.

He lay quietly for a while. Then he said, "Mama, I'm still afraid. Would you just put your hand on my back and leave it there? I'll feel better if you touch me."

I reached over and put my hand on him. In a few minutes he dropped off in a relaxed sleep.

I lay there for some time thinking how wonderful it is to know that the hand of Jesus is upon us. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. No matter how dark and lonely the circumstances, the touch of His hand brings peace and calm to the troubled heart.

And I slept.

—LOUELLA HANCE

You're the one God cares about

I remember standing on top of the Empire State Building in New York City with a friend. We were looking down at the people on the pavement below.

They seemed like a mass of swarming insects, and my friend said, "I suppose that's how we all look to God."

Jesus, however, gave us a better picture of how important we are to God.

The miracle of the healing of blind Bartimeus (Mark 10:46-52) typifies the intensely personal character of our Lord's ministry.

The streets of Jericho were lined with people, all eager to get a glimpse of Jesus. When the blind beggar cried out to Jesus for help, the people told him to shut up. But Jesus heard him. He stopped and called Bartimeus to himself. The beggar received his sight.

Jesus was always stopping to help individuals, always turning His attention from the many to the one. This action of Jesus is God's way of saying to the lowliest person, "I am concerned about you. You count."

One of the things that discourages our prayers is the fear that God may be too busy running this vast universe to have time for the needs of one individual. But Jesus taught us to think of God as a Father who cares first of all about His children. We are more important to Him than anything else.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:26-34) Jesus told about how God clothes the grass of the field and how He provides for the birds of the air. Then He asks if God would do so much for something which will last only a little while, how much more would He do for His children who will last forever?

We sometimes forget it is in such personal care that God's greatness consists. The Psalmist says, "Great is the Lord, and of great power" (Psalm 147:5). Why? Because He that "telleteth the number of the stars" (Psalm 147:4) is also He that "healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

Don't you ever say, "God isn't interested in me."

—M. P. HORBAN

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NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE



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Daddy, Daddy!" is the child's insistent plea. "Will you fix it for me?"

And he holds up a tiny plastic car that looks as if it had been hit by a bulldozer.

The child has infinite faith in his father's ability to fix things. No matter how badly they're wrecked, Daddy can repair them!

In this case, however, it would take

nothing short of a miracle to restore that broken toy.

Life is like that. Plans go wrong. Hopes are shattered. The highway of life is cluttered with humanity's debris, men and women for whom tomorrow can only be anticipated with dread and despair.

Nothing short of a miracle can rescue such lives from ruin and restore them to usefulness and happiness. But God has a miracle for every despondent one who will come to Him for help.

Such a one was the leper described in the Bible (Matthew 8). For him, not only had the pot of gold vanished from the end of the rainbow; the rainbow had gone too, swallowed up in a dark sky overcast with fear and hopelessness.

His deep need was expressed in a poignant prayer: "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

Christ did a repair job on this unfortunate individual which was nothing short of a miracle. He stretched out a compassionate hand and transformed the diseased and doomed man into a radiant, vital person.

On a warm summer evening a man joined the crowds attending a city-wide evangelistic crusade. Not religious at all, but driven by desperation, he was looking for an answer. An alcoholic whose career was a shambles and whose family life was shattered, he had turned to his family physician for help. The doctor in turn referred him to a psychiatrist, but numerous consultations had not produced any positive change in his condition.

Now here he was in a religious meeting, of all places!

But as the evangelist preached the Word of God, it seemed that Christ was speaking directly to him. A hope was born deep within his heart that life could be different—that God by the power of the Holy Spirit could make him into a new person.

When the invitation was given, he

arose and made his way to the front to stand with others who were also seeking God's help. That night he met Christ. His sins were forgiven, his life was straightened out, the desperate need for alcohol vanished.

A couple of days later he called his psychiatrist. "Doctor," he exclaimed joyfully, "I won't be coming back for consultation. I've been cured. My drinking problem is gone."

The psychiatrist dubiously inquired what had happened. The detailed account that his patient excitedly related over the phone set the wheels turning in his mind. There were serious problems in his own life for which he hadn't found the answer.

"Maybe you've found what I'm looking for. Maybe I should attend the crusade."

"I'll be glad to take you, Doctor," was the immediate response. And he did. The doctor found the miracle he needed—the miracle of Christ's love and forgiveness.

What can you do when life turns sour and the roof caves in around your ears? Some turn to the occult, others to drugs or alcohol. Some choose suicide as the way out.

Those who know better do like the little boy: they bring the broken pieces to their Father. He alone can give the miracle that's needed.

A magazine launched a contest in which readers were invited to submit their definition of a friend. Thousands responded. The prize-winning submission was this:

"A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

That's a good definition of Jesus, the Friend of sinners. He can heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free, restore sight to the blind, and transform the most dismal situation into one of joy and beauty.

If you're tempted to throw up your hands in despair, take courage. There's hope. When things are so bad it would take nothing less than a miracle to change the situation, that's just the time you need the Lord. He's waiting to help you just now—if you will ask Him to.

By **SAMUEL M. BUICK**

When Christ reigns on the earth for a thousand years—the period we call the Millennium—what will His kingdom be like?

GLOBAL SOVEREIGNTY

First, His rule will be over all the earth.

Daniel 2 records the mysterious dream of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. It was a tremendous fore-view of secular civilization.

The metallic colossus with its four metals of diminishing value—golden, silver, brass, iron—and the mixture of clay in its extremities was, Daniel disclosed, symbolic of the fact that in the whole history of the race there would be four world empires—the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman.

The interpretation was unmistakably clear: “Thou art this head of gold” (Daniel 2:38). The breast and arms of silver represented “another kingdom inferior to thee” (Daniel 2:39). Then came the thighs of brass—apt symbol of the reproductive brilliance of Greece. Next the legs of iron, surely an apt emblem of the mighty Roman empire—with its two great divisions, east and west—whose dominant characteristics were stability and mobility.

The metal image, like the human form, terminated in 10 toes. The feet were of iron mixed with clay—an incongruous combination of strength and brittleness. The 10 toes indicated a distribution of power.

“Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces” (Daniel 2:34). Who is the stone? There can be no question that it is Christ who is meant.

Someone has remarked that in the Word of God the Lord Jesus is spoken of as a stone in three ways:

(1) As a *stumbling stone*. “Unto them which be disobedient, [he is] a stone of stumbling” (1 Peter 2:7, 8).



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(2) As a *structural stone*. “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone” (1 Peter 2:6).

(3) As a *striking stone*. “Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder” (Luke 20:18).

The stone smiting the image of secular power signifies the establishment of Christ’s millennial kingdom.

For the first time in history, the world is ready for global sovereignty. Radio, the telephone, television, communication satellites, and high-speed travel have made universal government a viable possibility.

Indeed, world government is being thrust upon us. The alternatives, as someone has starkly stated them, are “one world or none.”

The Bible tells us that we are to have world government. Christ taught His disciples to pray: “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in *earth*” (Matthew 6:10). Would He have prompted them to offer a petition foredoomed to frustration?

All types of government have been tried in recent times—democratic, dictatorial, autocratic, bureaucratic. One remains to be instituted—the theocratic, and all the signs are that it is about to be introduced. That will be the first mark of the Millennium—global sovereignty.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

In passage after passage the prophets foretell that the Millennial age will be one of fabulous fertility. Allowances must be made, of course, for Hebrew hyperbole, but the fact is stated so plainly that there can be no mistaking it: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine” (Amos 9:13).

With the removal of the curse from nature, a large part of its potential now used in producing

By IAN MACPHERSON



Vineyards in Hungary (photo by H. Armstrong Roberts)

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weeds will become valuably productive.

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the myrtle tree" (Isaiah 55:13).

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1).

MATERIAL PROSPERITY

The third mark will be material prosperity. This follows very naturally from what we have just said. Poverty is one of the great problems of the world today. Every time the clock ticks somebody dies because he is too poor to obtain the necessities of life.

But in Christ's kingdom it will be different. There will be a period of prodigious plenty.

"They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and

another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands" (Isaiah 65:21, 22).

"They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4).

ANIMAL TAMABILITY

Another mark of the Millennium will be animal tamability. during the Millennium the animals not only will be tamable, but they will be tame.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard also shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together. . . . And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 11:6, 7, 9).

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be

the serpent's meat" (Isaiah 65:25).

For this millennial hour the whole material order is longing. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope; because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Romans 8:19-22).

During the Millennium that deep yearning will be satisfied.

UNIVERSAL TRANQUILITY

A further mark of the millennial era will be universal tranquility. At His first coming, Christ was introduced to the world as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). At His advent was proclaimed, "On earth peace" (Luke 2:14).

When we think of the Golden Age of the future, is it not most often an era of peace we have in mind?

There is warrant for this in the Word: "He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

As Edmund Hamilton Sears wrote:

*For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the
earth*

*Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back
the song
Which now the angels sing.*

PERSONAL LONGEVITY

An additional mark of the Millennium will be personal longevity. The

normal human life-span is clearly defined by the Psalmist: "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow" (Psalm 90:10).

Modern science is doing its utmost to extend the time allotted, and it is succeeding to an extraordinary degree.

Not everybody, however, desires to lengthen the span of life. In the preface of his *Back to Methuselah*, George Bernard Shaw contended that, if the human life-span were to be lengthened to 300 years, death would be welcomed with inexpressible relief.

Doubtless that is true under present conditions. But present conditions will not be millennial conditions. Life will be desirable.

"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old" (Isaiah 65:20).

CEREMONIAL RELIGIOSITY

Yet a further mark of the Millennium will be ceremonial religiosity. I use the term *religiosity* in its better sense and imply no reflection on the quality of the worship offered by the future pilgrims to the Holy City.

By that time the Christian sacraments will, of course, have been superseded by the great events which will have transpired. Protestants acknowledge two sacraments only, both instituted by our Lord himself—baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both will have been outmoded in the millennial era. According to Matthew 28:20, baptism was to be administered until the end of this age. And in 1 Corinthians 11:26 Paul tells us that the breaking of bread is to be celebrated "till he [Christ] comes,"

The Jewish sacrificial system may be reintroduced. The deduction seems warranted by such words as

these: "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:16).

On this C. I. Scofield has an enlightening comment: "Doubtless these offerings will be memorial, looking back to the Cross, as the offerings under the old covenant were anticipatory, looking forward to the Cross. In neither case have animal sacrifices power to put away sin."

EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITY

The final mark of the Millennium will be evangelistic activity.

There can be no contesting the fact that, according to the Word of God, the Jews are to be the great evangelists of the future. "I will send those that escape of them [the Jews] unto the nations . . . and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles" (Isaiah 66:19).

"For if the casting away of them [the Jews] be the reconciling of the world, what will the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" (Romans 11:15).

And so "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

"If," wrote E. W. Bullinger in *Ten Sermons on the Second Coming*, "the 12 apostles and 120 disciples have sent the message of reconciliation to the uttermost parts of the earth, what will not 'all Israel' do when saved and filled with this fullness of blessing and power from on high?"

What a thrilling day it will be when, as someone has said, Christ's title of "King" will be inscribed "not as of old in three languages only but in all the tongues of the world!"

—Abridged from *Redemption Tidings*

Wait! Don't put *finish* on that situation just yet. Life isn't over. There are still some developments out there ahead that you haven't taken into account.

To put it in the poetic phrasing of Maltbie D. Babcock:

*"This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft
so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one."*

It's true. "The battle is not done." Life is in the making. Things have some new turns yet to take, some new paths to travel, some fresh approaches to try.

Remember this every day. But especially remember it in those difficult times when life seems flattened against an immovable wall.

REMEMBER IT in times like: "*It's just not fair. I don't deserve this kind of fate.*"

Discrimination—all of us have tasted it from time to time. Many times when it hits us, we either get fighting mad or we feel that the Christian path "just doesn't pay." Being treated unfairly is tough to endure.

But remember: the end isn't here yet. Being treated unfairly isn't enjoyable, but it's part of the life we have chosen as Christians.

God will even things out. Whether you ever see it or not, the person who treats you unfairly will be dealt with by God. You'll have your compensation either here or in heaven.

It's strange how things can change. And strange how we can best see and sense partiality when it hits us. Often our health, our mental outlook, or the pressures of the world around us can make us sensitive to the hurts others hurl at us. If cir-

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THE BATTLE IS NOT DONE

cumstances were different, we'd be able to take the roughest treatment others can dish out and come up smiling.

Well, that day of being able to take it may be just around the corner. Cheer up. The end isn't written yet. "The battle is not done."

OR REMEMBER IT when you feel: *"If only I weren't a Christian, I might get along better."*

Sometimes temptation takes the form of some very marvelous opportunity that comes your way, but is tinged with an unchristian aspect. If you weren't a Christian, you could make a quick profit, or you could get the advantage over a competitor, or you could loaf on the job a lot.

The attractive side of sin can be a real pitfall for a Christian. The sinner seems to have such a great advantage. The unethical businessman, the two-faced neighbor, the lying club member—they appear to have a tremendous advantage over the Christian.

And often we are tempted to copy them. Perhaps a little bending of the truth couldn't be so bad. A cutting of corners wouldn't hurt anything.

But the "battle is not done." Those who think they break the law without penalty live to find they have broken themselves on the law. If we join them for immediate advantage, we too will be broken on the law.

The day when sowing the seeds of

sin finds a harvest of ruin is on the way. Steadily, surely it is coming. The battle one day will be done. We may not live to see the harvest that our sinner-friends reap, but it is coming.

Watch out for this sly temptation. The tendency to look the other way in moral matters comes on us at times when we're not ready.

Temptation isn't really temptation if we can throw it off easily. Its attack will come when we are the weakest, when our resistance is lowest and our defenses are down.

