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

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**Next Sunday is  
National Women's  
Ministries Day**

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## The open door

*"Behold, I set before thee an open door"—  
These little ones who've known no love before  
They came within the fold.*

*For these, my "other sheep," have you concern?  
For these, the little lambs, do you not yearn  
For Christ their lives to mold?*

*And are you doing faithfully your part?  
To love, to pray for them with all your heart?  
Naught to withhold?*

—GRACE L. WALTHER

## Call of the valley

*I rest in sunlight on the mountain's slope;  
The valley darkness slowly melts away.  
Storm-drenched before, I marvel at the change;  
The fury-clouds now turned to peaceful day.  
"Here would I dwell!" I cry, my heart enthralled,  
"So near to heaven, earth has for me no lure!"  
Then hark! Below I hear an engine's wail!  
My rest disturbed, now leaves me far less sure,  
For I recall: on Vison's sacred mount  
'Twas Peter cried, "Lord, here now let us dwell!"  
But Jesus said, "The vision time is past;  
There's pressing duty in the working dell!"  
That locomotive's wail reminds me now  
Of the needy, pleading world below.  
Help me, dear God, these mountain visions hold  
As gladly I to valley service go.*

—CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

## Unexpected rewards

My wife Florence and I sat at a table in the Holiday Inn restaurant in Grants, New Mexico. As usual, before eating we bowed our heads and thanked God for His provision.

Shortly after we began eating, a woman at the next table said, "I'm glad to see there is someone else who prays before eating." We quickly agreed it was a good practice.

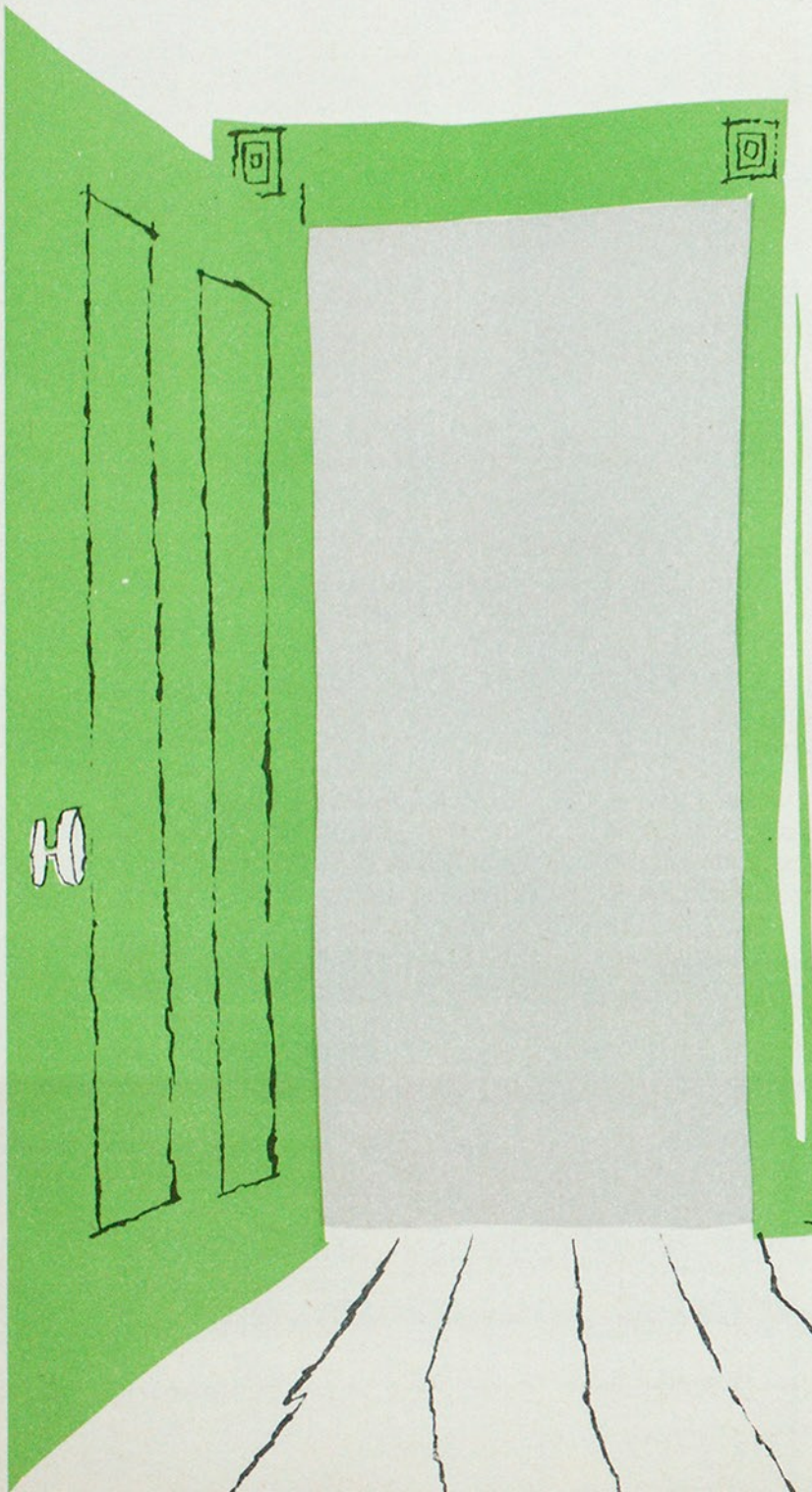
A word or two of inquiry revealed that our newfound friend was a member of an Assemblies of God church in Ohio and that we had many mutual acquaintances.

One by-product of public prayer is that it brings us in contact with other Christians. But the more important lesson from the encounter was the influence of the simple act of bowing in thanks to God. It's a way that everyone can witness for Jesus—and maybe even receive an unexpected reward, as we did.

—WILDON COLBAUGH

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# WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

Most of us have seen the television commercial where a well-known person urges viewers to carry a certain credit card. You do not know the speaker by his face, but you recognize his name as it appears on the corner of his credit card.

Names are important. They provide personal identification. Often a name signifies something about the person or object that carries it.

God is interested in names. The Bible indicates this by the significance it attaches to many names.

In Genesis 2:19 we read, "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof."

Evidently God was pleased to watch Adam give each bird and beast a name to fit its nature. Adam was so good at it he even had the privilege of naming his wife.

Here are just a few Bible names that had meaning: Seth (appointed), Noah (rest), Joseph (adding), Judah (praise), Manasseh (forgetting), Ephraim (fruitful), Peter (a stone), Jason (healing one).

Then there was Jacob (heel-catcher, supplanter). In modern speech Jacob is an honored name. But in ancient Hebrew the word had both good and bad connotations. In the good sense it meant one who followed along at the heel as a servant or guard (as one would tell an obedient dog to "heel"). But it could also mean one who followed along at the heel to supplant (take the place of) another by trickery and deception.

It was the bad sense of his name that began to cling to Jacob. He cheated Esau, his brother. "Is not he rightly named Jacob?" Esau cried bitterly (Genesis 27:36).

Jacob and Esau were at enmity with each other. One day Jacob learned that Esau was coming with 400 men! He knew he was in big trouble. His only escape was to make



By J. W. JEPSON

things right, and he had to start by making things right with God. The only way out was up.

God had been waiting for Jacob to come to the end of himself so He could do something for him. This was it. That night a heavenly Visitor wrestled with the desperate deceiver. The record is in Genesis 32:24-32.

All night the struggle continued. Finally, toward morning the heavenly Contestant issued the demand: "What is thy name?"

Come on, Jacob; give up. You are whipped. Admit it. Tell Him your name. Confess what you are. He will give you no rest or peace until you do. It is the only way to receive that desperately needed blessing you are insisting on!

Jacob had two choices. Either way meant death: death at the hands of Esau if he did not accept God's peace terms; or death to pride and self-will if he did.

He wisely chose the death that leads to life. But how he struggled before he surrendered! How he hated to give up his self-sufficiency, his self-supremacy. But he couldn't continue the conflict indefinitely. It was either give up to God now or perish. So he yielded to God and ut-

tered his honest confession: "Supplanter."

In effect, Jacob was saying: "Sneaky, scheming, underhanded cheater. That is what I made out of my name. That is what I have been. I face it. I confess it."

And God in His grace did something about it. Something happened to the "heel-catcher." God changed his nature and gave him a new name to fit his new character and standing with God. He became Israel, "a prince with God."

God is doing the same for people today. The Holy Spirit is convincing us proud, self-willed human beings of our true moral identity. "What is your name?" He interrogates. No, He is not asking for the name on our birth certificates. He is pointing to the name written across our hearts, the name that describes our character.

So come on, friend; give up. Admit it. Tell Him your name. He knows it already, but He insists that you confess it. Face the facts. You will never have His peace and pardon unless you do.

There are only two choices. It is

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What is your name? continued

death either way: the second death forever in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14), or death to pride and self-will. Do as Jacob did; choose the death that leads to life.

"What is your name?" God probes. Is it Adulterer? Boaster? Liar? Thief? Alcoholic? Hater? Blasphemer? Glutton? Gossiper? Hypocrite?

We must do what the publican did. He prayed humbly, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

Sinner. He came right out and said it. And Jesus said that he went to his house justified.

Justified. What a marvelous change in one's name, one's character, one's relationship to God. God changed "supplanter" to "a prince with God." He is doing the same for all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Do you want a new name, a new character, a new relationship with God? How does "a son of God" sound? Does it seem too much to hope for?


It will happen to you right now if you receive Jesus Christ into your heart. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

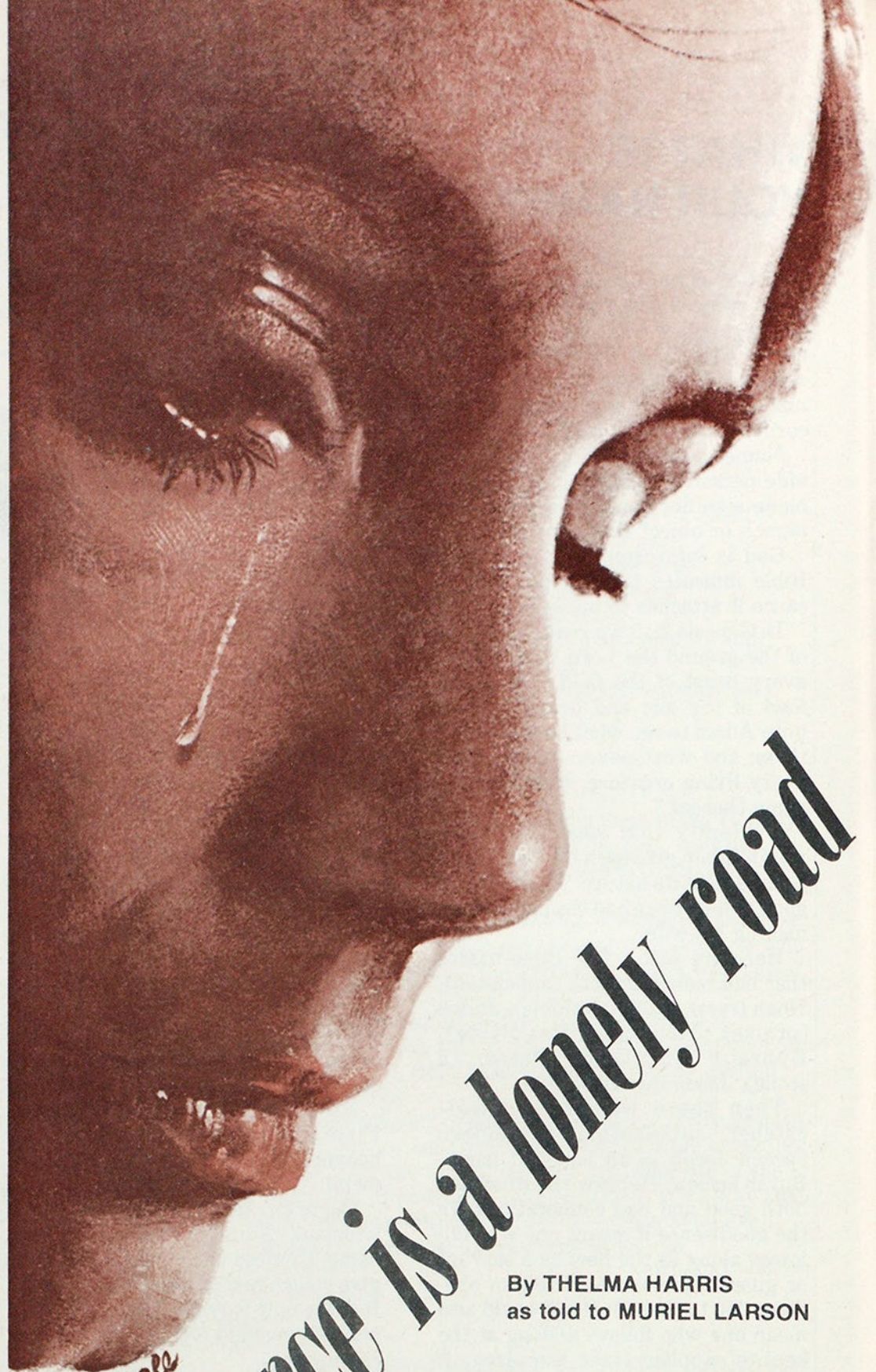
Suddenly, as a free gift, by grace through faith, without deserving it, you are a new person. You are born again. The old names no longer apply. Now you are a son of God!