Train yourself to hear and see and even smell the first inroads of sin; then ward them off. Keep strong. The end of the battle comes, and you want to be found victorious.

REMEMBER THE PHRASE in times like this: *"What am I to do? I raised my children in the church, but none of them are Christians today."*

Children, grandchildren, husbands, wives: the whole lot of "loved ones" who know the right way but walk the wrong way, are heartbreakers for the Christian.

And when we know that rearing children is entrusted to parents by none other than God himself, it's all the harder to see them wander away from the path we have taught them.

We search the past; we cry in the night; we agonize and analyze and plead with our pastor to tell us "where we went wrong."

And yet the answer isn't there. The children still live their worldly lives seemingly untouched by the Master's voice.

But take heart. Remember the phrase: "The battle is not done." The Christian values you've set in motion in their lives are still there, down deep inside. The Christian example you've shown is there for God to use and reuse as He speaks to the souls of those you love.

In training children in the Christian way, you give God a tremendous advantage: He can speak to



Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

those you love. He can speak in the quiet of the night or in crises. He can remind them of your example, and repeat the words of teaching you invested.

You have given God the basic raw materials necessary to convict as only He can. He can speak where and when you cannot. He can reach the conscience in ways you can't dream of. Your contribution in their childhood makes God's access to them possible. You have been the key.

And the battle is not done. He will use this background you have provided. Believe it; count on it. God will have the last word in the secret places of the hearts of those you love.

AND REMEMBER the principle of the unfinished battle when you feel: *"Our congregation is just standing still. There's no spirituality in it. Maybe I ought to quit."*

Every congregation goes through times when there's no visible reason for encouragement. Many times this is unnecessary. Other times there are roadblocks you and I can't see.

There's one thing you can do, and one big thing you'd better not do. Be sure there is no reason in your life that might make you one of the reasons the congregation is standing still. Make sure that if everyone in the congregation lived at your spiritual level, the church would thrive.

Keep yourself in harmony with the folk in the congregation; pray regularly and in earnest; give liberally; attend faithfully. Make sure, beyond any doubt, that if there really is a standstill in the church, it isn't in any way your fault.

Then, without exception, stand by the church with all your might! Trust God to bring the church out of the difficulties you sense. Trust Him to remove, reprove, inspire, correct, adjust, encourage, and guide everyone who will listen to Him.

"The battle is not done. Jesus who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one." Never forget

this. Count on it. Do examine yourself and don't quit.

THIS LIFE seems chancy at best. It's loaded with surprises. Whole sets of circumstances can change right before your eyes. Lives can be turned around, altered, blunted, and transformed to your utter amazement.

Hold onto God in the firm belief that such changes can happen in

your experience. Believe that He will indeed "make all things work together for good."

Take heart. Lift up that chin. Remember, "the battle is not done." And, "God is the Ruler yet."

There's more to life than what you see right this minute from where you stand. God sees the whole picture. And He is in charge.

Trust Him.



Faith to live by FORGIVENESS

How can I be a forgiving person?

I know of no other single quality which can so completely measure a person's Christlikeness.

Forgiveness flowed from the footsteps of the Lord. All kinds of people found this need met in Him—the woman taken in adultery, the harlot of Magdala, Zaccheus the crooked businessman, Nicodemus the self-righteous Pharisee, the thief on the cross—they all discovered Christ willing to forgive them.

A man once asked, "Should we forgive others before they ask forgiveness?" He almost seemed to be looking for a way to withhold forgiveness.

Some people do find it extremely difficult to forgive, but what Jesus taught His followers is clear. Believers are to forgive even before forgiveness is asked.

The prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray included the phrase, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). In fact, in one of His parables Jesus told believers that if they did not forgive those indebted to them, neither would their Heavenly Father forgive them.

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In Ephesians 4:32 Paul pleaded with Christians to be "tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Remember when Simon Peter raised the question as to how frequently we should forgive? He thought seven times should be adequate, but Jesus corrected his estimate and made it "seventy times seven."

Forgiveness is a quality of mental health. It allows the person to complete old business and freshens the mind's agenda for the business of a new day. How much potential is lost, how many opportunities go unrecognized because people harbor grudges in their hearts!

I seldom see a forgiving person who is depressed. When a person forgives another for mistreating him, he has no more need to hate or be angry. In fact, some of the peak moments of emotional and spiritual health are those times when he is aware he has forgiven everyone who he may feel has wronged him and is enjoying complete forgiveness from God through Christ.

There is no more wonderful feeling than knowing you have forgiven all and are being forgiven of all.



By RICHARD D. DOBBINS, Ph.D.



IT CAN HAPPEN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

To one person a neighborhood Bible study may mean a new understanding of the plan of salvation with a compelling realization that a decision concerning it is required. To another, the same group session may be a door into a new commitment where Jesus becomes not only Saviour but also Lord.

Ruth was one of those who heard the gospel explained in a neighborhood Bible study and accepted Jesus as Saviour.

"The Bible study means a lot to me. It brought Jesus Christ into my heart and gave me some new friends," she said.

About 2½ years earlier Ruth's Christian neighbor, Bernadine Noble, had felt she ought to start a group. She realized the neighbors hardly knew each other, although some had lived there a number of years. But the prompting of God's Spirit persisted, and Bernie extended an invitation.

At the first meeting she felt like she was introducing her own neighbors to each other, she declared!

Ruth attended that first meeting along with eight or nine other women. "I was very nervous," she said. "Five or six years previously I had suffered a nervous breakdown, and I didn't know how the ladies would take to me. I didn't know very much about the Bible—hardly anything, really—but the ladies of the Bible

study group helped me an awful lot, and at each meeting my heart began to open up to Jesus Christ."

Phyllis Pincosy agreed to lead the discussions on the Book of Mark. Immediately Ruth found not only that she wanted to ask questions concerning the Bible and the Christian experience, but under Phyllis's and Bernie's leadership she felt free to ask these questions.

Ruth tells how an awareness of God's way grew on her. One day soon after she began attending the Bible study, she was carrying a sack of groceries into the house. She accidentally bumped into an ornamental object and broke it. Her immediate reaction was to swear, but almost instantly she realized she didn't want to swear anymore; and out loud she said, "Praise the Lord—please forgive me." Probably this was the first time in her life she had earnestly praised the Lord and asked forgiveness.

During the course of the weekly discussions Bernie told the group that if they went home with one good thought, their day would be made. Ruth put that to practice and found it true.

As the weeks went by, she began to feel different inside. She knew it would be a much better life if she became a Christian.

So Ruth accepted Jesus as her Saviour. On Sunday night, November 24, 1974, she and two others from the same Bible study group followed the Lord in water baptism at Calvary Temple, Seattle.

NOT EVERYONE coming to a neighborhood Bible study needs salvation. Some are church members who have already received Jesus as Saviour but need to come alive in their commitment to Him.

Alma, living in a country club area, became concerned about the spiritual needs of her neighbors. She had made their acquaintance through the monthly coffee klatch, but otherwise most of them lived behind

By MARJORIE STEWART

'HE DIED— AND I NEVER TOLD HIM!'

closed doors and drawn drapes. She prayed and then approached several Christian friends.

On a Friday afternoon five of us gathered in Alma's home. Not knowing where to start, we prayed and then planned a tea for the following Friday. That week an invitation was phoned to every woman within the boundaries of the country club. We had prayed that God would bring those He wanted to come. Fourteen women walked through the door that afternoon, and a week later the neighborhood Bible study began.

Over the next 3½ years several women belonging to various cults, women suffering loneliness that often verged on despair, and women of various denominational backgrounds made up the membership of that group. Each brought her own individual need, but we found that searching God's Word together brought both comfort and answers to many of these women.

One of these women was Donna. She had been raised in a Christian home and had accepted Jesus as Saviour when a child. But "this was the first direct interchange with women of other beliefs I had encountered," she says. "In my growing-up years we didn't have Bible studies, and outside of a few discussions while away at college my faith had never been seriously challenged. But on the other hand, my spiritual life had not continued to develop."

Concerning the impact of the neighborhood Bible studies, Donna says: "As I began attending, suddenly I was hearing reinforcements of my own belief, or challenges from others to basic convictions, or new and exciting ideas; and I began to grow closer to the Lord. These meetings gave me a deep, long look into my life as God would view it. I realized there was so much more I could be doing for Him."

At the time Donna joined the group, her own church was going through a period of turmoil which resulted in a dearth of Biblical

teaching. The Bible study filled the need in Donna's life, and within a few weeks she was bringing other women to the group.

But that wasn't enough. She became deeply concerned about the spiritual needs of her six children. Two of them were already in college, but her vital witness soon became an influence for righteousness in their lives.


Two years after starting to attend the neighborhood Bible study, Donna felt impressed of the Lord to do something about giving the gospel to the children of the neighborhood. She started that spring with one group of 10 to 12 children, meeting every week in her living room. By fall she had two groups. From 25 to 30 children received the good news each week, and many were converted.

It wasn't long until she took on a third group in another home, in a different neighborhood.

In this third group, a girl came up to Donna one day and said, "My mother wants you to help me receive the Lord Jesus, and then we're going to celebrate." That mother had been attending a Bible study in her neighborhood.

At another meeting Donna led Lisa to accept Jesus into her heart and life. The following week Donna felt a tug on her skirt. She looked down into an eager young face. "I want you to do with me what you did with Lisa," the child said.

In the past year and a half over 100 children have listened to the gospel in Donna's children's groups. And it all began through a neighborhood Bible study.

Like a pebble thrown in a pool, the starting of a neighborhood Bible study that concentrates on God's Word has an ever-expanding influence in the lives of those who get involved. 

The telephone rang. As I answered it, I could hardly recognize the voice weeping on the other end.

It was my friend Betty, but it took some time for her to gain control so she could speak. She asked if I had heard of the plane crash that morning. I had.

Our missionaries, Charles and Lillian Woolever, had been waiting at a red light prior to crossing Selander Bridge here in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Suddenly a small army plane dipped low over the bridge, obviously having engine trouble.

It banked and returned, evidently trying to land on a strip of beach on the other side of the bridge.

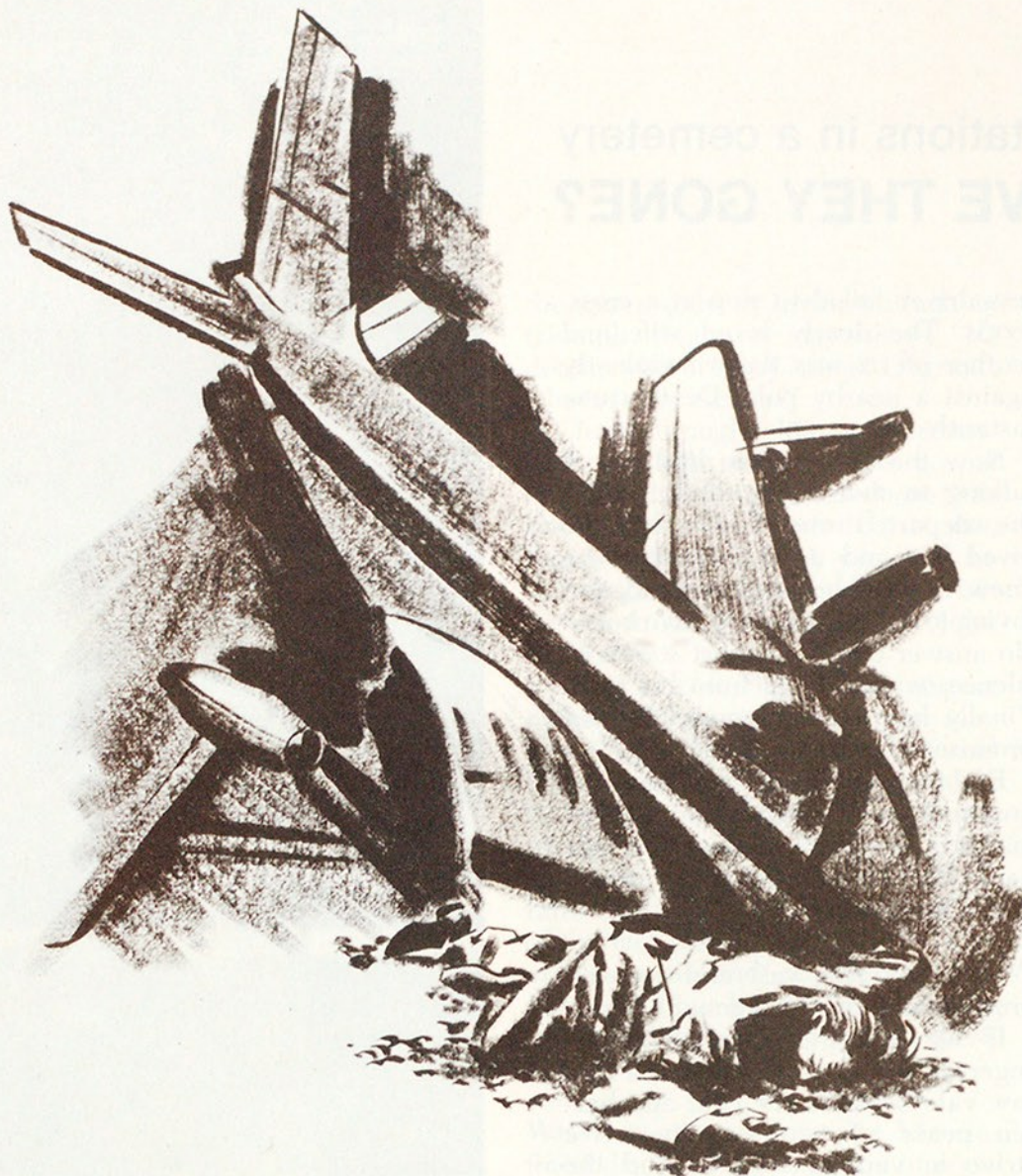
The pilot never made it. The plane crashed at the entrance to the bridge. Both pilots were killed. In another few seconds the Woolevers would have been in that exact spot.