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God . . ." (1 John 3:1, 2).

You may have a new name (Revelation 2:17) and be identified forever with Him whose name is above all others (Philippians 2:10; Revelation 3:12). How beautiful.

It is all yours in Jesus Christ. You want Him, do you not? Then come to Him today; receive Him right now as your Saviour and Lord.

Have you done it? Then welcome, new-born son of God. Welcome to the family. 



*Pearall*

# Divorce is a lonely road

By THELMA HARRIS  
as told to MURIEL LARSON

What kind of life is this?" I asked myself one day as I went to check on a patient. "Here I am working all day as a nurse at the hospital, fulfilling the role of breadwinner. And my mother is at home with my children, fulfilling the role of mother to them. This is crazy!"

When I walked out on my husband, I didn't realize how lonely a divorcee's life can be. Oh, I had friends at church, but they all had their own



concerns. There was no place in their scheme of life for a single woman. Furthermore, my pastor clearly disapproved of my divorcing my husband. I felt like an outcast.

What had happened to our marriage, to Bruce and me? We had been in love once. In fact, I still loved Bruce. We were both Christians too. But for some reason there had been no real fellowship between us. We found it hard to communicate.

I was docile and self-conscious, whereas Bruce was outgoing. A real extrovert, he paid little attention to details.

That's probably one reason we got into such deep financial trouble. How upset I had been! Sometimes the problems seemed so great I even thought of suicide. It was when I arrived at that state of mind that I decided it would be better for us to go our separate ways.

About a year and a half after the divorce I went to some fellowship meetings conducted by the minister of another church. During one such meeting I shared my situation with the group. "Should I go back to my husband, do you think?" I asked.

"Well, if you feel burdened with guilt," someone said, "then you should go back."

I had been feeling very depressed. Was it guilt I felt? Somehow my life as a divorcee didn't seem very meaningful.

I remembered back to when I met Bruce in college. How his outgoing ways, his hearty laugh attracted me! And how I missed him when he went into service as a green beret. During the year he was in Vietnam I prayed daily that the Lord would bring him back alive.

We were married a year after he returned to the States. When he got out of the Army, we settled in Illinois. We soon became active in the church Bruce's father pastored.

It was a shattering blow to Bruce when his father died of a stroke a year later. Maybe that was one of the reasons Bruce hadn't been able to keep our financial situation in con-

trol. As I looked back, I began to see some things more clearly.

On Good Friday Bruce came to take our two little girls home with him for the weekend. I went that afternoon to see the minister who headed the fellowship group, for I had sensed a sympathetic interest on his part. I felt he was someone I could talk to.

But as I walked into his office that day, the first thing I blurted was, "If you tell me I have to go back to my husband, I'll tell you to take a walk!"

"Sit down, Thelma," he said in a kindly way.

I sat down. "We have nothing in common," I declared. "Bruce couldn't manage money, and we were in debt over our heads. We had to go bankrupt! And I had to go to work 6 weeks after each of our daughters was born!"

"Why did you come to me then, Thelma?" he asked.

"Because I'm miserable!" I cried softly. "I'm depressed. Maybe it is guilt, as the group said."

"Are you willing to listen?"

"Yes, I'll listen."

"Thelma, I think you need to ask God's forgiveness for three things," he said, "for you have disobeyed His Word. One, you left your husband. Two, you divorced him. And three, some of the problems in your marriage were probably your fault too, because you can't say you are perfect. You need not only to ask God's forgiveness, but to ask Bruce's forgiveness also."

I stared at him. I was convicted. I knew God was speaking through him to me.

"Well," I said, "I'll ask God's forgiveness. But you know it's going to be hard to ask forgiveness of my former husband."

"The Lord will help you, Thelma," the minister said.

He and I knelt, and I asked the Lord to forgive me. As I arose, I felt as if a heavy burden had been lifted from my shoulders. I actually felt like singing!

On Easter Sunday afternoon Bruce brought back our two little girls. They came running in, and my mother took them into another room as I invited Bruce into the foyer. Gathering up my courage I said, "Bruce, I'd like to ask your forgiveness for three things."

He stared at me.

"I'd like you to forgive me for leaving you, for divorcing you, and for all the mistakes I made when we were married that contributed to our problems. Will you forgive me?"

His mouth hung open, and he just stood there looking at me for a minute. Finally he said, "Yes, of course."

"Do you mind if I kiss you?" I asked timidly.

He just stood there. I reached up and kissed him. Then he left.

I watched him as he went out to his car. Sitting in the front seat was his girl friend, to whom I knew he had proposed. Bruce got into the car and put his head down on the steering wheel, he was so overcome.

Suddenly I realized how very much I had missed my husband.

The next few times I saw Bruce, I told him I was ready to come back if he would take me. "You have got to make a decision, Bruce," I said. "It's either her or me."


"You know, Thelma," he said, "she was such a comfort to me after you left me. I hate to hurt her."

But Bruce was a Christian; he hadn't felt right about the divorce. And he still loved me. We were remarried on Memorial Day.

While we were separated, the Lord taught us both some important lessons. I had to learn to become more assertive and better able to accept criticism. Bruce had to learn to be more responsible with the budget.

Since we remarried, we have communicated with each other in a way we never had before. We've learned to understand each other better. I guess we've both grown up.

Maybe as a result of our unhappy experience we can help other young couples who are facing similar problems.

Divorce is a lonely road! 



He healed me of hepatitis  
and saved my children.

## ELIJAH'S GOD STILL LIVES TODAY

By PHYLLIS TAYLOR

not stand it any longer. The pain was getting worse; mentally and spiritually I was at an all-time low. I was frightened.

I managed to drive to church, but once I got there with the children, I could hardly sit still. I wanted to scream, "Somebody help me," but instead I waited until church was over and took the children home to fix dinner.

My 11-year-old washer went out just at that time which meant I would have to spend Sunday afternoon at the Laundromat. Also my oldest son Greg was to be in a play at church that evening with the other teenagers, and I wanted to see him, but I really didn't have the strength to go.

While peeling potatoes and thinking about all that needed to be done, I began to panic. I started praying: "Lord, I need Your help. I can't go on any longer. Just as You fed Elijah in the wilderness when he was alone, tired, and frightened, will You not feed me? I have four children I am trying to raise for You."

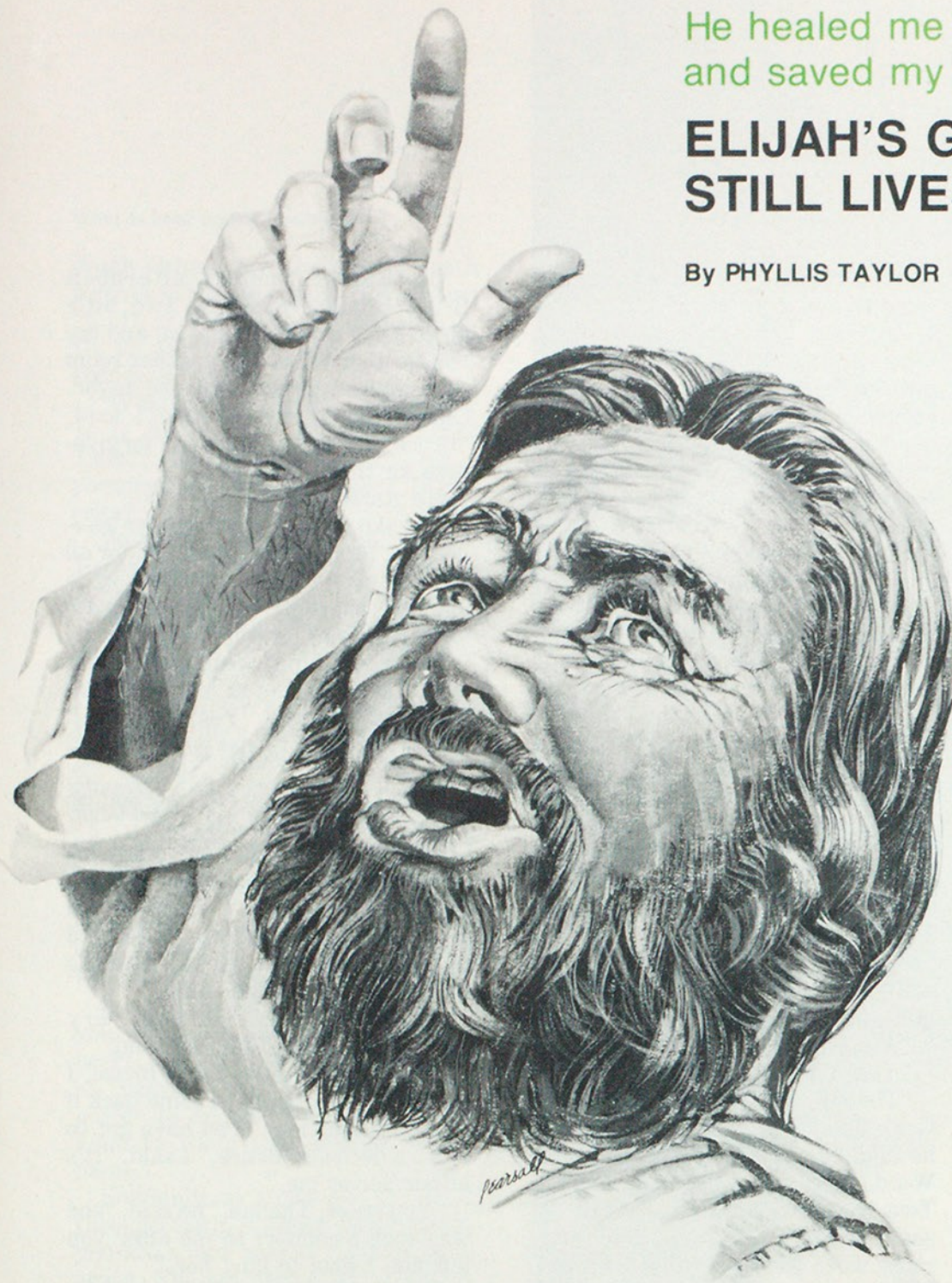
I continued: "I have tried to put You first in my life, and now I need help. I know that You, and only You, can help me. Please God, I want to be well again and see my children living for You. They need guidance, and I can't give it in a hospital bed; they need me here."

I could hardly believe how the afternoon worked out! Somehow I had the strength to get the laundry done, the kitchen cleaned up, and still catch a nap before Greg's play.

My daughter Terry likes to write me notes when I am not feeling well. The one she wrote me that Sunday afternoon I will keep all my life. It said: "I have Jesus in my heart, Mom; do you have Jesus in your heart?" At the bottom of the note were two boxes, yes or no, and I was supposed to answer by checking one of the boxes.

I checked the "yes" box and handed it back to her. It must have been the right answer because I got a big hug.

The same evening, after the play,



In September 1976 I became very ill with hepatitis. I was unable to work, and the only thing I wanted to do was sleep. My appetite was completely gone; it hurt too much to eat.

After 2 weeks in the hospital I was released. Upon returning home I found my youngest child Terry coming down with hepatitis also. After trying to care for Terry and my three other children, I had a relapse and was sent back to the hospital for an additional 4 weeks. Terry was hospitalized also.

During my second stay at the hospital, the specialist told me I had done more damage to my liver and it would be 2 years before it would

function normally; this was only if I had a high-protein, low-fat diet, along with lots of rest during the next 2 years.

With four children and a husband, it is not easy to rest!

A year later I became ill again: severe stomach pains, constant weariness, no appetite, and a yellowing of the eyes and skin. The pain in my right side increased each day. I would go to sleep at night with tears on my pillow and awaken in the morning with fresh tears running down my pillow.

One Sunday morning I felt I could



## REMINDERS

By AGNES RODLI

our assistant pastor gave an invitation to the young people to come forward and receive Christ as their personal Saviour. My son Greg went to the altar, and I went up to pray with him. The next thing I knew my other son Tim was on his knees praying also.

On the way home from church, my second oldest, Stacy, asked me, "Mom, how old do you have to be to go to the altar and pray?" I told her that anyone can pray at any time. It doesn't matter where you pray, as long as you are sincere.