We had been shaken by the news, but the tragedy grew as I listened to Betty's tear-choked voice.

"Do you remember last Saturday night when we went to the banquet here for all the Canadian staff?" Yes, I remembered. "And I told you about that pilot, Bob, who asked me why I was so different from other Christians he had known? Marilyn, Bob was in that plane! He died this morning—and I never told him!" She began sobbing again.

I recalled that on Monday morning we had talked for some time on the phone. Betty had described the party of the weekend before. Her husband Dick was a Canadian doctor under contract to the Tanzanian army, helping them upgrade their hospitals and train army hospital staff. Both Dick and Betty were dedicated, Spirit-filled Christians, but quite often they had to attend social functions among the European community. A handsome couple, they were even more noticeable because of their refusal to drink, dance, or smoke.

On this night Bob had asked Betty in front of a number of others at the dinner table why she always refused



to dance with him and why she took only soft drinks.

"It's because I'm a Christian, Bob," she said.

"But I've known others who called themselves Christians, and they weren't any different than the rest of us," he insisted. "What is it about you that is so different?"

Embarrassed by the sudden interest of the other guests, Betty told him she would explain it sometime. She had added to me on Monday that she thought she would invite him to their home so they could really witness to him and explain what true salvation was.

By MARILYN FORD
Tanzania

But now it was Wednesday. And Bob was dead.

"But, Betty, you had planned to talk to him; you just didn't have a chance," I tried to console her.

"Yes, I did! Don't you remember when Dick and I took that safari to western Tanzania last month and left the children with you? Bob was the pilot who flew us there. He was with us the entire time as Dick visited one army post after another, inspecting the hospitals. We did have time—lots of time—hours and hours alone with him in that plane. Yet neither of us said one word to him about Christ. Now it's too late! We waited too long!"

It took Betty many weeks to get over the death of their friend. For days she could hardly eat, and sleepless nights were filled with self-recrimination over a lost opportunity.

She promised the Lord that never again would she let a chance slip by to point a hungry heart to the saving grace of Jesus.

This week I spoke in a ladies meeting in a church of another denomination here in Dar es Salaam. I taught on faith but felt led to emphasize the need of salvation and the change we experience through faith in Christ as our Saviour. The group of European and Asian ladies listened attentively.

Later during teatime a young woman from an Eastern European country questioned me. She asked, "Mrs. Ford, don't you ever feel frustrated with your life, as if something is missing? Don't you have doubts about your faith and religious beliefs?"

"Never!" I replied. "Everything I mentioned today I've proved over and over in my own life."

I admitted that at times I feel I don't measure up to what I want to be. I know I make lots of mistakes because I'm just human.

"But," she persisted, "when you feel inadequate, where do you go for help?"

"I go to God," I answered; "I pray, and He always meets my need."

"Praying? What good is praying? How can you pray?"

Her question after question revealed a hungry, confused heart. She has been raised a Communist, and her mind is in turmoil as she seeks real peace. Now with problems arising in her marriage, her troubles are deepening.

"Mrs. Ford, please come to see me. Won't you come and talk to me some more?" she begged.

I hesitated, thinking of my busy schedule, of the work-packed hours of each day. I don't really have the time.

Then I remembered Betty. And Bob. And a plane crash one bright morning. And I said, "Yes, I'll come. Where do you live?"

We have an appointment Saturday. I pray that I won't be too late. *BF*

Meditations in a cemetery

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

What a wonderful quietness pervades this area. Here in solemn stillness lie the discarded residences of so many who once walked this verdant soil. No longer is the air filled with their laughter or warmed by their love.

Unhappily there may be those who missed the opportunities of life and instead of terminating their earthly sojourn in peace and dignity, surrounded by those who could not bear to see them go, finished their course in violence and reaped the dislike and maybe hatred of many.

The carpet of grass and flowers covers all alike. Only the songs of the birds break the stillness. Occasionally the tolling of a bell announces that another has left the land of the living and been added to the cities of the dead.

What stories these headstones could tell. Some stand out above the others. The vast majority are level with the ground. Whether it be a laborer who never had the advantage of a good education, or a doctor of the law whose counsel was sought by thousands, all were brought to the same level by the act of death.

What a host of lives, young and old, learned and uneducated, brilliant and dull, rich and poor! Once they were active, vigorous, making their contribution, enjoying life, loving and being loved. Now their houses of flesh and bone are slowly dissolving in the ground.

"Is that the end?" a thousand voices ask. Call to the graves, but there is no response.

A BEREAVED HUSBAND stands beside the place where the body of one he so dearly loved rests in silence. They had been on a happy outing, driving through the countryside, her soft brown hair blowing prettily in the breeze, her eyes full of love and laughter.

Suddenly it was all over. A reck-

less driver failed to stop at a crossroads. The dearly loved wife and mother of six was thrown violently against a nearby pole. Death came instantly.

Now the heartbroken husband is talking to that silent stone, telling the departed one how much he loved her and asking whether she knew it. Had he been as kind and loving to her as he should have been? No answer comes. He just stands in silence, wiping tears from his eyes. Finally he bids her goodnight and promises to come back.

Eighteen years roll by. Now the husband too has died, and the remains of his earthly home lie beside hers. Has he now seen her again and talked with her?

WHERE HAS THIS vast and growing procession of the dead gone?

If we ask the skeptic, Robert Ingersoll, he answers: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our waiting cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word; but in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing."

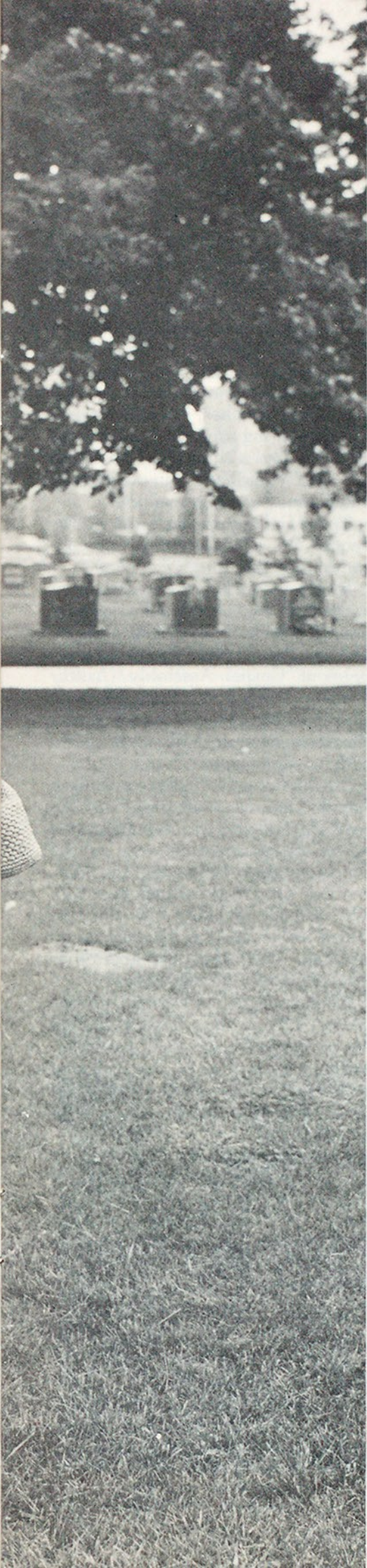
In contrast, the writer Victor Hugo said at the end of his life: "Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the world to come. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse, but I feel I have not said a thousandth part of what is in me. When I have gone down to the grave, I shall have ended my day's work, but another day will begin the next morning. Life closes with the twilight but opens with the dawn."

There is a third voice that rings out across the centuries. It is the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ who passed through death and entered



Photo by Harold M. Lambert

By NOEL PERKIN



the grave only to break through in triumph that we may shout, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Christ brought life and immortality to light through His gospel and left this positive assertion: "He that believeth [trusteth] in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

What is believing? The question naturally arises as to how one may know that the promise of eternal life is assured. Obviously it requires more than a mere mental acceptance of the fact that Christ lived, died, and rose again from the dead. It rather involves a personal acceptance of the fact that Christ is the Saviour of our souls and requires a commitment of our lives to Him to make this a reality in our spiritual experience.

WHAT IS DEATH? Someone has defined death as the cessation of communication with environment. Thus physical life must involve communication with the physical environment.

The world in which we now live is subject to our contact to the degree we are physically alive. The blind person cannot see the beauty of loving faces, the magnificent landscape, or beautiful flowers. The deaf cannot hear the music that thrills, soothes, or inspires us. To the degree one loses these senses, to that degree he might be said to be dead. But to the degree one's physical senses are active, to that degree we can say he is alive in the physical world. Whenever and wherever correspondence ceases, there potentially is death.

What is life? As already defined, life involves communication with environment, but there is more to our environment than just that which is physical. The Scriptures tell us that the things we see are temporal, but the things we do not see are eternal. Our larger environment is

unseen but nonetheless real and open to contact.

Man is not only a physical being, but more essentially he is a spirit. The body in which he lives grows old and eventually dies, but his spirit lives on. It is the spirit of man, when committed to Christ, that never dies; and the act of commitment means one has projected himself into the spiritual realm where Christ is, and our correspondence with our spiritual environment has begun.


The Scripture mentions having our spiritual senses exercised (Hebrews 5:14). To the degree these are exercised, to that degree we correspond with our spiritual environment and learn the meaning of the verse of Scripture: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

It is apparent that life does not terminate with the death of the body. We can only tell the unbeliever who rejects God's provision that his future is very dark and foreboding. But to the one who has placed his trust in Christ, death will be but a transferring to a new realm called Paradise, as Jesus promised to the dying but trusting thief on the cross: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

What will this be like? We can only state (in the words of Scripture) that "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" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

We do not need to face an uncertain end when our names are engraved on the headstone in the cemetery, but like Job we may joyfully say, "I know that my redeemer liveth . . . and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25, 26).

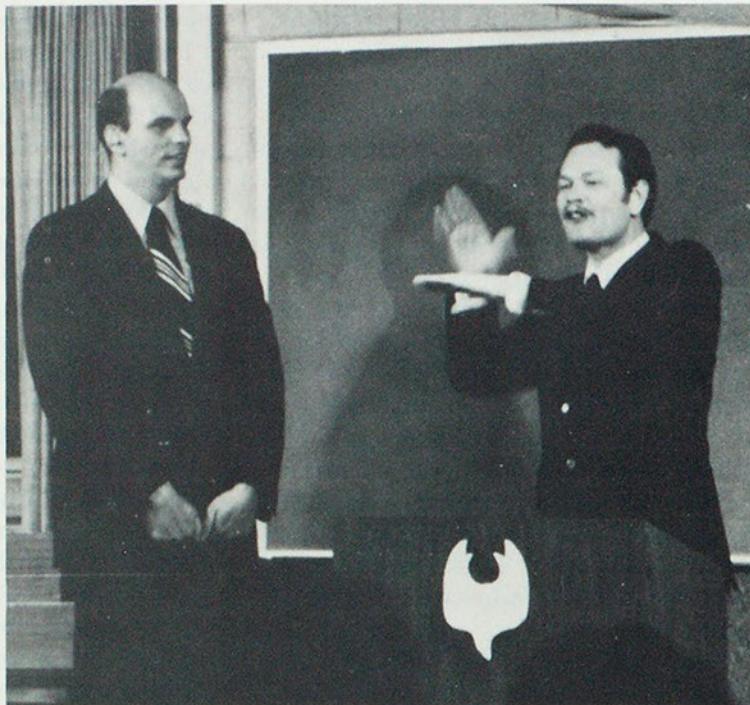
For Jesus told us, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). God has prepared an eternal dwelling place for those who love Him. 



Pastor Lloyd Couch and family.

"And in that day shall
the deaf hear the words
of the book."
Isaiah 29:18

THE DEAF SHALL HEAR



Above: *Pastor Couch introduces Tony Callies, speaker for the anniversary services. Below: Workers of Calvary Deaf Assembly are honored at the 5th anniversary.*



The day mentioned by the prophet Isaiah has become a reality to many deaf persons throughout the world today. Take, for example, the deaf of the Chicago metropolitan area.

Calvary Deaf Assembly of God celebrated its fifth anniversary April 18-20. The founders and current pastors, the Lloyd Couches, invited the deaf in surrounding areas and all persons who had had a share in establishing the deaf church to join them in a 3-day anniversary convention.

Tony Callies, deaf pastor of the Peoria, Ill., deaf assembly was convention speaker.

Brother Couch presented plaques to the following churches for opening their facilities to the deaf: Calvary Tabernacle (David Scott, pastor); Belmont Gospel Assembly (Arthur Klaus, pastor); South Side Tabernacle (Spencer Jones, pastor); and Christian Church, Villa Park (Kenneth Newton, pastor).

The first night of the convention Ray Eklund, assistant pastor of Calvary Deaf Assembly, took sightseers to various points of interest in the Chicago Loop. Following the tour, Brother Couch presented the film *The Miracle Worker*, the story of Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Then the deaf and other visitors enjoyed a buffet dinner.

Attendance at the evening service totaled 170. Brother Couch opened the service. The sectional presbyter, Norman Surratt, gave the welcome address. Then workers of Calvary Deaf Assembly received tokens of appreciation.

The ministry of the Signs for the Harvest singers was a blessing to all present, hearing as well as deaf.

Brother Callies' message stressed the importance of following the laws of the Lord. Many deaf rededicated their lives to God, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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IT STILL TAKES ONE

On the final day of the convention Brother Callies spoke on Hebrews 13:17: "Obey them that have the rule over you." He stressed the importance of the congregation's obeying the Lord, as well as those whom God appoints as church leaders. Many more deaf received the Baptism at the conclusion of this service.

PASTOR and Mrs. Couch felt God's call to minister in the Chicago area in 1970 when they were pastors of First Deaf Assembly in Rockford, Ill.

They began holding afternoon services in facilities made available by Calvary Tabernacle of northwest Chicago. They started with a small congregation, but currently Calvary Deaf Assembly averages 75 people in services.

Following the convention, Calvary Deaf Assembly has received new people, and the members have taken up the challenge to win the lost.

Workers have established various outreaches throughout the city. There are a great number of deaf in the Chicago area who need to be won for the Lord.

Plaques were presented to pastors by Lloyd Couch for opening deaf ministries in their churches. Shown in the picture are (left to right): Dave Scott, Lloyd Couch, Kenneth Newton, Ray Eklund, and Arthur Klaus.

A static-filled transatlantic radio report in May 1927 startled the world with the news that Charles Lindbergh had conquered the Atlantic.

Today, one viewing his airplane, *The Spirit of St. Louis*, as it hangs from the ceiling of the aeronautical building in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D.C., might well wonder how any man with a hand compass, coveralls for a flight suit, and that "flimsy kite" could have done so much alone.

It was different when John Glenn made his historic space flight. Behind him operated a pool of technological expertise. A collection of the world's greatest scientists put his spacecraft together. The best men available at ground control points around the world monitored all systems of the orbiting craft as well as Glenn's every heartbeat.

The work of the church has grown from "Lone Eagles" to teams. Many churches now have several ministers. Teachers plan from materials provided after exhaustive national research. Each Sunday teams work together to best effect learning and Christian growth.

Sunday school is exciting. In it delightful learning and easy growth take place.

We must remember amid our excitement over current techniques that men would never have reached

the moon without the courageous audacity of individuals like Charles Lindbergh and John Glenn.

So it is with the work of the Lord. Individuals must still give themselves to the task. God still anoints men, not methods.

What the church needs today, as always, is not easier methods but hard-working men who will not relax until the task is done.

Individuals who will dedicate their time, talents, and sweat to the work of Christian education will always find a place of service.

*Others may do a greater work;
But you have your part to do,
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it as well as you.*

Remember it was one Man who began our mission. He hung on the cross alone. Today Jesus Christ is calling individuals to follow Him to the cross of self-denial and singular service. There is a place in His vineyard for all who will so dedicate themselves.

By MAXINE KIPP
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PENTECOST IN BUDAPEST

Driving along a one-way street in residential Budapest, you come up on a busy intersection. Small European cars and vans pass on the cross-street before you, and the sun shines warmly on green trees and the monotonous gray rows of apartment buildings.

You are in the capital of Hungary, and you are about to witness a miracle.

On the corner lot across the way a group of workmen are constructing a new building. The smell of dust is

in the air, and the sounds of hammer and saw are heard.

At first you are amused at the funny Hungarian wheelbarrows (mostly wheel and little barrow), and then you are intrigued by the unusual design of the building. Obviously it is not an apartment house, nor is it a store. An office perhaps? You count four stories, and in one part of the complex there appears to be a large auditorium.

Amazing as it may seem, you are looking at the new central church

and headquarters of the Pentecostal churches of Hungary. Its design is one of the most modern in Budapest, and its purpose is unique in the communist world.

Built with official government approval and funded mostly by the Christians in Hungary, the new building will house a church, the national Hungarian church headquarters, and a Bible school for training ministers. This great step forward in the Communist bloc of nations will, we hope, signal similar advances in other countries.

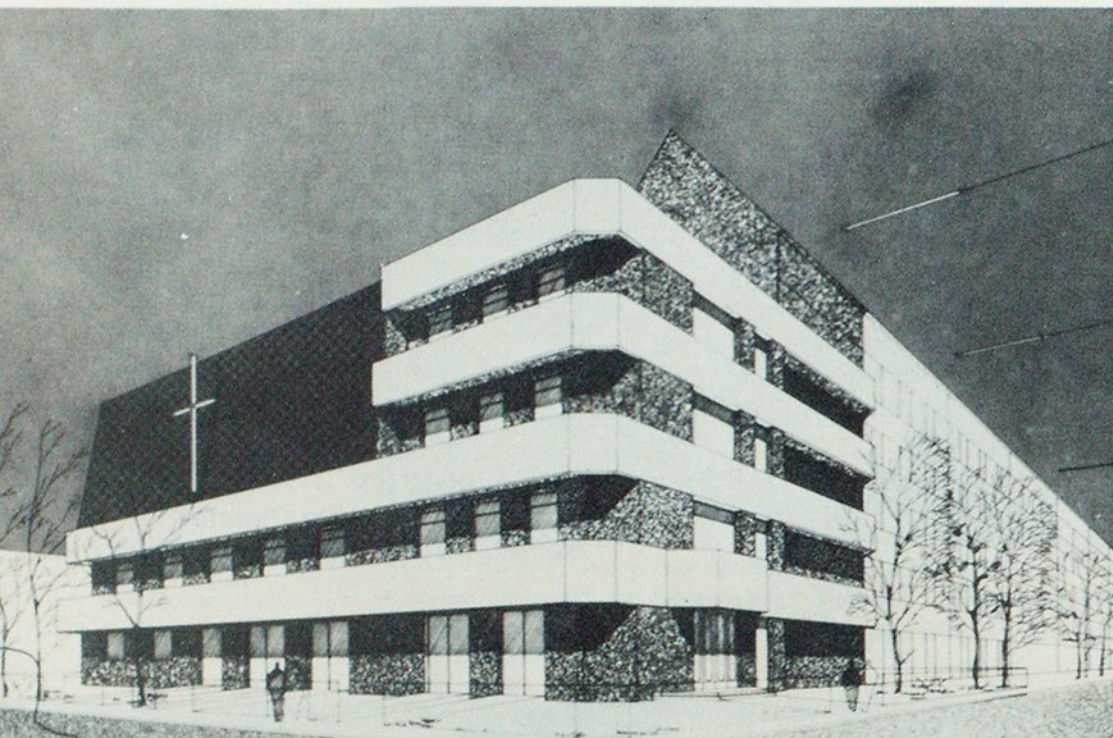
Missionary Robert Mackish, Assemblies of God representative for Eastern Europe, said in a recent letter to General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman and Field Secretary Charles E. Greenaway: "My personal assessment is that this building is the biggest thing to happen to the Pentecostal churches of Hungary in their history. This could only have happened by an act of God. They are receiving help from their own churches as construction continues."

Brother Mackish went on to say that the United States Assemblies of God gave about \$10,000 toward the purchase of the land. The largest contribution was from First Assembly in Brownsville, Texas. Other assistance has come from Sweden (\$25,000), Switzerland (\$7,500), and England (\$2,300).

Additional funds are needed to pay for the building. Brother Zimmerman said, "This is, in my opinion, a very important project. We want to help our brethren in Hungary."

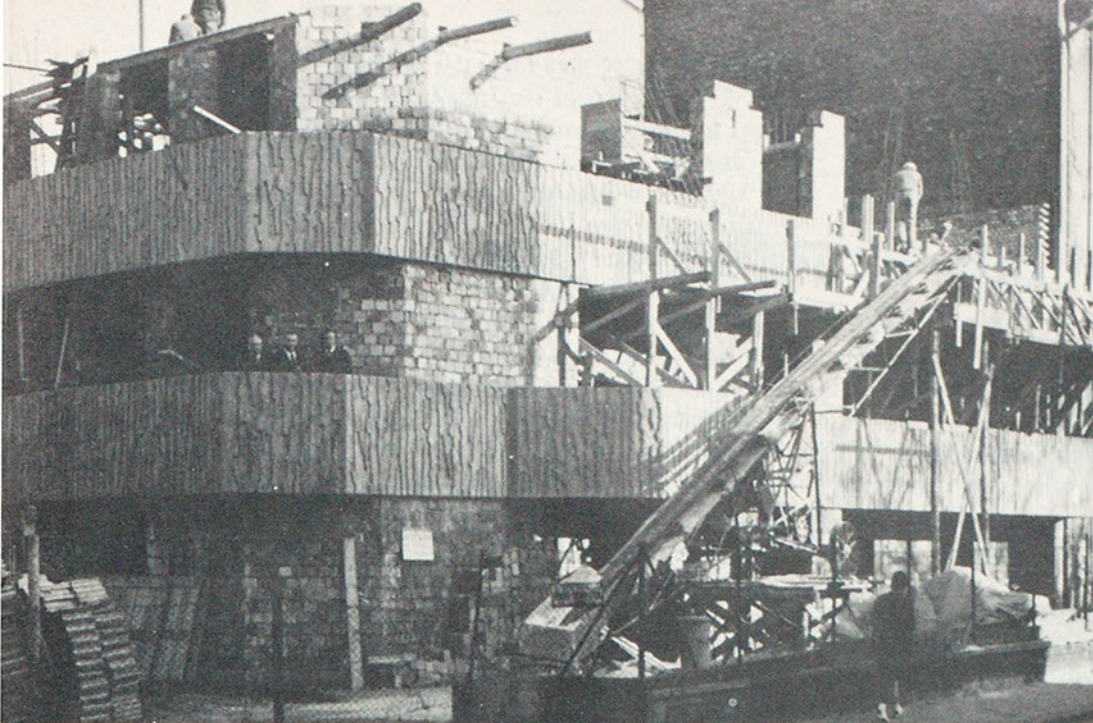
"This is a major breakthrough in the Communist world," Field Secretary Greenaway said. "I pray we can make a significant contribution to the Hungarian Pentecostal revival."

The immediate goal is \$15,000 to aid the Hungarians in constructing the building. Later we will seek to help them develop the Bible school.



By DAVID A. WOMACK
Foreign Missions Home Secretary





Left: Construction proceeds and the building takes shape. Below: Pastors Deak and Berces with a recent group of candidates for water baptism. Note the number of young people.

All contributions designated "Budapest Building" will be sent to Hungary for this project.

THE PENTECOSTAL GROUP with which the Assemblies of God identifies itself in Hungary has 22 national ministers who must care for the needs of 190 churches and outstations and nearly 10,000 believers. The average pastor must oversee eight or nine preaching points and minister to nearly 500 members and adherents.

One can readily see the urgent need for a headquarters building with facilities for a church and a Bible school. The greatest challenge before the Hungarian church is to provide adequate training for its present and potential pastors.

As you watch the construction crew at work, a number of questions pass through your mind:

Can the church operate this openly in Hungary?

Do the Hungarian Christians have sufficient freedom to build churches and establish a Bible school?

Are today's Hungarian young people allowed to accept Christ and openly declare their faith?

Can young ministers attend a Bible school?

You park your car and talk with the Hungarian Christians, and you learn that the answer to all those questions is a qualified yes.



There are restrictions on the Christians in any Communist country; but the church marches on. As long as the church confines itself to religious activities and carries on its life mostly within its approved locations, it experiences little difficulty.

The hindrances to church con-

struction are mostly financial, and limitations on church growth are much the same as Christians experience anywhere in the world. The greatest need is for more pastors with better training.

You see the walls going up on that corner lot in Budapest, and by faith you hear the praises of many Hungarians who will come to know the Lord through this important new center.

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THE BENEFITS OF WISDOM

Sunday School Lesson for July 20, 1975
PROVERBS 3:13-26

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Many mistakenly regard Proverbs as a book containing ethical, philosophical, and practical considerations on a merely human level. On the contrary, it is a book of moral instruction dealing with sin and holiness.

The key verse occurs at the beginning of the first section of the book and again near the end of the section (1:7; 9:10) and definitely limits the wisdom spoken of throughout the book: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Thus wisdom in Proverbs is not natural wisdom, but wisdom born out of a relationship to God and an obedience to His Word.

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OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments" (3:1). "Forget" refers to a careless or willful disregard of God's Word.

"Let thine heart keep my commandments" (3:1) emphasizes the love and affection for God which is to motivate the believer toward nothing less than wholehearted obedience.

Such obedience produces "length of days, and long life, and peace" (3:2). Not only long life, but rich and full life is promised. Peace—what the New Testament describes as the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding"—is inseparably linked with obedience and faith in God's Word.

RELIANCE ON GOD'S WISDOM

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (3:5). This admonition provides a fundamental principle of the Christian life. There must be total mistrust of one's own natural wisdom and ingenuity; for "it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps." This verse can be a great blessing when one is faced with the unexplainable.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him." The word *acknowledge* is a rather weak translation. It really means to know God, to take Him into consideration in all of life's activities, to recognize His sovereignty, and to make His will paramount.

"And he shall direct thy paths" (3:6). Here is the great reward of the wisdom of acknowledging God: God will direct one's life in all its ways—including the paths of spiritual growth and usefulness.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes" (3:7). If we truly acknowledge the Lord in all that we undertake, then we most assuredly won't be guilty of self-conceit and self-sufficiency. (See Isaiah 5:21; Romans 12:16; Galatians 6:3.)

"Fear the Lord and depart from evil" (3:7). To fear the Lord is to recognize who He is—the Sovereign Lord and the Heavenly Father. Such awareness will keep one mindful of his dependence, but it will also be "health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones" (3:8). Here again is demonstrated the reward of wisdom; specifically, "health" or "wholeness"—spiritual, mental, and physical.