That night, as the children were going to bed, I went into the girls' room to hear their prayers. After Terry had said her prayers, I turned to Stacy. She was lying on her bed praying her little heart out. She had asked Jesus to come into her heart.

I went back into the living room to read, and I remembered my prayer, "Please God, let me see all of my children living for You." Now I was beginning to worry. What if this was it? I had a disease of the liver, and I knew you can't live without your liver. Now that all the children were saved, was the Lord going to take me to heaven?

But I brushed the idea aside. I was on the top of the mountain. Praise just seemed to flow from my heart as I realized how much God loved me. He had heard my prayer and had fed me, like Elijah, giving me strength to rise above myself.

The next day I prayed very earnestly about my health. "Lord, I know You can heal me. I am desperate, and there is no one else I can turn to. I believe everything that's written in Your Word." I felt that if I prayed long enough and hard enough, He would heal me.

I didn't know what else to do, so I continued praying: "Lord, I have all day, and we are going to get this settled one way or the other. I just can't go back in the hospital for

Right after take-off I removed my Bible from my carry-on case and settled back to read. The passenger to my left smiled and said, "I see you have your Bible. Are you afraid?"

"No," I replied, "I'm not afraid. I was just going to read during flight." Then his smile broadened as I counterquestioned, "Are you a Christian?"

Yes, he was! Air travel was new to him, and he was feeling a bit apprehensive about the flight. He had asked the Lord for a safe journey and a Christian traveling companion. God gave him both.

The young Cuban and I had 3 beautiful hours sharing our faith and comparing experiences.

But in between a thought kept begging for attention. Not only was I unafraid, but I was so used to flying that I hadn't asked for special protection—no more than a person would ask for divine overshadowing to walk from his car to the front door. Travel had become routine.

*Had I been wrong? I asked myself. Should I have definitely prayed for safety in the air, like I did the first few times I boarded a plane?*

another 6 weeks. I have a family to raise and a home to take care of. I don't want to lie in bed for another 6 months. If I am to live, I want to LIVE. I want to be a living, walking testimony for You."

As the day went on, I continued praying, "Jesus, You said You came into this world so that we might have life more abundantly. Please make me whole. If I call the doctor, I know he will order me back to the hospital. It's just You and me; show me Your answer in Your Word."

I then took the Bible and opened it to Mark 5:21. The first words my eyes saw were, "My daughter is sick." I was *His* daughter!

I continued reading and came upon the part where a woman had been sick for a long time and all the doctors could do was make her poor. She

Then my mind turned back a couple of years to a little incident that took place on the ground. I had turned the ignition key in my car and, as is my custom the first time I drive each day, I paused to pray.

A woman rider was quick to reprimand me. "Ridiculous," she said. "Don't you know the Lord is with you all the time, and you don't have to keep asking Him to be with you? You are living in fear."

Fear? I hadn't thought I was afraid; but was lack of trust really the basis of my prayer?

My rider had condemned me for praying—and now on the plane I was condemning myself for not praying.

Then one more picture came to mind. I was living alone in a remote village and had real reason to feel it wasn't safe. Each evening I opened my Bible to Proverbs 1:33, "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Leaving my Bible open on the table became my trusted recipe for a good night's sleep.

But later in the comparative safety

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said, "If I could but touch the hem of Jesus' garment, I will be healed."

So I prayed, "Lord, please let me touch the hem of Your garment!" I continued reading and found that the woman was healed of her disease. At that same moment my pain was gone. Praise God! My side was sore, but there was no more pain. I just wanted to shout, "Thank You. You really love me, and You really care!"

By the following day all of the symptoms were gone, including the soreness. I thank the Lord for healing me. Over a year has passed, and each day He gives me strength to face my housework joyfully.

There is truly power in prayer, if only we have the faith to believe.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. Donald McManness, Calvary Assembly, Toledo, Ohio.)*



# SHE WALKED WITH GOD

Reminders continued

of another community I discontinued the practice. Had I then begun to take divine protection for granted? Did I think I was so secure that I no longer needed a guardian angel?

I'm sure there must be a place of balance. The Lord isn't asking that with every step we beg Him to keep us from falling and breaking our bones. Neither do we necessarily express appreciation for our shoes every time we put them on. And if we were to thank Him for air each time we took a breath, we wouldn't be saying much else. Instead, we live in an attitude of thankfulness and trust. As believers we simply believe without stopping to pray.

But God also allows circumstances to remind us that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17).

And to my Cuban friend I say, *Thank you for alerting me against an acceptance that could have deteriorated into taking for granted the safety measures surrounding me. Divine protection included.*

Lots of life's experiences are just that—reminders. The news items that tell us of robberies in the city remind us either to ask for protection or to thank God for mercies already given. A stormy night tells us to whisper our appreciation for a roof that doesn't leak. A satisfying meal says thanks loud and clear, and Easter reminds us that Jesus lives.

The list grows. We turn an ankle and thank the Lord that we didn't fall. After sitting in a smoke-filled room we express real gratitude for God's fresh air! A screaming ambulance tells us to pray for someone—we don't know whom—needing help at that very moment. No, we may not choke on our food if we fail to return thanks, but isn't it great to count our blessings?

Reminders. God sends them all the time. Responding to them keeps our communication lines open. Open to praise and worship. Open to fellowship. And open to ask for special help when we need it.

We often speak of Enoch and Noah as men who "walked with God." Both were family men. Both were builders, each in his own sphere; and each had a marvelous escape.

But there were also women who walked with God. The Bible does not say this in so many words, but the results of their living indicate the fact. It could well be said of Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Abigail, Anna, Dorcas, the two Marys, and other women that they indeed walked with God. There were similar factors in each case although their circumstances differed.

But I am not thinking of any of these at the moment. I have chosen one with a completely different background, making all the more striking the fact that she walked with God.

She was a foreigner—a disillusioned, disappointed woman, an unfortunate young widow. Her background was bleak and discouraging—something we do not emphasize enough when we praise Ruth the Moabitess (for she is the woman to whom I refer).

Many of us have had much, from babyhood on, to encourage us to walk with God: perhaps a godly home, Christian parents, church associations, saved friends, and a general environment of encouragement. This woman had none of this until in the gracious providence of God a Hebrew refugee family reached her vicinity.

Ruth became acquainted with the son of this family, and finally he became her husband. Knowledge of God came; then—tragedy struck.

Extreme bitterness could have resulted, but Ruth's opening eyes saw the reality of the Hebrews' God in her mother-in-law's life. Conviction grew in her heart that the reality of Naomi's God was for her. What a challenge to every Christian mother-in-law!

Ruth's walk with God started well.

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

She accepted the rays of light for this new way so contrary to all her past; and it is most important that we accept the light God shines on our way.

Our obedience in all circumstances brings the unfolding of God's plan in our lives. This is what Paul called "being obedient to the heavenly vision." This is what John called "walking in the light."

The real test came when Naomi decided to leave Moab and return to Bethlehem after hearing that the famine was over and there was prosperity again. Ruth's earlier choice crystalized here. Life is made up of a series of choices, sometimes in very small things. We refuse to make a seemingly small compromise, to substitute a nonessential for a vital essential in our living for God. We choose to step forth sometimes "upon the seeming void to find the rock beneath." For Ruth the choice lay between leaving the land of her birth and remaining with her family, her old associations.

In essence she had actually made the choice long before when she married into this Hebrew family. Now, however, she had to confirm it or draw back. Would she revert to the way of the Moabites, or would she identify with her Hebrew mother-in-law and with the land of Israel to which she was now returning?

Ruth made her choice. Something had gripped her heart to enable her thus to turn from all she knew and go forth into the unknown. Her choice was full and complete, a striking contrast to the attitude of her sister-in-law, Orpah.

Similarly our walk with God consists of successive choices. Our consecration is tested repeatedly. The test is intensified through the years as we meet one crisis after another. Usually the full test does not come at the start. The true walk with God becomes closer, more intimate, more possessive on God's part as time goes by; and the blessing and victory of





Photo by Luoma

our lives depends on how we respond to Him.

The subsequent experiences of departure, journey, arrival in Bethlehem are familiar. Those early days were humbling days for both Naomi and her daughter-in-law.

There was poverty and the call for deep humility as Ruth went out to glean in the fields as any other poor

stranger might. Walking with God does not insure "living on top of the world." There may be a vital bread and butter question to meet.

Ruth shouldered that responsibility for herself and her esteemed mother-in-law, accepting the pointed intimations of criticism, reproach, and questioning.

In Upham's life of Madame Guyon, we meet the French woman who walked with God many years ago—taunted, reproached, assailed by

mud-slinging contemporaries who were jealous of her victorious relationship to God. It is the record of a saint who humbly, graciously triumphed under bitter humiliation. Thank God there have been others like her in modern times whose testimony, like flawless gems, shines with ever-increasing beauty and purity. No one ever walked with God without becoming the target for someone's jealousy or besmirching criticism. Consider our Lord himself, whose very ministry was linked to Beelzebub's power! (Matthew 10:25).

Ruth continued to glean in God's appointed fields, the God "under whose wings" she had "come to trust"—the God with whom she walked steadfastly through the days of her humiliation. He was faithfully leading her to the expected end He had planned for her. "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of good and not of evil, to give you an expected end," the Lord said (Jeremiah 29:11).

It actually took that valley of misunderstood gleaning to bring her to the satisfying rest in the comfortable home of her husband Boaz.

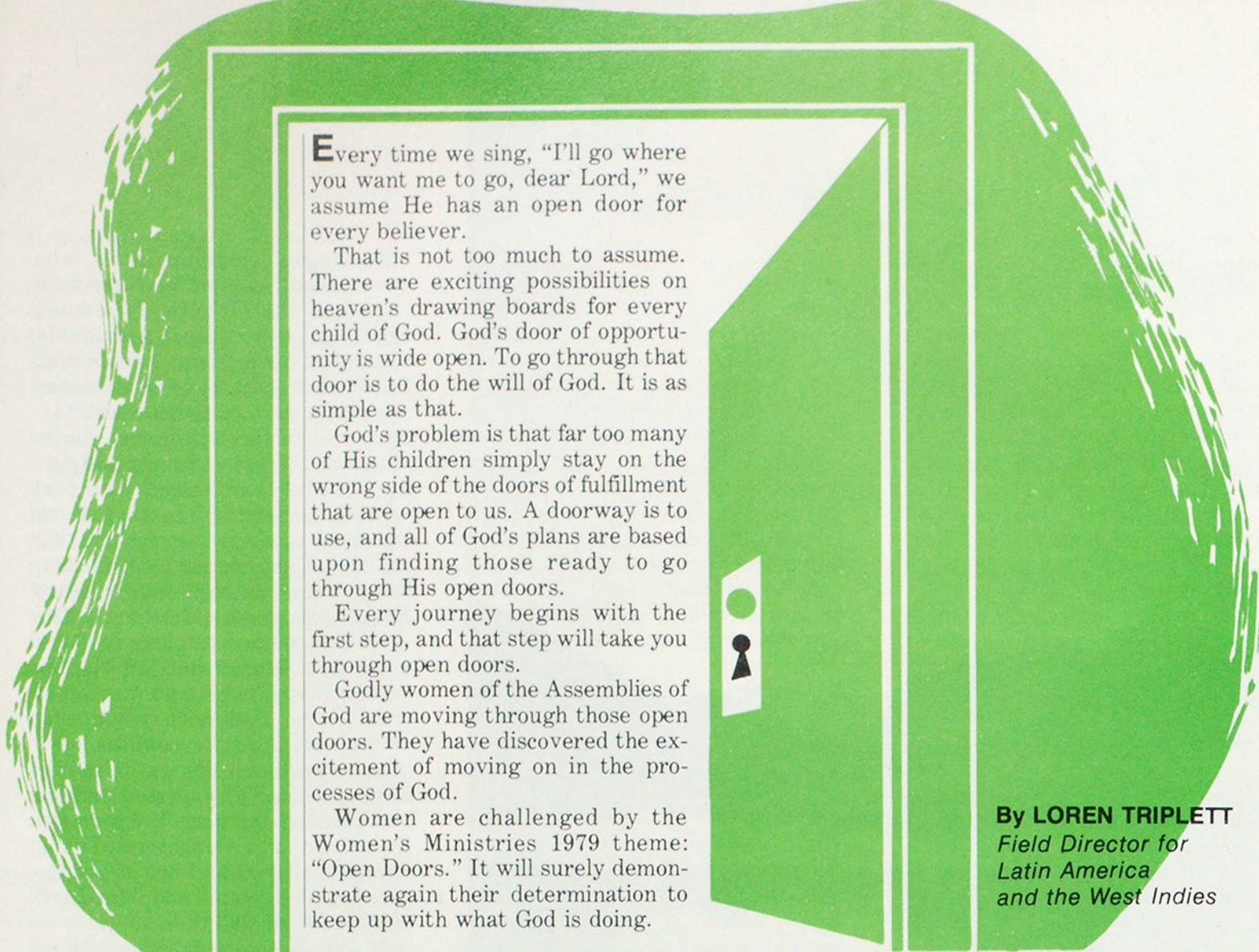
It might be well to remember here the words of Gerhard Terstegen:

*We follow in His footsteps—  
What if our feet be torn!  
Where He has marked the path-  
way,  
All hail the briar and thorn.  
Unseen, unheard, unreckoned,  
Despised, defamed, unknown,  
Nor heard, but by our singing;  
On, pilgrim! ever on!*

Ruth walked with God, and how thrilling was the outcome. There was a marriage, a devoted husband, a baby boy Obed who became an ancestor in our Saviour's line. Remarkably, this made Ruth one of only four women mentioned in the lineage of the Messiah (Matthew 1:5). How well she was repaid for her walk of faith!