RECOGNITION OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

In 3:9 we are exhorted to honor God by the right use of all our material possessions. The verse is often quoted to support tithing, but has a much broader meaning and includes the use of wealth for all charitable purposes. It suggests that the follower of God is responsible to God not only for what he gives directly to God's cause, but also for the manner in which he uses what he has left!

The "firstfruits" (that is, the first portion of the produce of the Israelites' fields, cattle, and flocks) were presented to the priests in gratitude to God for having given them what they possessed.

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty" (3:10). When one gives to God, He gives back in abundance. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38). This appears to offer a selfish motivation for giving. Such, however, is not the case. Giving is a test of faith and obedience and love. We give in love and gratitude, and yet God gives back to us.

THE POWER OF HIS NAME

Brakes squealed. Then the scream of a child pierced the evening air.

"My God!" I exclaimed. My little boy was playing with children across the street. Perhaps he hadn't looked before crossing the road to come home.

My husband and I ran to the circle of children and parents around a vehicle in the middle of the pavement. There was no blood or injured child. I found my son and gathered him into my trembling arms while I listened to the angry driver scold some older children for throwing a water balloon into the window of his new car.

I was relieved beyond measure. But later, when thinking about the incident, I asked myself, *Did I sin when I used God's name in my panic?* I had spoken it before I knew what I was saying.

After analyzing my thoughts, however, I knew those words were an urgent instant prayer, and I had not taken the name of the Lord in vain.

The dictionary describes *vain* as "without effect or success; producing no good result; futile; ineffectual."

For some reason, profanity always seems to include using God's name irreverently. The holy names of God Almighty and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, perhaps are being used vainly today more than any time in history. Profanity and vulgar language are printed in newspapers. Books with vulgar language are assigned reading in many public schools and colleges. Television censors are getting more lenient.

But profanity isn't just a problem of the 20th century. Even in Old Testament days, God had to warn His people that His name must be revered. When the Ten Commandments were given, God commanded, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guilt-

less that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

During the time the commandments were written, pagans used the divine name frivolously in magic rites. When a person wanted to use emphasis in what he was saying, he used the name of God.

God's name has power. God made a promise by His name to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give them the land of Canaan. He renewed this covenant with Moses by the name of God Almighty (Exodus 6:1-8).

God the Father gave even more power to His Son's name. Jesus said, "That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16). "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 16:17, 18).

"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Demons tremble at that name (James 2:19).

There is power in the name of Jesus Christ. There is eternal life in the name of Jesus. There is healing in the name of Jesus. There is joy, comfort, and forgiveness in that blessed name.

Andrae Crouch, the young musician, has been touched by the power in that name and has relayed it to others through his songs.

During one of his singing tours overseas, he was struck down with an African disease. When he got home, he was running a high fever, becoming dehydrated and covered with body ulcers. American scientists had seen a few cases of the disease and were working to find antibodies.

Andrae was unable to eat because of ulcers in his mouth and throat. His temperature fluctuated between 103 and 106 degrees. His condition grew steadily worse, and one morning about 4 numbness began creeping over him.

"Mother, I don't think I'm going to make it," he groaned.

Mrs. Crouch ran to get Andrae's father. In moments she was back with Bishop Crouch.

"Jesus, Jesus," Mrs. Crouch began crying.

"All of a sudden," Andrae says, "I wanted to live because His name is life."

His father began praying. Andrae released his faith. "Thank You, Jesus," he whispered.

Doctors had said he wouldn't be able to eat for 6 weeks because of the internal ulcers. But within 4 days the healing was complete.*

A young woman, tormented by

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*Andrae Crouch in *Through It All*.

grief and terror after the death of her father, found the power in the name of Jesus even before she found salvation. This young lady was unable to sleep at night until she began saying His name softly in the darkness: "Jesus... Jesus... Jesus..." Then sleep would come.

Two women traveling on an icy mountain highway experienced the power in that name as their car went out of control. "Jesus!" they cried, and later told their pastor how it seemed that an unseen hand guided the vehicle back to the road. They went on their way rejoicing.

Men and women all over the world are discovering the power in the name of Jesus Christ. Is it any wonder that Christians shudder when they hear His name taken in vain?

The name of Jesus is to be respected and revered. Those who do not reverence His name will find that name can mean judgment, because "God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

Many who stand before the Lord on the Judgment Day will have used His holy name perhaps a dozen or more times a day—not to obtain salvation or His blessings, but in vain.

The sin is in the worthless, disrespectful use of His powerful name. God wants us to use His name reverently, utilizing the powerful resources made available to meet our needs. "Holy and reverend is his name" (Psalm 111:9).

Let the name of Jesus flow from your lips in respectful love and adoration, and the power in that name is released.



WHEN THE GOVERNOR TALKED, THE PARK BECAME A CHAPEL

He looked extremely weary. Governor Reubin Askew had already invested 16 hours of unrelenting labor in Florida's affairs of state.

As he shook hands with us after his speech, Reubin Askew was both gracious and apologetic at being unable to see us earlier.

"Let's talk now," he suggested. "We can find a bench over here in the park someplace."

So we crossed the street to the park adjacent to the Capitol. The governor and C. M. Ward sat on a cement park bench to talk. I stood before them with a tape recorder.

By this time it was 9 p.m., and

the long day had taken its toll on the governor. But as he talked he seemed to gain a renewed strength—the same kind of strength he draws upon every day. For now he was talking about his faith, his complete dependence on Jesus Christ.

"I have always felt, and still do, that I am totally and completely

By LEE SHULTZ
*National Director
Division of Communications*

dependent on Jesus Christ for my own life," he said.

"I would not attempt the burdens of this office without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

"I feel very strongly in what some might call the sovereignty of God's will and that God has a plan for you. And I've felt that when you put your life in His hand, it certainly makes life more understandable, more enjoyable, and more bearable."

The governor is plainly outspoken in his Christian belief.

He told us: "I have spoken out many times about my faith in Jesus Christ. Maybe some people think a government official should not express his religious convictions in public. But it is a part of me that I have no intention of divorcing because it is the part from which I draw my strength."

We asked Governor Askew his opinion concerning the nation's problems and what could be done about them. He replied:

"It isn't so much finding people who have the innate ability to solve all the problems facing us, as to find a person with strong convictions. I personally believe it must be a person whose faith is deeply rooted in a meaningful commitment to God. If we can restore deep-rooted faith in this nation, the rest will fall into place.

"More than anything there simply needs to be a return to some of the basic standards of honesty and a return to the moral commitment that built this nation.

"And I say from my standpoint that you cannot separate that from a continued religious conscience finding a demonstration in lives on an everyday basis. That will fill the void so many people feel exists in government.

"I'm reminded of something George Washington said to the Constitutional Convention. After days of fruitless debate, when the Convention did not know whether a real federation could be formed or main-

tained, a delegate asked Washington what they could do.

"Washington replied, 'Sir, we can raise a standard to which the wise and the honest may repair.'

"And I believe that is the challenge for our nation at this hour."

The governor believes in prayer. He told C. M. Ward:

"The time between my election and inauguration was probably the most difficult period of my adult life. I have always believed in prayer, but I found out then that I was missing the most critical time of the day—the morning.

"I saw I needed daily spiritual maintenance. The morning prayer time has become the assurance that sustains me for the profession of government."

There is no question about the governor being a praying man—and his prayers are more than rhetoric. Momentarily I forgot we were in a park. It might well have been a chapel.

C. M. Ward and I continued to listen as the governor emphasized the necessity of commitment, prayer, devotion, integrity, and honesty. He talked about the sacredness of the home and devotion to one's family. And he told how he and his wife have led their two teenagers to Jesus Christ.

It wouldn't take you long to find Jesus were you to talk to the governor as we did on a Tallahassee park bench, long after the shadows had deepened. We saw Jesus in this man. I think you would too.



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NEWS OF THE 36TH GENERAL COUNCIL

At Denver Hilton Hotel

SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE SCHEDULED AT RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATER

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A Sunday vesper service has been scheduled for 5 p.m., Aug. 17, at the Red Rocks Amphitheater in Denver. This vesper service will replace the Sunday afternoon and evening services held at previous General Councils.

The outdoor amphitheater will seat 10,000 and is expected to be filled for the 3-hour program.

A massed choir will be directed by Ralph Carmichael, internationally known gospel music composer and arranger.

The choir will present two musical packages. One will be a patriotic presentation, launching the Assemblies of God

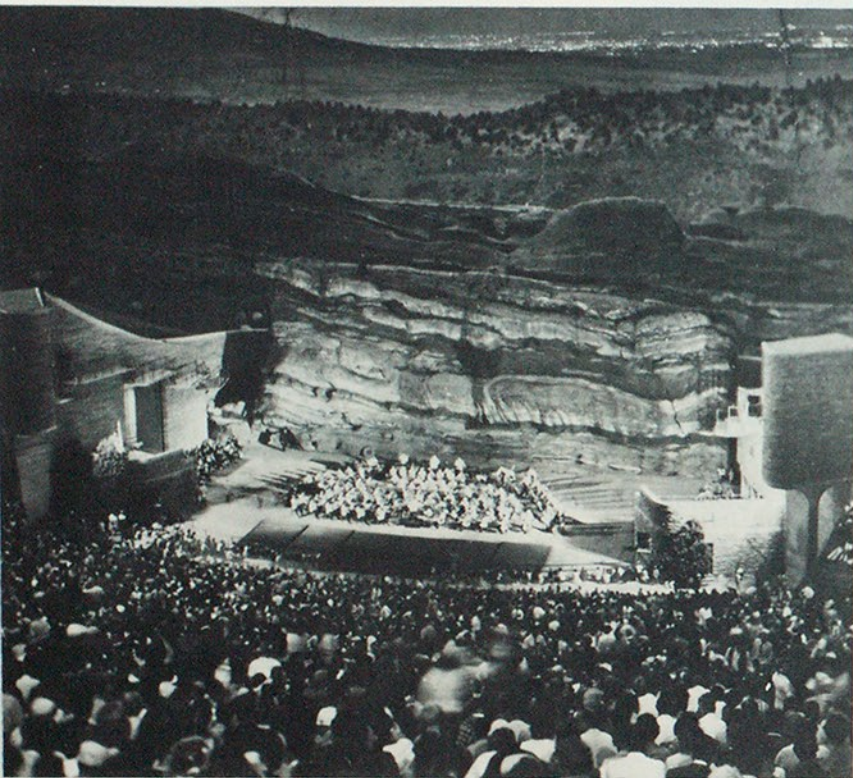
observance of the U.S. Bicentennial. The other package will be religious music.

The vesper service will feature the Hawaiians, Mark and Diane Yasuhara, as musical guests and a Council orchestra directed by John Shows, assistant professor of music at Evangel College.

A highlight of the service will be the parade of 200 missionaries carrying full-size flags from the 95 countries in which Assemblies of God missionaries serve.

Missionary-Evangelist Willard Cantelon will bring an evangelistic message to conclude the service.

The Red Rocks Amphitheater which seats 10,000 will be the location for the Sunday vesper service. Bus transportation from the downtown hotels will be provided for a nominal charge. Parking will be available at Red Rocks for 50¢ a car.



On-site registration to begin Aug. 11

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—On-site registration for the 1975 General Council will begin Monday, Aug. 11 (9 a.m.) at the Denver Hilton Hotel, according to C. W. Denton, Council coordinator.

Registration in the lobby of Currihan Hall will begin Thursday at 9 a.m.

The registration fee will be \$5 for voting delegates (ordained ministers and official church delegates) and \$1 for visitors. All persons registering will receive registration packets.

Ministers and church delegates must be registered in order to participate in the Council business sessions.

Each minister should bring his current certificate of fel-

lowship to facilitate registering. Each church delegate must bring the combined "official delegate" certificate and registration card. Completing both sides in advance will make registration quicker.

Headquarters hotel for the Council is the Denver Hilton. Other hotels which will host Council functions and delegates include the New Albany, Brown Palace, Cosmopolitan, Radisson, and the Holiday Inn Downtown.

The Assemblies of God Housing Bureau (225 W. Colfax, Denver, Colo. 80202) is handling all housing reservations for General Council. Delegates are urged to make reservations early.

On Saturday

'God Is Moving . . . By His Spirit' to theme Council music luncheon

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—"God Is Moving . . . By His Spirit," the theme for the 36th General Council which will meet in Denver, Colo., Aug. 14-19, has also been chosen as the theme for the music luncheon to be held Saturday noon, Aug. 16, at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

The luncheon is open to music directors, pastors, church musicians, and other interested persons.

The new octavo, "God Is Moving by His Spirit" (with brass accompaniment) will be premiered at the luncheon this year. It was written by Ernie White, minister of music at First Assembly, Garland, Tex.

The program also will include new music produced by the Music Department this year. Music will include excerpts from

Great Hymns of Praise, a bicentennial emphasis with instrumental accompaniment by Bob Walters, and "Freedom Now," one of 12 new releases by Darrel Archer/Bob Shepard.

The program also will include excerpts from the nonseasonal musicale, "It Is Truly Wonderful," "Revivaltime Choir Favorites #4," "Choir Melodies #2," and many others.

The special feature at this year's luncheon will be The Apocalypse youth choir from Columbus, Ga. (director, Hal Stewart). This choir sang for the national convention of the Association of the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., last fall.

Luncheon tickets (\$5.90) may be purchased in advance from the Music Department in Springfield or until Friday noon, Aug. 15, at the music booth.

GENERAL COUNCIL TO HAVE ACTIVITIES FOR WHOLE FAMILY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The 36th General Council which is to be held Aug. 14-19 in Denver, Colo., will have activities for every member of the family.

Children's activities

Child care for infants through 5 years of age will be available in designated rooms in Curri-gan Hall. The rate is \$1.25 for each session.

Larry Ansel, pastor of the As-sembly of God, Westminster, Colo., is chairman of the child-care services. The child-care center will open at 2 p.m. Thurs-day, Aug. 14. Its hours will coin-cide with services and business sessions. The child-care center will not be open on Sunday.

Child-care services will con-clude at 10 p.m. Monday night (Aug. 18).

Planned activities for chil-dren 6 through 11 will be in the second floor conference room of Curri-gan Hall beginning Friday morning, Aug. 15.

Richard D. Emerson, pas-tor of Metropolitan Assembly, is chairman for these activities.

There will be Bible train-ing, tours, fun, and fellowship for the boys and girls each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and dur-ing the evangelistic rallies on Friday, Saturday, and Mon-day evenings.

Daily fee for the 9-to-4 pro-gram, including lunch and tours, will be \$4.

Lynn and Becky Wickstrom, children's evangelists, will con-duct evening services for the children.

The schedule for the child-care center and children's ac-tivities has been adjusted for Saturday morning (Aug. 16) due to the Prayer Breakfast. All chil-dren's activities will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

Youth activities

Teenagers and collegians at-tending Council will have a full slate of activities.

Prior to the opening of Council, the national Bible Quiz and Teen Talent Search competition will take place in the Denver Hilton Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 12 and 13.

An awards rally to announce the winners will be Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom

of the Denver Hilton. A youth choir consisting of quiz and talent participants will share a musical presentation at the rally, according to Terry Carter, national coordinator of the contest.

Youth activities during the Council will begin Thursday with a day-long tour to Elitch's Gardens, an amusement center set in the midst of lavish floral gardens. A tour of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs is scheduled for Friday afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon, youth will visit Central City, a gold mining town of the 1800s.

On Monday afternoon they will take a tour to Berthoud Pass.

All tours will depart from the Denver Hilton Hotel. Tickets may be purchased at the in-formation booth and the youth booth in the exhibit area of Curri-gan Hall.

Third Dimension will be a part of the young people's morning activities on Friday, Saturday, and Monday. *Third Dimension* will feature Teen Talent winners, interviews, special musical groups, audience participation, a drama presenta-tion, and a preview of the new Speed-the-Light film, "While It Is Day."

Special guests will include the Maranatha Repertoire Company from Southwestern Assemblies of God College (Waxahachie, Tex.) who will give a dramatic presentation; and New Beginnings, a group from Texas who will give a multi-media presentation.

All college youth are in- vited to join in a prayer-and- share time beginning at 10 p.m. Sunday night in the Denver Hilton Hotel. Host will be Dave Gable, national college youth representative.

No special activities have been planned for Sunday so the young people can enjoy all the regular activities of the Council.

Young people will also par-ticipate in the regular Coun-cil services each evening, ac-cording to Maurice Lednický, secretary of the Youth Depart-ment and national chairman for Council youth activities.



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Friday morning



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Friday evening



Everett Stenhouse
Saturday evening



Hal C. Noah
Sunday morning



Willard Cantelon
Sunday evening



Robert Spence
Monday morning



Eleazer Javier
Monday evening

A/G editors to host pre-council seminar for writers

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Assemblies of God editors will host a Writers Seminar prior to the opening of the 36th General Council. The Writers Seminar will be in the Silver Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

The seminar, which usually attracts more than 200 freelance Christian writers or persons interested in the writing ministry, will begin on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

Dave Gable, editor of CAM, will present a visual on "Today's Audience." Following this presentation R. G. Champion, managing editor of the *Pentecostal Evangel*, will discuss "Today's Author" (meeting the need of today's audience).

Screening bias in writing will be the topic of Warren McPherson, chaplain's representative, as he encourages writers to "Let's Be Fair."

The importance of research will be stressed by Dorothy

Morris, associate editor, Church School Literature, in a session titled, "Let's Be Sure."

The Wednesday evening session will conclude with simultaneous interaction groups which will discuss various aspects of writing.

R. C. Cunningham, editor of the *Pentecostal Evangel*, will chair a group which will deal with "Writing for General A/G Magazines."

Another group will consider "Writing and Producing Audiovisual Materials." This will be of special interest to persons who produce radio scripts, cantatas, plays, filmstrips, seasonal presentations, and TV programs. Lee Shultz, national director of the Division of Communications, will direct this interaction group.

Ralph W. Harris, editor of Church School Literature, will head up the interaction group on "Writing for Church School Literature Publications." Persons interested in

writing for curricular materials or story papers will benefit from this session.

Chairman for the evening session will be Bill Eastlake, national director of the Division of Publication.

The Thursday morning (Aug. 14) session of the Seminar will get under way at 8:30 a.m. Participants will enjoy a humorous skit titled, "The Editor Is In."

"Say It Better" (a session dealing with the basics of writing) will be directed by Gwen Jones, editor of *Advance* magazine and coordinator for the seminar.

Following this session, writers and editors will enjoy an informal coffee fellowship. There will be \$1 charge for the refreshments, the only cost during the Seminar.

Following the coffee hour, David Womack, home secretary for the Division of Foreign Missions and author of numerous articles and two

books, *Breaking the Stained-Glass Barrier*, and *The Well-springs of the Pentecostal Movement*, will speak on "The Typewriter as a Pulpit."

A film presentation on "Freelance Opportunities in A/G Publications" will inform the writers of markets for their manuscripts.

To conclude the Seminar "Ask the Editors" will provide an opportunity for question-and-answer sharing.

R. C. Cunningham will chair the morning sessions. The seminar will conclude at 11:30 a.m.

David Womack



36th General Council Calendar

| | THURS., AUG. 14 | FRI., AUG. 15 | SAT., AUG. 16 | SUN., AUG. 17 | MON., AUG. 18 | TUES., AUG. 19 |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 7:30-8:30 a.m. | WRITERS SEMINAR (Second day) (8:30-11:30 a.m.) Silver Room Hilton Hotel | HOUR OF PRAYER Noel Perkin | PRAYER BREAKFAST (7:30-9:15 a.m.) Grand Ballroom Hilton Hotel Andrew Nelli | | HOUR OF PRAYER Noel Perkin | HOUR OF PRAYER Noel Perkin |
| 8:45-10 a.m. | REGISTRATION* (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) WMC WORKSHOP (Second day) (9:30-11:30 a.m.) Hilton Hotel | BIBLE HOUR Richard Dortch | | COMMUNION/ MEMORIAL SERVICE Hal Noah (9-45-11:45 a.m.) | BIBLE HOUR Robert Spence | BUSINESS (8:45-12 noon) (Council concludes at noon) |
| 10 a.m.-12 noon | HOME MISSIONS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (9-11:30 a.m.) Hilton Hotel | BUSINESS | BUSINESS | | BUSINESS | |
| 12-1:45 p.m. | | | LUNCHEONS (WMCs—Hilton Hotel; Music—Holiday Inn Downtown; Foreign Missions—Brown Palace; Light-for-the- Lost—Holiday Inn Downtown) | | | |
| 2-5 p.m. | BUSINESS | BUSINESS | BUSINESS | OUTDOOR VESPER SERVICE Red Rocks Amphitheater Willard Cantelon (5-8 p.m.) | BUSINESS | |
| 6-7 p.m. | | REVIVALTIME ORINATION | | | | |
| 7:15 p.m. | KEYNOTE RALLY T. F. Zimmerman | EVENING RALLY Paul Lowenberg | EVENING RALLY Everett Stenhouse | | EVENING RALLY Eleazer Javier | |

* Registration will remain open throughout the Council sessions.



August 14-19

Currigan Hall to be site for General Council

DENVER, COLO.—Currigan Hall (foreground center) will be the site for the 36th General Council of the Assemblies of God which will convene here Aug. 14-19. A peak attendance of more than 10,000 is expected in the unique "mile-high city" of the Rocky Mountains.

All Council sessions will convene in Currigan Hall. The air-conditioned building has been designed and engineered as one of the finest convention halls of the nation. Child-care services, the early morning Hour of Prayer, and approximately 90 exhibits will also be located in this building.

Conveniently located in the downtown area, Currigan Hall is an easy stroll from the famous Latimer Square, the new Denver Art Museum, the U.S. Mint, the state capitol, and historical museums depicting the old West. According to Denver averages, Council delegates may expect 57- to 83-degree temperatures and sunny skies for their week here.

PRAYER EMPHASIS SET FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Aug. 10 has been designated a day of special prayer for the 36th General Council which convenes Aug. 14-19 at Currigan Hall in Denver.

Every congregation is requested to pray for divine guidance in all business sessions of the Council and in the election of officers.

People also are urged to pray for those attending the Council that God will use them to witness to at least one person in Denver. Pray for God's anointing on those who minister and

all who have responsibilities at the Council.

Prayer is requested especially for the Sunday evening vesper service at the Red Rocks Amphitheater. Pray that God will speak to many hearts at this evangelistic rally.

There will be an early Hour of Prayer in Currigan Hall on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday mornings. Council delegates will gather for a time of prayer and waiting on God, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions executive director emeritus, will lead these sessions.

GENERAL COUNCIL PRAYER BREAKFAST

August 16, 7:30-9:15
GRAND BALLROOM
Denver Hilton Hotel

Andrew Nelli
SPEAKER

Mr. Nelli, a member of First Assembly, North Hollywood, California, is executive vice-president of Carnation International.

Evie Tornquist
MUSICIAN

Miss Tornquist, a member of Trinity Pentecostal Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, is a recording artist for Word Records.

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PRAYER BREAKFAST TO HIGHLIGHT SATURDAY ACTIVITIES AT COUNCIL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—For the first time at a General Council a prayer breakfast will be part of the official Council functions.

"If My People . . . Pray" has been chosen as the theme for the prayer breakfast which will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel.

Featured speaker for this Bicentennial call to prayer will be Andrew Nelli, well-known Assemblies of God layman who is executive vice-president of Carnation International. He is a member of First Assembly, North Hollywood, Calif.

Guest soloist will be Evie Tornquist, an exciting young singer and recording artist for Word Records. She is a member of Trinity Pentecostal Church, Elizabeth, N.J.

The Call to Prayer will focus on the nation, the world, the church, and one another.

Chairman for the prayer breakfast will be G. Raymond Carlson, assistant general superintendent.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Assemblies of God headquarters. Cost is \$5. Tickets should be ordered by Aug. 1 in order for them to be mailed.

Andrew Nelli



Evie Tornquist



In past 2 years

A/G MEMBERSHIP INCREASES 10.6%

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Bartlett Peterson, general secretary, will report to the General Council a gain in every area of the Assemblies of God during the past 2 years, including record-breaking gains in two areas.

While American church membership in general declined slightly last year (as reported in the 1975 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches), Assemblies of God membership continued to grow and hit an all-time high in membership gain.

A gain of 75,277 members in the past 2 years has brought total membership in A/G churches in the U.S. to 785,348.

This 10.6 percent increase in membership is a record gain, Brother Peterson will report to the General Council next month.

Another record was broken in the number of conversions

reported during the biennium. For the 2-year period there were 344,642 people who accepted Christ as Saviour.

The Assemblies of God now has 19,478 ministers. The net gain for the biennium is 503 ordained and 448 licensed ministers.

The net gain of 148 new A/G churches in the past 2 years has raised the total number of churches in the U.S. to 9,019.

Sunday school enrollment now is 1,239,197.

Assemblies of God membership growth outside the U.S. has continued and the total of members and adherents overseas now is over 4 million.

Worldwide Assemblies of God membership totals almost 6 million making the Assemblies of God the largest of the world's Pentecostal denominations. Its missionaries are active in 95 countries.

COUNCIL AT A GLANCE

• • • A "Revivaltime" broadcast will originate from Currigan Hall (Denver, Colo.) on Friday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. The broadcast choir will be composed of 40 to 50 former "Revivaltime" choir members. Broadcast participants will be C. M. Ward, speaker; Lee Shultz, narrator; Riley Kaufman, producer; C. T. Beem, program director; Cyril McLellan, choir director, and J. E. Tucker, stations director.

• • • The pilot Assemblies of God TV program, Turning Point, will be previewed during the Friday afternoon business session.

• • • During the Friday evening rally special recognition will be given to ministers who have served the Assemblies of God 40 years or more.

• • • A visual presentation will begin each evening's service at General Council. The brief visual will portray how God is moving in the U.S. and various parts of the world. They will center in the Council theme, "God Is Moving . . . By His Spirit."

• • • The general superintendent of Japan's Assemblies of God, Ryunosuke Kikuchi, will be present at General Council to express appreciation to the U.S. Assemblies of God for property deeded to the Japan Assemblies of God.

• • • Sixteen awards will be presented for World Ministries giving during the General Council next month. Ten of these awards will go to local congregations and six will be presented to districts that have excelled in giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOTH TO FEATURE SUCCESSFUL PASTORS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The General Council Sunday school booth will offer opportunity for consultation with seven successful pastors and their staffs. Pastors J. Don George, Norman Wenig, Ralph Duncan, Sam Mayo, Clyde Wasdin, Earl Banning, and Glen Cole have been invited to share the stories of their Sunday schools.

Each pastor will make a visual presentation and be available to answer questions and share ideas with those visiting the booth.

Date and time of each pastor's appearance at the Sunday school booth will be announced. A schedule will be available at the booth.

These were selected as being representative of the hundreds of exciting Sunday school growth stories across the nation.

J. Don George recently had to move his services to a high school auditorium to accommodate the crowds attending Calvary Temple in Irving, Tex. Sunday school attendance has increased from less than 100 to more than 1,000 in 4 years.

Norman Wenig, former Sunday school director of the Iowa District, has led the assembly in Burlington, Iowa, to an average attendance of more

than 300. Innovative use of space and extreme desire to minister to the needs of people earmark this church's continued growth despite limited facilities.