Every time we sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," we assume He has an open door for every believer.

That is not too much to assume. There are exciting possibilities on heaven's drawing boards for every child of God. God's door of opportunity is wide open. To go through that door is to do the will of God. It is as simple as that.

God's problem is that far too many of His children simply stay on the wrong side of the doors of fulfillment that are open to us. A doorway is to use, and all of God's plans are based upon finding those ready to go through His open doors.

Every journey begins with the first step, and that step will take you through open doors.

Godly women of the Assemblies of God are moving through those open doors. They have discovered the excitement of moving on in the processes of God.

Women are challenged by the Women's Ministries 1979 theme: "Open Doors." It will surely demonstrate again their determination to keep up with what God is doing.

By **LOREN TRIPLETT**  
*Field Director for  
Latin America  
and the West Indies*

## THE CHALLENGE OF OPEN DOORS

THE WM PROGRAMS provide an *open door of personal fulfillment*.

No one is really a complete person until he learns to give of himself. A fully developed and balanced personality has already discovered that we dare not live unto ourselves. Sharing life with others is happiness.

I have the privilege of traveling and seeing firsthand the evidence of the personal fulfillment of thousands of WMs.

I've seen it in a missionary child's face at Christmastime. I've seen the other end of the "adoption plan" when birthday joy is big because a WM group remembered.

I've seen it in the faces of missionary wives who open their barrels in far-off places and set about the task of making a house a home. I've seen it on the faces of eager Bible school students whose lives and learning

experiences have been made easier by WM sharing.

Every time a WM group buys postage to a foreign address or sends the influence of their intercession toward the needs of the world, they have indeed also become more complete in Christ.

Even a cup of cold water has awesome potential for blessing. Doing things as unto Him is a joyful part of true praise, but it also brings personal maturity and completeness to the sharer. It still is more blessed to give than to receive.

THEN THERE are the *open doors of influence*.

Giving of ourselves blesses others. We *are* our "brother's keeper." The destiny of a lost world is our business. The Harvest Master urges us to find effective ways of projecting our influence around the world.

A number of years ago I went with

a group of Christians to a small town on the Pan-American Highway in Nicaragua to preach the gospel in a village where we had no witness. During the outdoor service some began to throw rocks at our little group, and one of the women was struck on the head.

When the shower of rocks stopped, the service proceeded. After the final amen a 16-year-old girl asked to speak. She was the daughter of the injured woman.

Taking the microphone in her hands she said, "I just wanted to explain to you why we are here. It is because Jesus Christ commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. I've had to see you injure my mother with your rocks this evening; but please know that even if you would change your rocks to bullets, we would still come. We must. Our Lord commands it."

There really is no choice to His fol-



lowers. We must hurry through the open door of godly and redemptive influence in obedience to our Master.

The WMs have distinguished themselves in being responsible for others. What blessings they have sent to the ends of the earth!

The influence of WMs shows brightly in every missionary kitchen. The influence of American women who care is present at tables spread with foods from many cultures. Missionaries sleep better because WMs care.

The marvels of what the Etta Calhoun Fund has done is a lengthening story of effectiveness. Bible school kitchens have stoves, refrigerators, and washers. Orphanages also have the equipment they need. Dormitories of missionary children at far-off schools have beds, chairs, and libraries; they have

pianos for music lessons. Clinics have equipment, and schools have desks.

The WMs have a very practical and effective ministry in providing funds for Bible school libraries. Most of our Bible schools have received help from this program.

There is an almost limitless need for these tools for learning. Thank God for women who know what to do with a need.

The influence of WMs has flowed out around the world many times and blessed the cause of truth in every place.

ANOTHER *open door* is that of *evangelism*.

It is true that both giver and receiver have been greatly enriched by all I've mentioned. However, the "bottom line" to this exercise of love is souls. All of the logistical arrange-

ments used to send missionaries to our world are really only the beginning. God takes our offerings to Him and uses them all in His search for the lost.

Jesus taught us to pray that more men and women would move through the open doors of the harvest. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

Let us remember again that He is not willing that any should perish. If He is not willing, then we dare not be willing.

Let us all rise up and move through the open doors before us. We will be better off, and the recipients of our concern will be blessed.

But the most glorious victory of all is that many more will be in heaven because we accepted the challenge of open doors. *✍*

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## A WOMAN FOR THE JOB

**H**erminia, how would you like to become the pastor of the new Christian Temple Assemblies of God church in David (Dá veed'), Panama?"

Missionary David Godwin was carefully asking the question because it posed a tremendous responsibility for a single woman like Herminia Villarreal.

David and Doris Godwin had known Herminia for 7 years. She had graduated from Bible school in Panama City, and they knew that of all the young ministers from this area, no other had the caliber of experience and the maturity to be a pastor which she possessed.

In 1967 when the Godwins first went to Panama to open the work of the Assemblies of God in that country, they met Herminia. She was 18 years old then. They conducted a tent crusade in Panama City which she attended every night. Although she had not been actively involved in a church for several years, she had accepted Christ in her early teens.

During this crusade in Panama City, in which Missionary-Evangelist Richard Jeffery was the guest speaker, Herminia began working with the Sunday school and children's ministries under the leadership of the Godwins.

Following the crusade the God-

wins pastored for 4 years the congregation which had formed. During this time Herminia served as secretary to Brother Godwin and youth director for the church.

As time passed she also participated in various outstation ministries in Panama City. When Missionaries Richard and Janice Larson came to Panama to assist with the Assemblies of God work, she also did secretarial work for Brother Larson.

Herminia had grown up in the city of David, approximately 270 miles west of Panama City, and capital of the Chiriqui Province. For several years she had prayed privately that God would send someone to minister to the people there. So in 1974 when David and Doris Godwin began to share with her their burden for that particular city, she was thrilled to be able to help them conduct a gospel campaign there.

In April 1974, a month prior to the beginning of the campaign, she traveled to David, located a lot for the crusade tent, and arranged for publicity.

The Godwins and Herminia had no idea how the people of David would respond to a gospel campaign. There were very few Protestants among

*Left: As a result of this crusade in David, Panama, conducted by Missionaries David and Doris Godwin, a thriving Assemblies of God church exists in that city. Above: Herminia Villarreal (left) and office workers prepare to follow up the names of new converts from the David crusade.*

the 40,000 population. The popularity of several false religions had caused a number of churches in the city to close their doors. One missionary from another denomination warned the Godwins, "I've lived here 7 years; this is the graveyard of evangelical workers. Forget your crusade."

But in spite of warnings the Godwins were determined to go into David.

Attendance the first night of the crusade was 301. It was the rainy season in Panama, and people usually did not come out in rain, especially to an evangelical tent crusade. Yet the second night the attendance grew to 400, and the third night 500 came.

Each night miracles of healing took place. One man, a member of the national guard in Panama and well known by the congregation, boldly testified how he had been deaf in one ear for 6 years and God had healed him. This man's declaration of healing caused others to have the courage to stand and tell what God had done for them.

The Godwins suggested to the pres-



byters that Herminia be named pastor of this new congregation in David. They consented.

Many people felt she would not be accepted by this Latin American congregation because she was a woman. But the people of Christian Temple received Herminia with open arms. They were a needy people, physically and spiritually, and they depended on her greatly for counseling and prayer.

At the time of her appointment as pastor, she had more than 300 baptized members in the church and membership was only a small part of the congregation.

Christian Temple in David grew steadily under Herminia's supervision. Soon members of the congregation began going out and opening new outstations in the surrounding areas. At that time there were no Assemblies of God churches between David and Panama City.

One of Christian Temple's first outstation ministries was in San Jose, a suburb of David. On the first night of their crusade 700 people attended. Many of the David workers left their jobs in order to minister full-time in this community and help with the evening services.

A permanent congregation was established in San Jose, and today two national workers, copastors, lead this congregation. They now have built a temporary structure for a meeting place for the congregation.

Besides the church in San Jose, Christian Temple in David has established 9 more outstations. One of the outstation churches located in Bajo Boquete recently had 490 in attendance. Some of the other outstations average 200 to 300.

Also five congregations referred to

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*Above: Christian Temple of David conducts an annual city-wide parade as a witness of the Assemblies of God work in that area. Participants come from many churches and outstations in the surrounding communities. Top: These young men from Panama City Assembly of God were a part of the band in last year's parade.*

as annexes are conducting two services a week, but they do not have established meeting places. Some of these annexes are back in the mountains, and national workers have to walk 3 or 4 hours to get there. Twenty branch Sunday schools are operating under the supervision of Christian Temple.

In 1975 the Assemblies of God Bible Institute in Panama City cooperated with Herminia in opening a branch Bible school in David. The outstation ministries surrounding David were growing rapidly, and trained national pastors were needed to assume these responsibilities.

Approximately 40 students were enrolled in the Bible school that first year. Missionary Beryl Green from the Assemblies of God in New Zealand assisted Herminia in setting up the curriculum for the school, and she has served faithfully as an instructor. At the present time 98 students are enrolled in the David Bible school, and 15 students will represent the first graduating class in 1979.

Because of the tremendous growth of the Bible school and Christian Temple in David, plans are in prog-

ress to build new buildings on a large lot which has been purchased. Thousands of dollars still are needed to fund this project.

Brother Godwin is getting together teams of Christian laymen from the States to travel to David and help construct these buildings. One church already has volunteered a team to go, but other teams are needed. This new Bible school and church will be a witness to all of western Panama that God's work is going forward.

The best kind of missions evangelism is exemplified when missionaries like the Godwins can leave a trained national worker such as Herminia Villarreal to nurture the seed they have planted and bring it to maturity.

When Herminia prayed so long for a worker to go to David and spread the gospel, she had no idea she would be the one to go. Yet when the time came, God had prepared her. And Herminia's answer was, "Yes!"



# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES—A HAND OF OUTREACH TO HOME MISSIONS

By CONNIE A. SOWELL

**W**hen we see a new church standing firm in a community, there stands a miracle.

Many times pioneer pastors and home missionaries have struggled alone, needing financial assistance and moral encouragement. Women's Ministries, touched with compassion by God's love, is developing strong programs to assist home missions projects.

Many district Women's Ministries departments have established funds which regularly supplement pioneer pastors' salaries. Commissaries are stocked with clothes, linens, household goods, and even toys for the children. These storehouses are often open to appointed home missionaries and low-income pastors.

Alpha Henson, director of Women's Ministries of the Northern California-Nevada District, tells us that their WM Boutique helped refurbish the Prison Ministries Center in Sacramento.

The dedicated workers involved in Women's Ministries across America never underestimate the power of the penny! In 1978 WMs contributed more than a million dollars to home missions projects!

Coin collections of pennies, nickels, and dimes have purchased mobile chapels and mobile homes for pioneer works in several districts. A mobile chapel easily can be moved onto property to house worship services and educational facilities while a permanent structure is under construction.

The WMs are training Missionettes to invest in church planting. For example, the Missionettes of the Northwest District already are working to provide special equipment such as pianos, overhead projectors, mimeograph machines, and typewriters to new church plants in their district this year. And that reflects the spirit of Women's Ministries toward home missions.

Eastern Indian Bible Institute, Fayetteville, N.C., is another good illustration of WM outreach. In 1972 North Carolina WMs contributed \$500 toward the initial property pur-

chase. By 1977 the school had grown until remodeling was needed. Again the WMs became involved, donating \$6,000.

In September 1978 ground was broken for a new chapel. The North Carolina WMs contributed \$2,500. WM departments of Michigan, Georgia, Southern Missouri, and other districts also made substantial contributions to this home missions project.

The American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix, Ariz., can report similar WM support.

Home Missions and Women's Ministries are demonstrating over and over that the miracle of people working together to build the kingdom of God in the 20th century is a thriving, viable enterprise.

A pioneer pastor in Alabama shared with the WMs of that district information concerning a day when he and his wife felt they had come to the end of their ministry.

Both sat at their kitchen table with no food and no money. What were they going to do? How could they continue their ministry? The pastor went to check the mail. Although it was not due for 2 weeks, a check was there from the Alabama WMs. It met their needs and encouraged their faith.

Hermione Summers, Alabama Women's Ministries director, explains, "The Lord impressed me to send the checks early, so I asked the treasurer to mail them—2 weeks early!"

Alabama WMs support each pioneer pastor with a bimonthly check, supplies from their Sunshine Room, and a Christmas offering of \$100.

Other testimonies reveal how the faithfulness of Women's Ministries in financial support to home missions endeavors has met needs upon needs.

Patrick and Ruth Donadio, appointed missionaries to Alaska, thank the WMs of New York for a new refrigerator. Dale and Hedy Miller, appointed home missionaries to


the deaf, thank Wisconsin-Northern Michigan WMs for their assistance in providing a filmstrip projector.

Women's Ministries departments provide the money, and sometimes the muscle, to paint buildings, to repair roofs and leaky pipes, to clean facilities and wash windows.

In addition to all these projects, the WMs have an "adoption plan." Each member of an appointed missionary family is "adopted" by a local Women's Ministries group. That group meets special needs of the missionary family but particularly those of their "adopted" member.

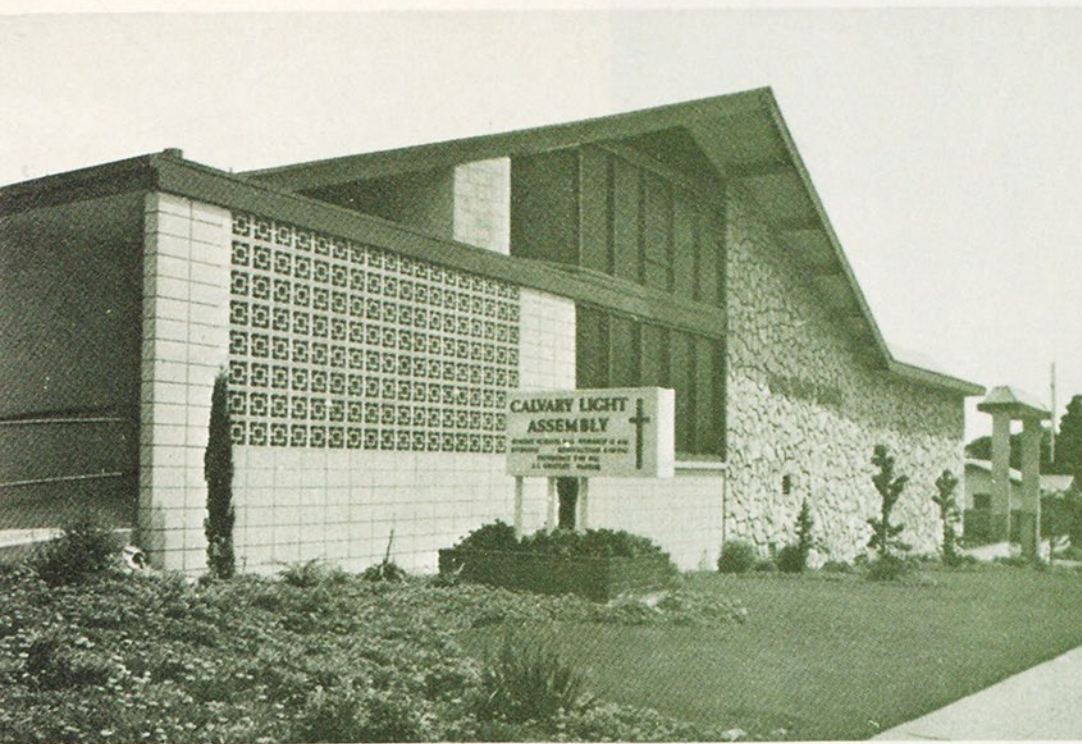
Helen McAllister oversees the "adoption plan" for the Northwest District. Once while trying to get some information about an infant just born to an appointed home missionary family, she called the baby's grandmother. Without explanation she told the grandmother, "We have a group anxious to adopt your new granddaughter." After a long pause, the grandmother exclaimed, "But we don't want her adopted. We love that baby!" Obviously, an explanation was in order!

Although "adopted" missionaries remain intact with their families, WM groups throughout the Assemblies of God give a great deal of time and thought to the welfare of the entire home missionary family. Not only is the material and financial support felt and appreciated, but the support of prayers and encouragement can be weighed only in the balance of eternity.

Women's Ministries is a strong, active *hand of outreach* assisting the Division of Home Missions in its great task of evangelizing the unsaved and building the kingdom of God throughout the nation. 

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## A CHURCH IS BORN

Out of a noontime Bible class in a factory came one of our fine Assemblies of God churches in Long Beach, Calif.

And out of that same factory Bible class came its founder and pastor, Lavoyd L. Shipley.

During World War II Lavoyd knew little about religion. When at his induction into the U.S. Army he faced a questionnaire that asked, "Are you Protestant, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, or Jew?" he had to ask a buddy, "What am I?"

But after the war he met Dorothy, a Christian girl, who invited him to church. He went. He told Dorothy, who later became his wife, that he didn't like church; but he returned with her.

One night during the revival he had a glorious experience in the Lord. The Holy Spirit urged him so powerfully that he stepped into the aisle and ran toward the altar. Within 10 feet of it he fell, and crawled the rest of the way. Before

By **GLADYS PEARSON**

he got back on his feet, he had prayed through to salvation.

There came into his heart a hunger for the Scriptures that knew no bounds. He read the Bible morning, noon, and night. He and a fellow worker began reading and discussing the Bible at noon at the factory where they worked.

Others noticed and began to

*Pastor and Mrs. Lavoyd L. Shipley*



eavesdrop. After a while they joined Lavoyd and his friend in reading and discussion. The group grew to 18, 25, and occasionally to 60.

For 3 years the noontime classes continued. Many men accepted the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Brother Shipley encouraged them to attend a full-gospel church. Some of them said, "No, we want to have our own church, and we want you to be our pastor."

So in March 1957 those who had studied the Word of God in the factory gathered for a service in a small building. There were 18 in attendance for that first service, but soon the building was too small.

To accommodate more people, they purchased a mortuary and converted it into a place of worship. The Lord saved, healed, and filled many with His Spirit. In 7 years that sizable auditorium was too small.

Providentially a larger, independent church became available. The first pastor of this church had died, and another pastor had resigned. Now the remaining people wanted to merge with Brother Shipley's congregation. The subsequent church is pictured on this page. It is called Calvary Light Assembly. Sunday school attendance now runs around 350.

Air conditioning has been installed. The church also installed portable paneled walls in the sanctuary, making a seating capacity of 1,000 when needed for special occasions. Then came a \$170,000 addition and a parking lot. The property, including church and parsonage, is estimated to be worth \$900,000. It is debt free.

The church continues to grow. Three buses are used to transport adherents and members. And it all began with a factory worker who, after he found Christ, had a great hunger for God's Word and wanted to share it with others.

Is there any better pattern for church growth anywhere? *LS*





An interview presenting  
parental perspectives

## HOW DOES AIM AFFECT ITS PARTICIPANTS?

*On January 8-9, 1979, the national Youth Department placed random telephone calls to 11 parents of 1978 AIMers, youth participating in international witnessing endeavors through Ambassadors in Mission.*

*It is hoped these parents' comments will be of value to other parents who are considering whether or not to encourage their sons or daughters to apply for an international AIM assignment.*

*The AIM representative's introductory statement is given once, followed by the various parental responses.*

**H**i! I'm Jim McCorkle, Ambassadors in Mission representative. We appreciate comments from parents regarding how God has used this ministry to enrich the life of their son or daughter. Your teenager accompanied one of our teams last summer. Would you care to make a statement regarding the effect an international

AIM witnessing experience had on your child?

### MRS. PATRICIA COCHRAN:

I think AIM was a wonderful, life-changing experience for Michael. Prior to his Ecuador trip he planned to enter the Air Force immediately following high school. Now he plans to go to Central Bible College. He hopes to go into missions. We're all excited about it.

### MRS. NORMA WRIGHT:

Rhonda was more mature when she returned home from the Canary Islands. She had grown both spiritually and as a young lady.

### MRS. ELAINE ZURAWEL:

Dawn enjoyed her Belgium ministry very much. Two years ago she went to the Canaries as an AIMer. Both trips have been positive influences in helping her make life decisions. Now she's attending Valley Forge Christian College. I can't wait

until my other children are old enough to go on AIM. I'm sorry this ministry didn't exist when I was younger. I think AIM is terrific.

### MRS. BETTY HAYES:

Sandra enjoyed her trip to Ecuador very much. I think it really helped her to appreciate the United States and to realize that things are so much worse in other places. AIM was a beautiful experience for her. I'm very pleased.

### MRS. LOIS KLINE:

Wendy wants to be a missionary. Her AIM ministry in England was

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**I can see a difference in  
Terry's spiritual life.**

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just what she needed. She enjoyed meeting foreign people and seeing how differently they live. It was a very good experience for her. She is more on fire for God now.

### MRS. EULA CLAYTON:

The Belize crusade gave Terry a deeper outlook on missions—on other people's needs. I can see a difference in her spiritual life. She is planning to participate in another AIM project next summer—preferably the Africa outreach.

### MRS. ELNER WHITE:

Ricky returned from Honduras on fire for the Lord. He is our Sunday morning song leader and also serves as an assistant Sunday School

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**Sherry wants to go back  
as a missionary.**

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teacher in the junior department. We attribute quite a bit of his church activity to AIM because he felt the Lord had a special work for him following his return from Honduras. It was great for him.



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**The friendships established are great.**

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**MRS. SANDRA STANSBERRY:**

Sherry really enjoyed her trip to Peru. I think it helped her. She wants to go back to South America as a missionary. If that's what she feels, then its fine with us. AIM was a very good experience for her.

**MRS. E. RUTH BRENDEL:**

We have had two daughters participate in AIM projects, and both times we have been well pleased with the whole program. When Marcia returned from Belize, she shared her newly learned witnessing skills with our CAs.

The friendships established are

great. My oldest daughter still keeps tabs on the AIM friendships she made during the previous summer. We heartily recommend the program.

**MRS. PATRICIA COAKLEY:**

Ellen had never traveled alone before—not even on a bus. Consequently at first I was fearful. But I talked to the Lord about it, and after that I had absolutely no fear at all. I

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**It became an exciting family project.**

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
guess I sent a little girl to Peru and got a woman back! From a mother's point of view I was both happy and sad. I wanted the little girl, but I liked who came back.

Ellen feels called to the mission field and has committed herself to attend Valley Forge Christian College.

**MRS. JANET BAIOCCHI:**

Going to the Canaries was really a positive experience for Joe. AIM offers a tremendous opportunity for young people.

When Joe first mentioned AIM and its cost, I told him we didn't have the money and there was no way we could get it, so we would really have to trust the Lord. It became an exciting family prayer project.

The doors began to swing open, and the money came in. It was miraculous. From our point of view AIM provided something in the way of life experience for our son that we could not have given. It was good for all of us. 



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## DO YOU KNOW GOD?

The school bell suddenly shattered the peace of the neighborhood. In a matter of seconds the school doors burst open, and a flood of exuberant, noisy youth filled the street. Another day of study ended, it was time to go home.

As they walked along, a little group of boys were excitedly discussing the prowess of Joe McNabb, the star of their high school football team.

"He's great! Did you see him run with the ball?"

"Man, can he throw a pass!"

"Yeah, I'll bet he makes first string at college in his freshman year. He's the best player our high school ever had."

"I wouldn't be surprised if the pros were already watching him."

The boys continued extolling the athletic virtues of their hero until one of them exclaimed, "Hey, look! There's Joe! He's coming this way!"

Sure enough, he was coming toward them. With awe written all over their faces, they focused on the muscular figure that drew nearer with each step.

They didn't really know him, even though he was their hero, so they felt

a bit awkward as Joe approached.

When he was almost abreast of the group, he quickly looked in their direction and with a sign of recognition his face broke into a grin.

"Hey, Stevie, what-d'ya-say! See you later at the house." Joe directed his casual remark to one of the fellows in the group who until now had been silent.

As Joe continued on his way, the boys quickly turned to Stevie and cried, in undisguised amazement, "Do you know him? How come?"

Stevie smiled. "Yeah, I know him. He's my brother."

There is a great difference between knowing *about* a person and knowing him *personally*. Likewise, it is possible to know a great deal about God, to respect His wisdom and power, to believe He exists, to fear Him, and yet be a stranger to Him.