The Decaturville church began as a pioneer work in a community of less than 1,000 7 years ago. Today there is a lovely church plant seating 700. Pastor Ralph Duncan will be telling of the wedding of the old and the new—television and tent meetings—in the growth of Trinity Tabernacle in Decaturville, Tenn.

Another new work, Belle-

vue Assembly on the southern edge of the Omaha metropolitan area, will be featured. Recognized last year as the fastest growing Sunday school of all denominations in its state, Bellevue Assembly registered 1,018 in Sunday school this past Easter. Pastor Sam Mayo has led this congregation for the past 2 years.

North Highlands Assembly in Columbus, Ga., historically has been one of the pacesetters in our Fellowship. Under the leadership of national Sunday school committeeman Clyde Wasdin it is experiencing its greatest growth cycle. A gain in average attendance of 289 last year will be duplicated this year.

Earl Banning, pastor of Braeswood Assembly, Hous-

ton, Tex., credits an outstanding Christian education program with the growth of his Sunday school. Braeswood Assembly has recently moved into one of the most beautiful and commodious church plants in that part of the country.

Four years ago the film-strip *Dare to Change* featured Evergreen Christian Center in Olympia, Wash. Pastor Glen Cole will share this story of explosive growth coupled with in-depth ministry.

Free luggage tags bearing the Update logo (the new data tool replacing Checkup) will be given to the first 1,500 persons visiting the booth.

A number of new Sunday school helps and ministries will be introduced at Council.

WMC schedules seminar, luncheon for Council

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A 2-day seminar and a luncheon are among the activities scheduled by the WMC Department for the General Council in August.

The seminar will be Aug. 12, 13 at the Denver Hilton Hotel. Sessions are for district WMC presidents, and Y and Missionettes directors. Each day's activities will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Theme for the seminar will be "Spirit of '76." Each session will have a subtheme such as "The Spirit of Joy Fellowship," and "The Spirit of Growth."

Presentations will include growth analysis, present-day participation, and a challenge for future goals. Information packets will be given to those

attending the seminar.

Marjorie Stewart of Seattle, Wash., will introduce the new home Bible study, *Joy in Neighborhood Evangelism*, during the workshop on Thursday morning, Aug. 14.

Visual demonstrations will be given to encourage active involvement in the Y and Missionettes programs. Those leading these sessions will be Linda Upton (Y and Missionettes director, Wisconsin—Northern Michigan District), Charlotte Schumitsch (national Missionettes coordinator), and Jenell Ogg (national Y coordinator).

Goldia Anderson, national WMC secretary, invites all women and girls to attend the

Thursday workshop session.

A luncheon for women and girls is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 16. It will be in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel at noon.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Mrs. Bernhard Johnson, wife of the well-known missionary-evangelist to Brazil. Special music also will be featured at the luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon (\$7.50) may be purchased from the national WMC Department until Aug. 1. Tickets will also be available during the pre-Council seminar and workshop.

A WMC 50th anniversary booth in the exhibit area will offer free literature to visitors.

Light-for-the-Lost goals to be set at banquet

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The annual Goal-Setting Banquet for Light-for-the-Lost district directors will be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn on Saturday, Aug. 16, at noon.

The field secretaries from the Division of Foreign Missions—Morris Williams, Wesley Hurst, Loren Triplett, and Charles Greenaway—will share testimonies of the effectiveness of Light-for-the-Lost literature in overseas ministry. Opportunities to expand the use of literature will be outlined.

Attendance at the banquet is limited to district Men's Department directors, district Light-for-the-Lost chairmen, and national LFTL councilmen.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES NAMED BY EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Important committees have been appointed to function at the forthcoming General Council.

Committees and chairmen are: Ministerial Relations—Lowell Ashbrook; Music—L. B. Larsen; Resolutions—Frank McAllister; Roster—Arthur F. Berg; Spiritual Life—James E. Hamill; Parliamentary—Fred A. Williams and S. H. Petersen; Tellers—James E. Griggs.

Other committees are: Arrangements—G. Raymond Carlson; Exhibits—Tom Sanders; Equipment—Arlyn Pember; Publicity—Warren Grant; Platform—Richard Champion; Housing and Hospitality—Harris Jansen; Ushers—Mel DeVries; Youth—Maurice Lednicky; Finance—Raymond Hudson; Program—Lee Shultz.

Clarence Lambert, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, is local coordinator. Working with him is C. W. Denton, national coordinator.

Home missions seminar to feature special newscast at General Council

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A national newscast will be the fast-moving format for the biennial Home Missions Leadership Seminar during General Council, according to T. E. Gannon, national director of Home Missions.

The theme of the newscast and of all other home missions functions during General Council will be, "God Is Moving in Home Missions."

The seminar will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, in the Denver Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel.

The first session of the seminar will use a television newscast format to give a rapid overview and update on "how the Holy Spirit is moving in every area of home missions work."

Newscast "anchorman" will be Warren F. McPherson, Chaplains representative. Reporters will include Paul R. Markstrom, Special Ministries representative; Frank Reynolds, Teen Challenge repre-

sentative; John Ohlin, New Church Evangelism coordinator; and T. E. Gannon.

Several guest "reporters" will also appear on the newscast.

The second session of the seminar will use a news conference format. Newscast reporters will interact with the audience in an open forum of questions and answers about all phases of home missions ministry.

All district officers, home missionaries, Teen Challenge workers, chaplains, and others interested in home missions are invited to attend the seminar.

Brother Gannon says: "Because of the significant content of the newscast and the unique format of this meeting, everyone is urged to be there at 9 a.m. sharp!"

Another home missions highlight will be a multimedia visual during the Friday night General Council rally. The visual will depict God's moving by the Holy Spirit in home missions ministries across the nation.

A/G college alumni plan Council gatherings

DENVER—Alumni of Assemblies of God colleges will have an opportunity to get together during next month's General Council.

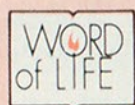
Following the Friday evening service, Aug. 15, alumni of Central Bible College, Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, and Southern California College will have separate gatherings in the Denver Hilton Hotel.

Alumni of South-Eastern Bible College, Bethany Bible College, Evangel College, and North Central Bible College will have their meetings at the Hilton following the Saturday evening service, Aug. 16.

Specific locations for the gatherings will be announced at the Hilton.

Alumni of Southwestern Assemblies of God College will meet in the gymnasium of First Assembly of God following the Sunday evening vesper service, Aug. 17.

Northeast Bible Institute is not planning an alumni gathering during General Council.



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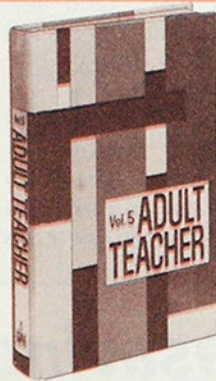
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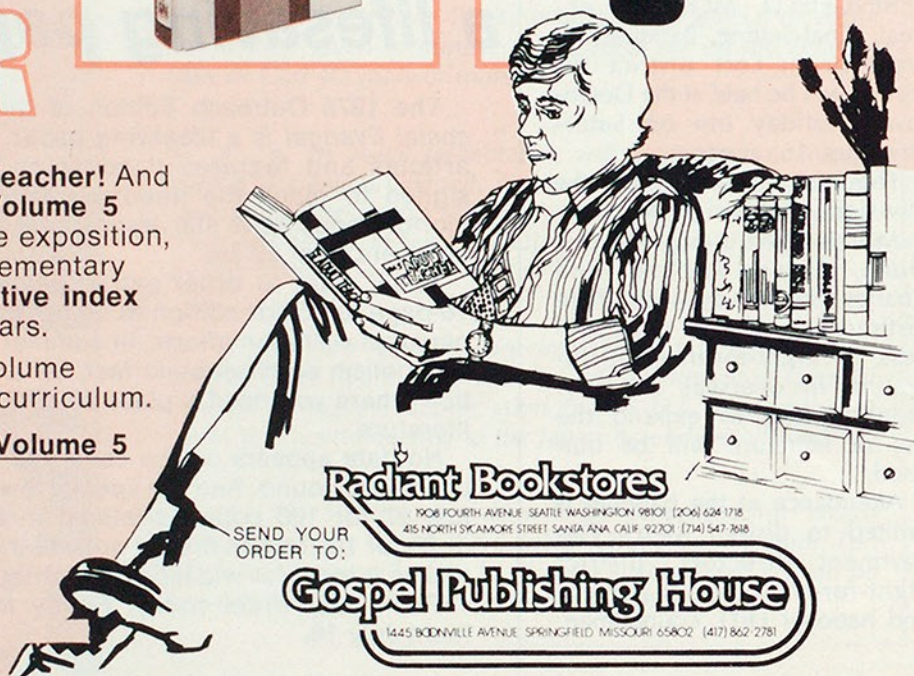
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Evangelists fellowship scheduled for Council

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Following the Friday evening rally (Aug. 15) at the General Council, there will be a time of fellowship for Assemblies of God evangelists. The Spiritual Life—Evangelism office will host the evangelists fellowship hour in the Silver Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel. Evange-

list Robert Abbott, national evangelists representative, is coordinating the event.

A special booth has been reserved for Assemblies of God evangelists during Council. It will contain helps for evangelists and provide a location where pastors and evangelists can meet.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

| STATE | CITY | ASSEMBLY | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Ala. | Florence | A/G | July 6— | Jesse & Barbara Ray | Dennis Wilkes |
| | Haleyville | A/G | July 13-18 | C. W. Mullis | L. A. Grimes |
| | New Brockton | El Bethel | July 13-18 | Green Family Evang. Tm. | Thomas Rachels |
| | Pell City | Evangel Tem. | July 16-27 | Don & Sharon Parker | W. B. Lenn |
| Alaska | Satsuma | First | July 16-20 | Tony M. Garland | David Z. Finch |
| | Barrow | Inupiat ¹ | July 13-18 | Victor Etienne | Gilbert Mort |
| Ariz. | Prescott | A/G | July 9-16 | Charley Hudspeth | Leonard Owens |
| Ark. | Hot Springs | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Charles & Pat Aaron | D. Nye, Dir. |
| | Hot Springs | Kids Camp | July 21-25 | Charles & Pat Aaron | D. Nye, Dir. |
| Calif. | Atwater | A/G | July 14-18 | Dwayne & Zola Breeden | Arnold Hultgren |
| | Rosemead | Garvey | July 13-16 | David & Paula George | Dan Ballard |
| Fla. | Santa Cruz | Bethany Camp | July 14-19 | The John Pratt Family | George Elrod |
| | Ft. Walton Bh. | Oakland | July 16-27 | C. E. & Rita Sims | Louie Pettis |
| | Marianna | Intermediate Camp | July 14-18 | Alton Garrison | D. Price, Dir. |
| | Medart | First | July 13-20 | B. R. Minton | R. R. Denham |
| Ga. | Panama City | Long Beach | July 16-22 | Bob McCutchen | J. H. Lee |
| | Tampa | Bethel | July 13-16 | John Stallings | Gordon Matheny |
| | Bainbridge | Evangel | July 14-20 | Morris Lefkowitz | Alvie Hart |
| | Pine Mtn. | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Rae Berry | J. Rayburn, Dir. |
| Idaho | Pine Mtn. | Youth Camp | July 14-25 | Mike & Mary Purkey | J. Rayburn, D-CAP |
| | Rome | First | July 11-13 | Mike & Mary Purkey | Robert Johnson |
| | Warner Robins | First | July 6-9 | Mike & Mary Purkey | J. A. Kilpatrick |
| | Bellevue | District Camp | July 13-18 | Bob & Mary Swope | L. I. LaMance |
| Ill. | Abingdon | First | July 16-27 | The King's Daughters | D. L. Hudspeth |
| | Carmi | A/G | July 15-20 | James & Ruth Hyllberg | Wesley Butler |
| | E. St. Louis | State Park | July 16-27 | Hopkins Team | Gary Awalt |
| | Mascoutah | Full Gospel ² | July 20-25 | Paul & Myrtle Greene | Larry Griswold |
| Ind. | Connersville | First | July 13-20 | Wm. & Irene Van Winkle | Walter Walker |
| | Ellettsville | A/G | July 8-13 | Tommy Calk | Paul Strietelmeier |
| | Muncie | Northside | July 15-20 | Tom & Joy Calk | Bob Covington |
| | Newton | A/G | July 15-20 | Homer & Mrs. Peterson Sr. | William Hamilton |
| Kans. | Woodston | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Street's Evang. Team | D. McCormick, D-CAP |
| La. | Shreveport | Glad Tidings | July 16-20 | Robert Rogers | J. M. Cason |
| Maine | Bangor | Pentecostal ² | July 15-20 | Paul & Myrtle Hild | Bob Gass |
| Mass. | Charlton | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Lew Hall Crusades | |
| Mich. | Battle Creek | Pennfield | July 9-19 | Musical Vann-derploegs | Jack Williams |
| | Benton Harbor | Fairplain ² | July 13-18 | Charles J. Senechal | Jack Pepple |
| | Grass Lake | Youth Camp | July 7-18 | R. D. & Karetha Dalton | J. Majeske, D-CAP |
| | Lake City | A/G | July 13-18 | Bruce White Team | Darrel Millen |
| Minn. | Bemidji | First | July 9-13 | New Life Crusaders | John Stump |
| | Cambridge | First ² | July 13-18 | Ray & Jan Hodges | Terry Wilson |
| | Northfield | A/G | July 13-23 | The Nelson Family | Richard Johnson |
| | Owatonna | A/G ² | July 20-25 | Ray & Jan Hodges | William Hicks |
| Miss. | Gulfport | First | July 16-20 | Esther Palmer | Leonard Sapp |
| | Advance | A/G | July 13-27 | K. L. Claycomb | James Hamilton |
| | Cameron | First | July 6-13 | James B. Booth | George Mosby |
| | Excelsior | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Paul & Myrtle Greene | H. Garner, D-CAP |
| Mo. | Greenfield | Glad Tidings | July 15-27 | Richard & LaVera Havner | G. L. Shepard |
| | Fremont | Bethel | July 13-27 | Ken Krivohlavek | Robert Hutsell |
| | Los Lunas | First | July 9-13 | Dave E. Laughlin Family | John Deweber |
| | Dunn | Youth Camp | July 14-18 | David Hargis Trio | Vender Murphy |
| N. C. | Goldsboro | First | July 16-27 | Ervin & Myrna Asiatico | John Sheline |
| | New Bern | A/G | July 2-13 | Ervin & Myrna Asiatico | Don Dowling |
| | Ellendale | Kids Camp | July 14-18 | Phil Appenzeller | M. Kisser, Dir. |
| | Big Prairie | Youth Camp | July 14-18 | Glynn Dickens | E. Moore, D-CAP |
| Ohio | Blanchard | A/G ² | July 6-13 | James & Delynda Walter | Pat Metz |
| | Broken Bow | First ² | July 6-11 | Joe & Darlene Black | Benard Escalante |
| | Muse | A/G | July 13— | Lawrence & Patty Posey | Oddis Farris |
| | Okla. City | Kids Camp | July 13-20 | Whitenack-White | W. Baker, Dir. |
| Oreg. | Yarnaby | A/G | July 13— | Mike & Karen Stenson | L. C. Harris |
| | Portland | Northeast | July 15-20 | Gary & Jeanie Schaeffer | L. A. Steller |
| | Bristol | Pentecostal | July 14-18 | D. J. & Anna Mary Paglia | Theodore Papit |
| | Dyer | First | July 18-20 | Jeremiah Hanley | James Roberts |
| Tenn. | Erwin | First | July 16-20 | Ivor & Doris Hugh | Morris Porter |
| | Kingsport | First | July 13-20 | Guy A. Mims | George Hutchison |
| | Nashville | Youth Camp | July 13-18 | Doug Chambers | R. Stanbro, D-CAP |
| | Belton | First | July 13-18 | Ken & Alice Williams | R. E. Brumblow |
| Tex. | Dallas | Little Bethel ² | July 13-18 | Helen Steele | C. J. Hurley |
| | Ft. Stockton | First | July 13-20 | Bob & Sandy Parker | G. M. Wike |
| | Ft. Worth | Zion Tem. | July 13-20 | Luis Torres | B. R. Griffith |
| | Jacksonville | Teen Camp | July 7-11 | Alton Garrison | G. Smith, D-CAP |
| Va. | Lubbock | North Ash | July 6-13 | Ron & Debra Walker | John Murdock |
| | Memphis | First ² | July 13-17 | Ricky & Diana Pfeil | Dwaine Martin |
| | Wheeler | Christian Ctr. ³ | July 18-20 | Ricky & Diana Pfeil | Keith Johnson |
| | Bristol | First | July 14-20 | C. A. & Mrs. Barfield | C. E. Wilson |
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¹ Youth Crusade² Children's Revival³ Area Camp Meeting⁴ Spiritual Life Crusade