Being acquainted with God's Word, having ability to discuss and debate theological questions, or finding popular acceptance in religious

By FRED SMOLCHUCK

circles is not necessarily a sign that one knows God. It is only when we know God on a personal basis that such knowledge becomes a viable, revolutionary force in our lives that lifts us to a higher dimension of living. Knowing God this way produces results in us that can amaze the world.

Knowledge *about* God is often substituted for *knowing* God. The two are not the same. Many will be tragically disappointed when they hear Him say to them, "Depart from me; I know you not."

"Lord," they will cry out, "don't You remember all the things we did in Your name?"

"I never knew you" will echo and reecho in their ears. To know facts about God, to esteem Him highly, to speak in His behalf, and even to participate in the work of His kingdom is not sufficient. We must personally *know* Him.

It isn't hard to know Him. As a



## SOULS WITH A LEAN

matter of fact, He makes every effort to reach us so that we can know Him on a personal basis. Jesus said, "I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). He assures us that if we receive Him, He in turn will give us authority to be a child of God (John 1:12).

Christ expects more than our academic assent to His existence and divinity. He wants a personal relationship. "Abide in me, and I in you" (John 1:4). Very clearly the Bible advises us that "he that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

Do you know Him? How well do you know Him?

The apostle Paul realized it had to be more than an intellectual perception and approach. Knowing God is not based on pedigree or religious involvement. Paul had all of that and more (Philippians 3:4-15), but yet he cried out, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection" (v. 10).

*How can one know God personally? We will know God—*

*When we come to Him:* "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). He urges us to come just as we are.

*When we accept Him:* "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). He waits for our invitation to come into our hearts.

*When we claim Him:* "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart . . . thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Openly admit to everyone that Jesus is your Saviour.

*When we follow Him:* "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). It must be a constant association with Jesus at any cost.

*When we serve Him:* "For we are workers together with him"—seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (2 Corinthians 6:1;

*How can we explain the fact that from the beginning of time people of faith have emerged from the masses, leaning toward the Light rather than the darkness?*

**I**t is bad for a house to lean, for then it is in imminent danger of falling. One of the most famous buildings in the world is the leaning tower of Pisa; it has leaned for centuries without falling, and that is such a phenomenon it attracts worldwide attention.

But there are other circumstances under which a lean is not at all dangerous, but rather perfectly natural. For instance, we have flowers and tomato plants started in the house for transplanting. They continually lean toward the light. Let the boxes be turned around, and the lean of each plant will start in the opposite direction.

This is in compliance with that botanical process, photosynthesis, whereby the action of light upon chlorophyll initiates a production of other substances vital to plant life. From this production, each leaf being a factory, plants derive their universal greenness. Without the action of light upon chlorophyll, plants are white and spindly. They look sickly and unnatural, like potato tubers growing in a cellar.

Now this has a spiritual application. Light is one of those great natural phenomena that speak to us of God. We are told that "God is light,

Matthew 6:33). Listening to His voice and obediently fulfilling His will shall bring us into an ever closer relationship with Christ.

Very few will ever have the privilege of meeting the President of the United States or the Queen of England. But all may meet the Great Creator of the universe and be acquainted with Him. You may meet Him *now*, right where you are. He calls to you, "Come unto me."

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and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

But natural men love darkness rather than light. We are told in John 3:19, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Note this: it is this choice of darkness rather than light that condemns men and women. Jesus Christ is the coming of the light of God into a world darkened by sin.


The Scriptures speak thus of John the Baptist: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:6-9).

This Light is Jesus Christ, whom we may personally receive, and who immediately fills our dark hearts with the light of the knowledge of God the moment He is allowed to enter.

But there is no natural inclination of the human heart toward Him who is the Light of the world. In this respect we are a natural monstrosity, going contrary to all the laws of nature. The plants, obeying the demands of a natural urge, lean toward the light because they must have

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Yes, it is possible to know God. The apostle Paul adamantly declared, "I know whom I have believed!" John the Beloved testified, "We know he abideth in us . . . we know we dwell in him . . . we know we are of God."

Jesus wants *you* to know Him—whom to know is life abundant that never ends. 



Souls with a lean continued

light. It is indispensable to the natural processes of growth.


But we humans incline toward the darkness. Why? Because our deeds are evil. We have so much to hide and therefore shrink from the Light that would expose it. We are afraid of the reproof of the truth. "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproof" (John 3:20).

If this is the universal tendency of the human heart, how can we explain the fact that there is in the world a company of people who have emerged from the great masses of humanity with this distinction, that their urge, their lean is toward the light rather than the darkness? They are obeying the true urge of their hearts, the urge toward God. They are making the right choice and traveling in the right direction. But why?

We find the answer in John 3:21: "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be manifest, that they are wrought in God."

Plant life blindly turns to the light. I have never yet seen a plant turn the other way. But this is because there is no principle of will in plant life, only an automatic obedience to a biological process. Men are not automatons or robots. They are creatures of intelligence and will, whose obedience to the higher laws governing their nature is not blindly mechanical but voluntary.

There is in every man, I am persuaded, a drawing to the Light. But for every one who yields and leans to the Light, there are a host who withdraw from the Light into the darkness. Hell is described as "outer darkness." It is that eternal region where God is not, and where in consequence there is no light, only total unrelieved darkness.

What is the lean of your soul, toward the Light or toward the darkness? Your eternal destiny hinges on the answer. 



## BEHOLD THE LAMB!

**H**ave you ever wondered what people did about their sins before Calvary?

How could men and women be forgiven when Christ had not yet died for their sins? How could we be forgiven without a sacrifice? Or can we?

Let us go back some 3,500 years. Stretched out before the majestic Mount Sinai, on a vast expanse, we see the tent city of the ancient Hebrews. In the center of the city, encircled by a white linen wall, is the tabernacle.

As we walk through the city, we notice the tents are not pitched at random but placed in orderly fashion. Each tribe has its banner in front of its section. There are three tribes on each of the four sides of the tabernacle. The tribe of Levi surrounds the tabernacle, with Moses and Aaron camped at the eastern gate.

As we approach the tabernacle, we are aware of a pungent odor—the

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burning animal sacrifices. Through the gate into the courtyard we can see the brazen altar upon which the animals are sacrificed.

The white linen enclosure symbolizes the holiness of God. Outside the enclosure is the world; inside is the glorious church without spot or wrinkle.

The tabernacle is a type of the incarnate Christ who dwells among His people. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt [tabernacled] among us" (John 1:14).

As the enclosure had only one entrance into God's presence, it is a type of Jesus Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He alone is the door of our salvation.

As we look at the brazen altar, 8 feet square and 4½ feet high, we see



the four horns, one in each corner. We hear the bleating of the sheep surrounding this altar. As each animal is slaughtered, its blood is caught in a basin to be used in the sprinkling. Its innards are burned upon the altar and the balance of the carcass burned outside the city in a clean place. This completes the sacrifice.

But why the taking of the blood, an act so gruesome and repulsive? It is a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. For the cross was not a lovely thing. It made no compromise with its victims. On the cruel, ugly cross God provided a Lamb without blemish. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died in our place as our substitute. For without the shedding of blood there could be no remission of our sins.

Besides the daily sacrifices for the sins of individuals, there also was a yearly sacrifice for the entire nation on the Day of Atonement. Only on this day could the High Priest go into the Holy of Holies. On this day only he was permitted to penetrate the sacred precinct and sprinkle the sacrificial blood upon the mercy seat.

These sacrifices continued throughout the years of the desert pilgrimage and on into the times of Jerusalem's permanent temple.

Then one afternoon 1,900 years ago a momentous event occurred in the temple. I can imagine a lamb being brought forth, as usual. The priest is about to take its life, when suddenly the sun is darkened, the earth quakes, the rocks are rent, and some of the graves are opened.

At that crucial moment on a lonely hill outside the city, the Lamb of God himself is giving His life for the world. And when Jesus says, "It is finished," the massive curtain in the temple (65 feet high, 4 to 6 inches thick, weighing almost 2 tons) is torn apart from top to bottom exposing the Holy of Holies for all to see, something which was forbidden in the past.

The knife drops from the hand of the trembling priest, the lamb escapes, the priest tears his robe and

shouts, "Ichabod! Ichabod!" For the glory of the Lord has departed.

No longer did men need to bring a lamb for a sacrifice. The true Lamb at that moment had given His life.

But most of these people, who for centuries had dramatically demonstrated the coming sacrifice, failed to recognize Him as God's Lamb. They missed the point of it all because they were looking for a king instead of a lamb. Their decision forced from His lips those reluctant words, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

God accepted the sacrifice of His Son and moved His presence out of the Holy of Holies. In doing so, He rent the veil in two, signifying that Calvary made all the ceremonial sacrifices obsolete. The old covenant had come to an end, for it was not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin. The substitute gave way to reality.

Now we can better understand what Paul meant in Colossians 2:14: "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Can you see now what came to an end? It was not the Ten Commandments; it was the ceremonial laws and temple rituals that came to an end.

The priest's role was two-fold. First, there was the shedding of blood of the sacrifice. Second, there was the sprinkling of the blood upon the mercy seat.

The role of Christ was two-fold. First, He died as God's Lamb and shed His blood on the cross. Second, He rose again and sprinkled His blood upon the mercy seat in heaven.

Praise God, we need not look for daily or yearly sacrifices. For what the blood of bulls and goats could not do, the blood of Christ did. It gave us eternal redemption, once and for all (Hebrews 10:12).

God no longer lives in a temple made with hands. Instead He lives in the hearts of believers. This is why "we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar

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people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16). 



# EVANGEL NEWS DIGEST

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

### MINISTER SEES DISCO DANCE AS CATERING TO THE LOVE OF SELF

ST. JOHNSVILLE, N.Y.— Disco music, which is asserting itself throughout the U.S. today, is a culture which “panders to the worst elements in American thinking,” according to Robert Gram, pastor of St. John’s Reformed Church here.

“Discos . . . provide the medium in which old evils assume the latest form.” They cater to the love of self. In an article, “Discomania” (*The Church Herald*, October 20), Mr. Gram tells of walls covered with mirrors so one may gaze at himself by the hour. Life-size dolls or poles may be substituted for human partners so a person will not have attention drawn from himself.

Appropriate “dress” in some elite discos may include see-through plastic clothing or covering the body with silver spray paint instead of clothes. Customers whose dress does not conform to the styles of the

“best” discos are excluded.

“Discotheques have also taken up the crusade to rob children of childhood,” Mr. Gram says. “Realizing that many teens and preteens want to imitate the dances they’ve seen in the movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, a number of Philadelphia promoters seized upon the idea of teen or kiddie discos.”

In the Starburst disco in New York, which varies little in equipment from an adult disco, the age of those attending ranges from 6 to 18 years with the majority between 11 and 14. The owner said those children who can afford it come “decked out in the latest disco fashion.”

Mr. Gram reports that the discotheque is often “a pharmaceutical carnival.” In the movie *Saturday Night Fever*, pills of every variety were used by dancers to fortify themselves. Discos have helped popularize drugs that give a

brief high. Even laughing gas may be used. The main disco drug, however, is cocaine because it produces energy, says Mr. Gram. Some exclusive discos openly advertise it.

Discos themselves are a drug, the article points out, with the use of “a world splashed with lights”—spotlights; strobe lights; mirror balls; movies projected on walls, floors, and dancers. Add the intense beat and music, and “the disco orgy of sight and sound is mesmerizing.” A hypnotic trance causes one to abandon reason. Days and nights are spent by some “in

a world which provides little more than glassy-eyed bliss.”

Mr. Gram compares this new dancing cult to one with which Christians of the Early Church in Rome had to deal. Devotees of the Magna Mater cult would dance to music “until stupefaction set in. Then they would hack off arms, feet, and hands and sacrifice the bloody parts on the altar of their goddess.”

The author says, “Christians today must also deal with a dancing cult in which people sacrifice parts of themselves—jobs, family, reason—at the altar of the discotheque.”

### ATLANTIC CITY PREPARES FOR EXPECTED RISE IN CRIME

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.— With the introduction of legalized gambling here in early 1978, churches and other Christian organizations have enlarged their programs for dealing with gambling victims.

The city’s independent rescue mission is adding a second floor to increase its bed capacity from

25 to 100, according to *The Presbyterian Journal*.

Atlantic City’s police force was increased from 44 to 406 to take care of the expected rise in crime. The city’s public safety commissioner said that street crime jumped 25 percent during the first 2 months of the first casino’s operation.

### Luis Palau Crusade packs Mexican stadium

Argentine Evangelist Luis Palau (upper left) preaches in a stadium at Acapulco, Mexico, during a recent 5-day crusade.

In October almost 20,000 made public decisions for Christ in 2 weeks of meetings in Bolivia. In La Paz, one of three cities where meetings were held, the evangelist was unable to handle the calls of all who wished to talk with him during his TV broadcasts, so a Family Counseling Center was set up. Twenty-five specially trained counselors dealt with almost 500 persons, 101 of whom received Christ. (RNS photo)

### 1978 PREDICTIONS OF PSYCHICS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

NEW YORK—Jeane Dixon and other “outstanding psychics” didn’t have much success with some of their amazing predictions for the year 1978. The *National Enquirer* of Jan. 3, 1978, listed some of their prophecies for the new year:

“A new pope will take office within the next 4 years, but not in 1978. Pope Paul will surprise the world with his vigor and determination.”

President Carter was to resign; the discovery of relics would prove aliens had visited the earth; a new discovery would nearly wipe out cancer; the worst earthquakes of this

century would hit Alaska, New Zealand, and Australia in September; Billy Graham would be knighted by Queen Elizabeth and would end the year in poor health; Sadat would be assassinated; an attempt would be made on Castro’s life. None of this happened.

Other predictions that failed to materialize included a revolution overthrowing Russia’s government; Muhammad Ali suffering a heart attack during a boxing match; Farrah Fawcett-Majors getting a crew cut; and scientists finding that Legionnaires Disease was brought by UFOs.





## MANY SCIENTISTS NOW SAY A 'DOOMSDAY' IS COMING

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—“How near are we to doomsday?” is a serious question being asked by many scientists today, according to a report in *Eternity* magazine.

“There seems to be more unanimity in the scientific community on the likelihood of the extinction of the human race than earlier generations of researchers had supposed,” said the article.

“Astronomers regard a collision between the earth and an

asteroid or comet as one potential threat, or the occurrence of a supernova, which is the explosion of a gigantic star.” Most scientists say an end is coming and only the time and manner of the end are unknown.

Solar radiation, imbalance in the amount of carbon dioxide, depletion of the earth's resources, the emergence of new diseases are among the hazards.

Government scientists, among them Dr. George C. Reid of the Aeronomy Laboratory of

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, have a number of studies in progress that deal with natural hazards to human survival.

The *Eternity* magazine article points out that so far none of

the scientists has quoted 2 Peter 3:10: “The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

### AT A GLANCE

• • • *Nena O'Neill, coauthor of the book Open Marriage, analyzed 250 marriages and found that those ending within 2 years tended to be those that deliberately included extra-marital sex. She concludes, “Sexual fidelity is . . . a need associated with our deepest emotions and our quest for emotional security.”*

• • • *Anheuser-Busch, Inc., having discontinued its “baby beer” test marketing, has now introduced a soft drink which will have so little alcohol that the content will not be given on the label. Their slogan will change from “the not-so-soft-drink” to “the natural alternative.”*

• • • *A California Supreme Court decision has ended the 30-year custom of lighting windows of the Los Angeles City Hall tower in the form of a cross at Christmas and Easter. In a 5-2 decision, the court reaffirmed a 1975 temporary restraining order, rejecting claims by city officials that the display was not a religious tribute to Christianity but an interfaith gesture of goodwill to all mankind.*

• • • *The legal drinking age in Michigan has been upped from 18 to 21. However, some communities, mostly college towns, have passed ordinances providing for only small fines for underage drinkers. For instance, in Ann Arbor and East Lansing the fine is only \$5 with harsher penalties for those who sell or give liquor to under-21 drinkers.*

• • • *A ministry to runaways who roam the streets and subways of the Times Square area has been announced by the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York. They will supply lists of interested pastors to city workers in the Port Authority Bus Terminal, visit and counsel parents of runaways, identify locations of runaways in various neighborhoods, and give guidance to runaway youth.*

• • • *The Roman Catholic St. Vincent De Paul Society of South Africa has expressed opposition to a recent government-sponsored bill requiring that only whites may visit needy white families and only blacks can assist destitute blacks.*

• • • *A recent issue of Parade reports that the Germans have developed a new earthquake or avalanche bomb. Weighing 4.6 tons, it can cause an earthquake and contains 4,000 small runaway bombs that can detonate and cause fires over a wide area. The MW-1, according to the German newspaper Hamburger Abendblatt, “is causing a sensation in NATO circles.”*

• • • *On a hill outside Jerusalem a replica of Noah's ark is being built, sponsored by the Bermans of Allentown, Pa. Open for public tours, it will be the exact size of the Biblical ark and will be stocked with 14 pairs of animals. A duplicate will be given to the University of Pennsylvania.*

## Alcoholism called main problem of Indian reservations

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Alcoholism is the number one problem on many Indian reservations in the U.S. The rate among Indians is 10 to 25 times greater than among the non-Indian population, according to recent statistics.

A professor at the University of Mexico and former psychiatrist on the Navajo reservation, Robert Bergman, presented the problem to an all-Indian alcoholism conference here last

year. He said that in the State of New Mexico “five of the ten leading causes of death among Indians are alcohol related; 90 percent of the persons convicted on the Navajo reservation in 1977 were intoxicated at the time of the incident; over 80 percent of all Navajo police arrests were related to alcohol; and of 3,238 Indian Health Service hospital cases in Albuquerque in 1976, 1,124 were alcohol related.”

## Decline and devotion seen in Catholicism

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—In 13 years, church attendance among U.S. Catholics has dropped from 71 percent of its total membership to 50 percent. Teaching priests and nuns in 7 years have decreased from 101,000 to 60,000; seminarians in 12 years have dropped from 49,000 to 16,000. The U.S. Roman Catholic church loses five priests for one ordained.

However, in contrast to these

statistics, Editor William J. Petersen in the *Evangelical Newsletter* points out that a “recent survey of Catholic parishes in the United States disclosed that 51 percent have Bible study groups, 45 percent have prayer groups. . . . Not only is more Scripture read in masses each week than in most Protestant churches during a month, but parishioners are urged to read it for themselves.”

## 'Commerce Day' replaced Christmas in December television special

NEW YORK—A United Presbyterian layman, Mac Davis, in an effort to point up the increasing commercialization of Christmas, prepared a TV special, “Christmas Odyssey 2010.” His December special described a society which celebrated “Commerce Day” instead of Christmas.

He showed people who had been brainwashed to forget

even the name of Christ. It was shown as illegal in the year 2010 to celebrate the birth of Christ. Instead, people celebrate the birth of Conspicuous Consumption through an edict of the Interplanetary Corporate Forces.

In the TV program, the true meaning of Christmas finally triumphed when the children were told the story of Jesus.



## GENERAL COUNCIL TO MEET IN BALTIMORE IN AUGUST

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Baltimore, Md., will be the site of the 38th General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Scheduled for Aug. 16-21, 1979, daily business sessions and evening public rallies of the biennial gathering will be held in the Civic Center.

Preceding the General Council

sessions will be the annual meeting of the church's General Presbytery and the national Teen Talent/Bible Quiz Finals, both scheduled for August 13-15.

Other precouncil meetings are scheduled for lay workers, departmental leaders, writers, and other special interest

groups of the Assemblies.

The convention agenda will include the election of all executive officers (with the exception of the general superintendent), the enacting of legislation, receiving of reports, and other church business.

Of no less importance will be the times of prayer, Bible study, and worship. Theme for the meeting will be "Together . . . in Mission."

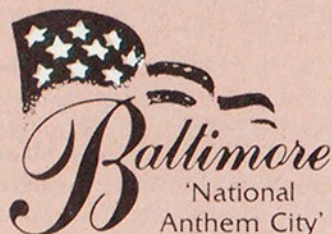
In addition to the general sessions, full programs are being planned for children and young people.

This will be the first time the General Council has met in Baltimore. Headquarters hotels for the convention will be the Baltimore Hilton Hotel and the Lord Baltimore. Housing forms are available from the convention coordinator at the Assemblies of God headquarters.

### 38<sup>th</sup> General Council

The General Council is an all-church and all-family convention. Pastors and lay delegates guide our church's future course in the biennial business sessions, but there are abundant activities scheduled to make the Council a highlight for everyone.

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IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S HISTORY

### March Church Growth Convention planned for Eastern District

CAMP HILL, PA.—Plans are underway for "the most significant event" on the Eastern District calendar for 1979, according to District Superintendent Philip Bongiorno. It will be a Church Growth Convention to be held March 21-23 in Harrisburg, Pa.

First Assembly, 4100 North Progress Ave., will host the gathering which will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday and continue through Friday noon. Registration is to begin at 4 p.m. on March 21.

Convention speakers in five general sessions will be church growth specialists, Jack W. Sims and John Wimber. There also will be 10 district-related seminars on Thursday evening.

Among the topics to be discussed by Lecturers Sims and Wimber are these: "The Church Growth Pastor," "Why Churches Get Sick," "Helping the Small Church to Grow," and

"Blasting Through Invisible Barriers to Growth." Seminars will deal with growth and its relationship to youth, charismatics, new converts, women, the staff, the Christian day school, music, church finances, and other areas.

Convention Coordinator Harold E. Crosby said that all registration fees paid for the gathering will receive Home Missions and World Ministries credit. The fee is \$22.50 for one person or \$35 for a married couple. Registrants receive a 60-page seminar notebook.

According to Brother Crosby, home missions pastors may make request for free lodging. Others should arrange for their own motel accommodations. A brochure from the Eastern District office here contains a list of motels and a registration form. All inquiries should be directed to Brother Crosby.

### MINISTERS WITH CHRIST

*William Dickinson, 79, St. Petersburg, Fla.; on Dec. 9, 1978.*

Brother Dickinson, an ordained minister with the New York District, pastored several churches in New York. He also did evangelistic ministry. He is survived by his wife Mary, who is a licensed minister. Two children are presently in pastoral work: James Dickinson in Northern California and Mrs. William Snyder in Merced, Calif.

*Katharine Fischer, 66, Rifle, Colo.; on Dec. 4, 1978.*

Mrs. Fischer was an ordained minister with the Rocky Mountain District. She served as an assistant pastor with her husband Floyd, who survives. She also ministered unselfishly to the elderly and ill at Bethesda Boarding Home.

*Harvey F. Buhrow, 65, Berlin, Wis.; on Dec. 3, 1978.*

A member of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, Brother Buhrow pastored in Wisconsin as well as North Dakota and also served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Dona, three daughters, and two sons.

*Howard T. Wicker, 63, West Cape May, N.J.; on Nov. 27, 1978.*

Brother Wicker was a member of the New Jersey District. He pastored several churches in Illinois as well as New Jersey. He also was in the evangelistic ministry. He is survived by his wife Louise.

*L. C. Ramsey, 73, Marshfield, Mo.; on Nov. 25, 1978.*

An ordained minister with the Southern Missouri District, Brother Ramsey pastored a number of churches in Missouri and Arkansas, as well as Tennessee. He also was an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Leah.

*Henry A. Thomas, 51, Zephyrhills, Fla.; on Nov. 25, 1978.*

Brother Thomas was affiliated with the Peninsular Florida District. He pastored a number of churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida and also served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Myrtle and one son Buster who served as associate to his father at First Assembly in Zephyrhills.

*Sanford E. Cook, 59, Lakeland, Fla.; on Nov. 23, 1978.*

A member of the peninsular Florida District, Brother Cook pastored nine churches in Michigan and also served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Myrtle, three sons, and one daughter. One son, Philip, pastors the Assembly of God in Eagle Bend, Minn.

*Willis W. Baker, 77, La Grande, Oreg.; on Nov. 14, 1978.*

A member of the Oregon District, Brother Baker pastored several churches in Oregon and also ministered as an evangelist for a while. He is survived by his wife Dora.



## 225 EVANGELISTS REGISTER FOR SEMINAR IN DECEMBER

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The 11th annual evangelists seminar held here December 11-13 drew 225 registered delegates. Some came from as far away as New York and California, reported Robert M. Abbott, national evangelists representative.

Theme of the seminar, "Higher Goals," was reflected in the topics of discussion at panel presentations, seven seminar sessions, and the evening rallies.

The Lowell Lundstrom Team from Sisseton, S. Dak., ministered in music Tuesday evening. In his address on "The Evangelist and His Goals," Brother Lundstrom gave many practical helps and followed with a second message on "Perfecting the Soul-Winning Ministry" on Wednesday morning.

Other speakers included Evangelists Doyle Jones and David Grant who shared the Monday evening speaking assignment, "My Goals." K. De-

Wayne Piker, M.D., spoke to the evangelists about maintaining good health.

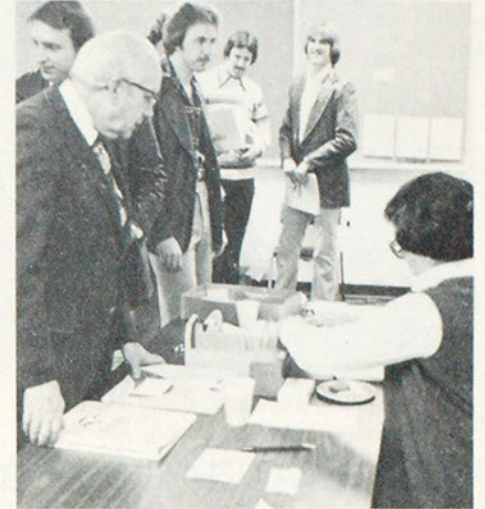
Services were conducted in the headquarters auditorium and at the Assemblies of God Conference Center. The new cafeteria at the Conference Center was used for the first time at the seminar.