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General Presbyters to meet prior to Council

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The 200-member General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God will meet in annual session beginning 8:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 11, in the Empire Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel. Sessions will continue all day Tuesday and Wednesday.

The General Presbytery is the official policy-making body of the Assemblies of God when the General Council is not in session. It is comprised of the district superintendent and two other elected representatives from each district.

Foreign fields are represented by the four field secretaries and two others from each of the four areas they represent.

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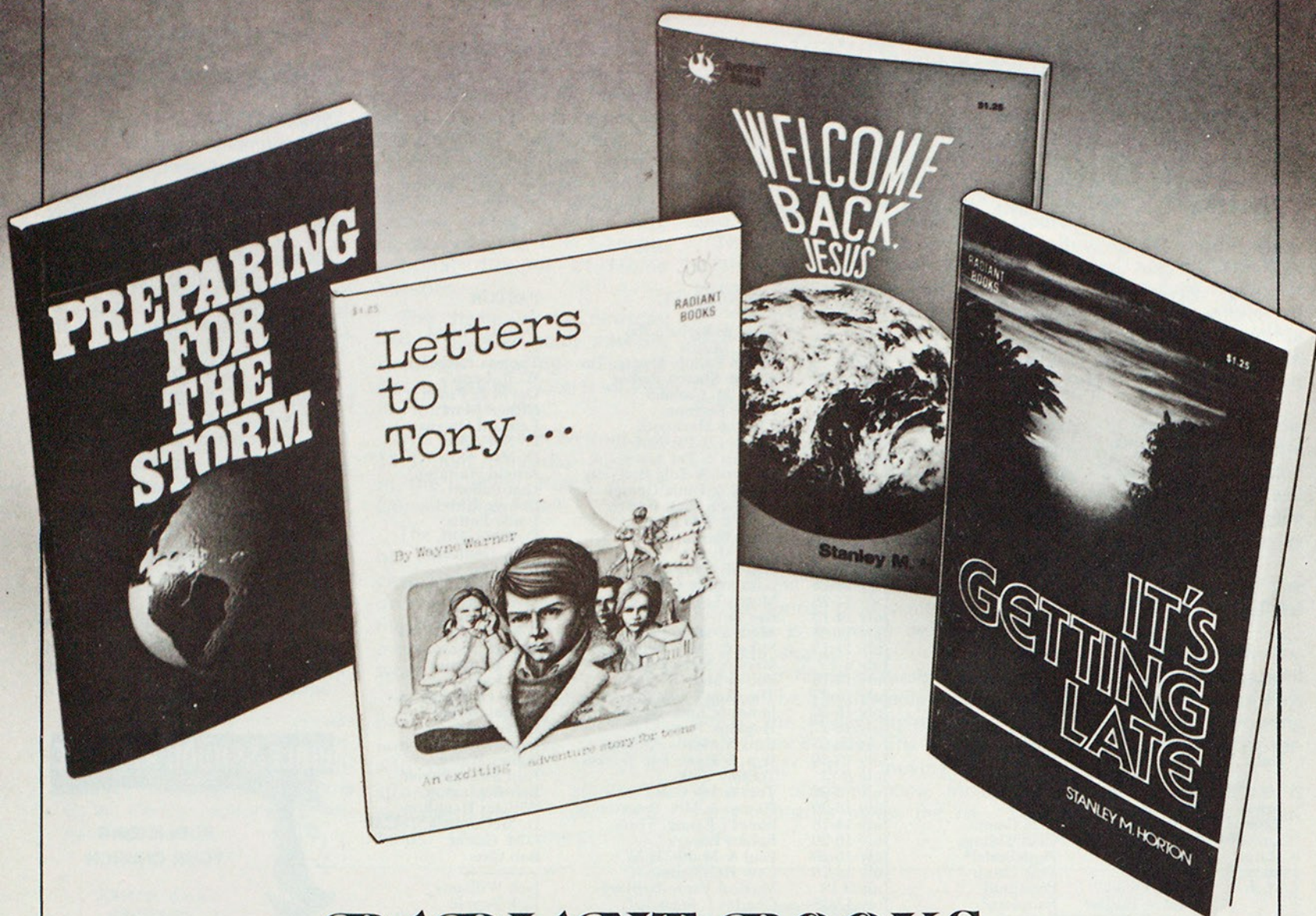
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A/G MINISTERS ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

By GEORGE O. WOOD
Pastor, Newport-Mesa Christian Center

THIRTY-ONE Assemblies of God Vietnamese families are among the 20,000 refugees now living in tents at Camp Pendleton.

"We got out of Vietnam by a miracle of God," states Dao Van Dieu, former vice-principal of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Saigon. Pastor Dieu is now serving as a chaplain to refugees at Pendleton, shepherding the Assemblies of God families and conducting evangelistic and believers services daily.

After only two years of missionary presence in Vietnam, the Assemblies of God had grown to over 8,000 adherents. Most of the Assemblies families who fled did so because of their employment or connection with the U.S. government.

Dieu, his wife and four daughters, had not been able to obtain the needed papers to leave Saigon. They prayed for the Lord's guidance.

The Spirit directed Dieu, while in prayer on April 24, to visit a

wealthy acquaintance of his. When he arrived, his acquaintance thought Dieu had come with an offer to help him and his family get out; but Dieu said he had come only to visit.

During their conversation, the phone rang. The caller said the security guards would be letting persons without exit papers through the airport gates between 9 and 10 o'clock that morning.

Immediately Dieu and his family obtained a car and they were at the airport by the time appointed. Dieu said the Scripture verse that spoke most to him in those dark days was, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

On Friday, June 13, 30 Assemblies of God ministers and their wives met with the Assemblies of God refugee families in New Life Chapel at Camp Pendleton. Deep feelings of kinship in the family of God were felt and expressed. These beautiful Vietnamese

Christians had been earnestly praying the Lord would give them Assemblies of God sponsors, and our being there was an answer to their prayers.

The Vietnamese believers have been actively witnessing to their fellow refugees and winning many to Christ. Pastor Dieu indicated it was a golden opportunity to preach the gospel.

"Many of our people were wealthy," he said, "and in Vietnam they were not open to hear the gospel. Now, most of them have nothing. Through these adverse circumstances the Lord has prepared their hearts to hear."

"They are suffering people. Only the Spirit of God can comfort their hearts. They need courage to live. Pray for them!"

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Sponsorship information may be obtained from Robert T. McGlasson, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Assemblies of God. All sponsor-

ships of Assemblies of God refugees from Indo-China are being cleared through his office in Springfield, Missouri.

"Our work in Vietnam began only recently but the membership has grown and we estimate there are at least 50 Assemblies of God families among the refugees," Brother McGlasson states.

"Up to the present, we have sponsors for 12 families at Camp Pendleton. There are 4 families at Fort Chaffee who have been placed. No doubt there are other Assemblies of God refugees among those at other centers, including Guam and Wake Island, or en route to the U.S."

"Sponsorships are needed for housing these families and assisting them in finding work in a community. The U.S. government will pay the cost of transportation for the refugees and there are many government agencies ready to assist the sponsors in various ways."

"We are hoping a number of our churches will sponsor one or more Vietnamese families. Church sponsorship is preferable to individual sponsorship. The purpose is to assist the refugees until such time as they can support themselves. The fellowship and spiritual support of the church during this period of readjustment to a new way of life will mean much to these Vietnamese families."

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. . . 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.

As a TV commentator remarked recently, "Americans are being mesmerized by figures. We hear of a \$53-billion deficit, and we don't understand what it means. We hear of millions of people dying from starvation, and we can't comprehend."

Then he spoke of the 3 million starlings exterminated in Kentucky. "Can you imagine 3 million dead starlings?" he asked. "If not, just think of one dead bird."

Instantly I was reminded of what Jesus said about the sparrows. On two different occasions He spoke about these birds.

"Two sparrows," He said, "are sold for a penny." Later on He observed that five sparrows are sold for two pennies.

This means that under the Jewish economy, to inspire quantity buying the clerk would throw in an extra sparrow!

In other words, one of these birds was worth nothing. It was just a come-on. But Jesus added these meaningful words: "Not one sparrow

falls to the ground without your heavenly Father."

We, His people, are much more valuable in His sight than many sparrows. He revealed how much more valuable by sending His Son to shed His precious blood to redeem a fallen race.

The blessed truth of God's love and concern for the individual was made especially real to me during our missionary stay in Barrow, Alaska.

Lloyd was one of the most unassuming persons you would ever meet. A young Eskimo in his mid-20s, he was wonderfully converted in our assembly.

Lloyd seldom talked but was always smiling. He had a hearing defect which left him out of most conversations. His parents died when he was young. His only relative was a distant aunt.

Lloyd ate and stayed in different homes. His only possession was a gun and dog team. He loved to hunt.

At the beginning of freezeup Lloyd went on a hunting trip and did not return. Weeks went by, and people became concerned, especially when two of his dogs were sighted in the village with broken harness.

A search was made, but to no avail. Lloyd was gone.

Among those especially concerned was Jacob Ahmagak of our assembly. Jacob prayed earnestly that at least Lloyd's body might be found.

One night Jacob dreamed that the body was in a certain lake not far from the village. The next morning he hitched up his team and headed for that specific lake.

To appreciate this incident one has to realize that the Arctic tundra teems with lakes. There are thousands! Jacob, however, was interested only in the lake of his God-given dream.

The lake was now covered with ice and snow. At first he could find nothing and was at the point of returning home when he saw a piece of wood sticking up out of the snow. Cutting away the snow and ice, he discovered it was the handle of a dogsled.

He returned to the village to get help. It wasn't long before they recovered Lloyd's body.

Conducting the funeral a few days later, I could not help but recall what Jesus said about the sparrows. "Not one falls to the ground without your heavenly Father." We rejoiced that our Father was with Lloyd when he fell, and further that He revealed the very spot to another of His children.

Not only does He know the place where we may fall physically. He also knows each one who falls spiritually.

A spiritual leader was warming himself by a fire in the courtyard when suddenly he was brought under great pressure. He fell! Cursing, swearing, denying his Lord, Peter's fall was both sudden and complete.

Then his eyes refocused on the mock trial taking place not far away. He saw the eyes of his blessed Lord peering intently upon him and learned he was still loved in spite of his fall. With tear-stained eyes Peter repented and was lifted up to full restoration.

If you are a fallen one today, rest assured that He who sees the sparrow fall also knows about you—because you are of greater value than many sparrows.

A SPARROW FALLS IN THE ARCTIC

By PAUL E. BILLS