The sessions were sponsored by the Spiritual Life-Evangelism office which has nearly 1,000 Assemblies of God evangelists on its mailing list at the present time.

A bimonthly evangelists newsletter is mailed by Brother Abbott to those on the list.



Above, then clockwise: The Lundstrom Team ministers in music; evangelists register for the Seminar; part of the group during a session at the Conference Center.



The next Evangelists Seminar dates are tentatively set for Dec. 18-20, 1979.



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New Clearwater-High Point Assembly. Inset: Pastor Mitchell.

## CLEARWATER-HIGH POINT ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

CLEARWATER, FLA.—Members and friends rejoiced as the new sanctuary for Clearwater-High Point Assembly was dedicated recently. Peninsular Florida District Superintendent J. Foy Johnson brought the dedicatory message.

According to Pastor Guy E. Mitchell, the new building houses a sanctuary to seat 275, office space, and nurseries. It is valued in excess of \$150,000, but much work done by members and friends of the church kept the cost to a minimum. Many

gifts of building materials came from suppliers, said Brother Mitchell. The outstanding mortgage is only \$77,000.

The new building sits on 2½ acres in the Tampa Bay area. The assembly, founded in 1964 by the late Edward L. Garrison, Sr., was first called Evergreen Chapel.

Brother and Sister Mitchell came to pastor the church in 1975 and have seen continued growth in all areas of the church life. "The new facilities will add to our ability to reach our area for Christ," said the pastor.

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## ATLANTA ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW EDUCATION BUILDING

ATLANTA, GA.—Calvary Assembly, located in Dunwoody, a suburban area of Atlanta, recently dedicated its first education building. Georgia District Superintendent Aaron M. Wall was the dedicatory speaker for the occasion.

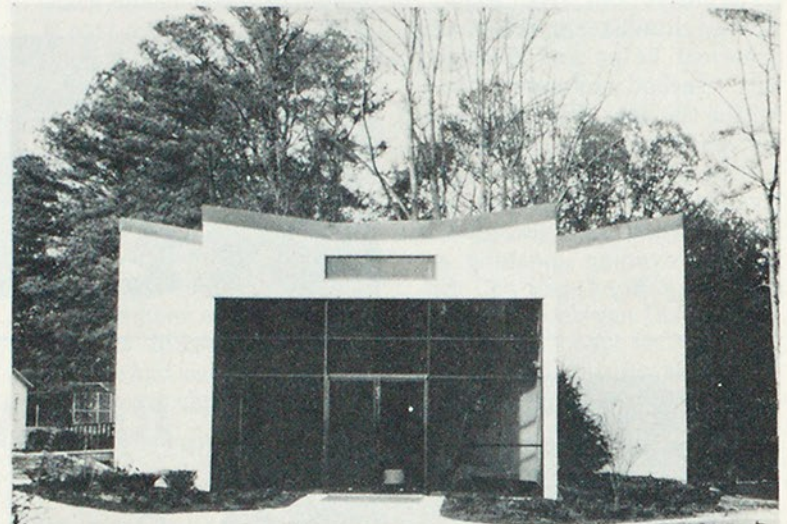
The new education building of contemporary design is one of three phases of educational structures planned for the next several years. A fund drive is already under way for subsequent construction.

The church, founded in 1971 by the present pastor, Edgar R.

Lee, worshiped in public school buildings until it was able to purchase a 6-acre tract. Georgia District home missions assisted in the land purchase. The site is near Interstate 285, the perimeter highway of Atlanta.

The first building constructed was the chapel, also of contemporary design. It was dedicated in 1976. The house originally on the property is now utilized for education and activities.

Plans call for a larger sanctuary after the completion of the education complex, according to Pastor Lee.



Above: New education building of Calvary Assembly, Atlanta (Dunwoody), Ga. Immediately above: Calvary Assembly's chapel. Inset: Pastor Edgar R. Lee.

CARLISLE, PA.—Six were saved and 49 baptized in the Holy Spirit in a meeting led by Evangelist Lloyd Portin recently.

John D. Castellani, pastor of

Bethel Assembly, writes: "The teaching was presented in a way which made people hungry for God, which lead them into a fulfilling experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit."



## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Hartford	First	Feb. 23-25	D. J. & Anna Mary Paglia	O. M. Dykes
Ariz.	Holbrook	Indian	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Don Merritt Family	Mike Law
	Phoenix	Victory	Feb. 18-25	Stephen & Louetta Grace	Leroy Owens
Ark.	Ashdown	First	Feb. 14-25	Dennis D. Thrasher	Sam Austin
	Camden	Cullendale	Feb. 14-18	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Tommy Carpenter
	Harrison	Faith	Feb. 23-25	Russell Coyne Family	Dewey Hudspeth
	N. Little Rock	Glad Tidings	Feb. 21-Mar. 4	Charles Ogdon	Doyle Johnson
	Texarkana	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Edwin Hancock
Calif.	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Feb. 24-Mar. 4	Doyme & Gladness Jennings	Colman McDuff
	Corona	Home Gardens	Feb. 21-25	Hobart Casteel	Harold Peck
	El Cerrito	Christian Ctr.	Feb. 18-21	Gene Forrest	Carl Oney
	Fall River Mills	A/G	Feb. 21-27	Tom Canon	David Saffle
	Hughson	Full Gospel	Feb. 21-25	C. O. Branson Team	Earnest Spears
	Lamont	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	David & Paula George	Sam Wright
	Marysville	Linda <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Charles J. Senechal	David Hood
	Modesto	S. Modesto	Feb. 18-25	C. L. Vermillion	Larry Lewis
	San Bernardino	Calvary	Feb. 21-25	Leland & Cheryl Hill	Louis Donaghe
	Tulare	First	Feb. 25-28	Gene Forrest	Don Catlett
Colo.	Ukiah	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	E. W. Willoughby
	Cedaredge	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	James B. Singleton	Phil Neely
Fla.	Fort Lupton	First	Feb. 18-25	James & Eula Call	Henry Russell
	Jennings	A/G <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Ray & Jan Hodges	J. R. Hudson
Ill.	Jupiter	Community <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Phil Appenzeller	Thomas Hagan
	Marianna	East Side	Feb. 25-28	Ronald K. Gray	T. C. Earnest
	Pensacola	Pine Forest <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Aunt Jo & Her Helpers	John Sowell
	W. Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Tony & Pam Garland	William Ilnisky
	Elmhurst	Bethel	Feb. 25-28	C. T. Chegwin	C. M. Johnson
Iowa	Morris	Peace Chapel	Feb. 18-21	C. T. Chegwin	E. L. Powell
	Sioux City	First	Feb. 25-28	Bob Watters	Fred Chilton
Kans.	Larned	A/G	Feb. 18-25	Milo Harmon	Mike Wagley
Ky.	Louisville	Trinity Chap.	Feb. 21-25	Dave & Jan Olshevski	L. J. Harrison
La.	Thibodaux	First	Feb. 18-21	Luis Torres Crusades	Walt Rose
Mich.	Ann Arbor	Evangel Tem.	Feb. 25-28	Lloyd Portin	Howard Bailey
Minn.	Prior Lake	A/G	Feb. 25-28	Sam Farina	Norman Whitney
	Waynesville	St. Robert	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	Arvin & Cathy Haynes	James Routh
N. Mex.	Winona	A/G	Feb. 21-25	Stan & Sherry Welch	Lowell Moore
	Artesia	First	Feb. 21-25	Mallough Bell Ringers	Robert Florence
N.C.	Asheboro	First	Feb. 26-28	William Caldwell	Randal Ross
	Shelby	Carolina	Feb. 19-21	William Caldwell	W. O. Montgomery
Okla.	Wanchese	A/G	Feb. 14-25	The Carter Family	Robert Smith
	Clinton	First	Feb. 21-Mar. 4	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Warren Norris
	Del City	First	Feb. 21-Mar. 4	Tom Ogdon	Dale Gentry
	Tahlequah	First	Feb. 23-25	Jim & Pam King	Larry Hatfield
	Tulsa	Garnett	Feb. 21-25	Charley Hudspeth	Dennis Hale
Oreg.	Reedsport	A/G	Feb. 18-Mar. 11	D. B. Driver Family	Edgar Rasmussen
S.C.	W. Columbia	Westside	Feb. 23-25	William Caldwell	Terry Roberts
Tex.	Arcadia	First	Feb. 18-23	Steve & Bridget Davis	B. A. Reeves
	Aubrey	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	John Jacob	Richard Martin
	Bloomington	A/G	Feb. 25-28	Steve & Bridget Davis	Ed Cann
	Carrollton	A/G	Feb. 21-25	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	J. E. Radford
	Cleveland	Hi-Way Tab.	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	The Stoker Family	A. V. Walters
	Eastland	A/G	Feb. 18-21	Billy & Bettye Nickell	Keith Kitchell
	Ft. Worth	Faith Tab.	Feb. 19-25	Roger & Debbie Lewis	Harley Martin
	Garland	Southside	Feb. 11-18	Billy & Bettye Nickell	V. E. Tipton
	Houston	Faith	Feb. 25-28	Mike Murdock	E. M. Darneal
	Irving	A/G Tab.	Feb. 14-18	Ric & Christy Freeman	Dave Brauchler
	Moody	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	James & Peggy Hazelton	R. A. Hill
	Odessa	Sherwood	Feb. 18-Mar. 4	Richard & LaVera Havner	Alfred Roever
	Rockwall	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	James & Ruby Hutson	R. D. Thomason
	Seadrift	First	Feb. 18-23	James & Peggy Hazelton	Floyd Hill
	Sweeny	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Paul & Nancy Williams	H. S. Coons
Tyler	Glad Tidings	Feb. 21-25	Jim & Brenda Sluder	L. H. Hubbard	
Utah	Provo	Rock Canyon	Feb. 18-21	Jim & Pam King	Raymond Ansel
Wash.	Bellevue	Neighborhood	Feb. 25-Mar. 4	Linfield Crowder	Jack Rozell
	Bremerton	Eastgate <sup>1</sup>	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Gene & Esther Fiddler	J. E. Henning
Wis.	Eau Claire	Evangel	Feb. 25-28	Gary Thomson	Gerald Christensen
	Stevens Point	A/G	Feb. 18-20	Gary Thomson	William Nicholson

<sup>1</sup> Children's Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the *Pentecostal Evangel* 6 weeks in advance.

UNION CITY, TENN.—Evangelist Tom Waggoner held a revival at Old Republican Assembly with good results. Seven were saved, 14 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and nine were baptized in water.

Pastor Mick Thrasher reports:

“Evangelist Waggoner encouraged the people to worship God and to flow with the Spirit of God. Nearly the entire congregation responded to the altar calls each night.

“As the evangelist prayed for each person, God's power would

fall upon them. Our people are happier and stronger in the Lord than they have ever been.

“Our church is moving forward. We have already begun construction on our new building. We praise God for leading us.”

ALPAUGH, CALIF.—Pastor William Oehler reports a good revival with Evangelist Willard Gray.

A number were saved, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and many rededicated their lives to God.

“A month later we still feel the effects of the revival in our services. The gifts of the Spirit have been in operation in a greater way since the meeting,” writes the pastor.

EBRO, FLA.—The Assembly of God experienced a week of revival recently with the Singing Russell Coyne Family of Tulsa, Okla.

Pastor Joe T. Kirkland reports three were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Many visitors attended.

MT. STERLING, KY.—Christian Assembly enjoyed a time of revival with Evangelists Don and Doris Carver of Louisville, Ky.

“Each night the presence of the Lord was real and precious to everyone,” says Pastor Hobart Halsey. “It was a time of refreshing and moving of the Holy Spirit.

“The candlelight service on New Year's Eve was memorable. Attendance was very good, with many visitors. People from other churches were present.

“Several were saved, and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One family came back to the Lord. Many testified to receiving divine healing.”

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## TRINITY BIBLE INSTITUTE NOW ENDORSED AT COLLEGIATE LEVEL

ELLENDALE, N. DAK.— Trinity Bible Institute received endorsement at the Collegiate Level from the Assemblies of God Board of Education during the Board's annual meeting in November.

The endorsement of TBI brings to 10 the number of colleges endorsed at the collegiate level. There is one endorsed graduate school.

Trinity Bible Institute was started in 1948 on the North Dakota District campgrounds. It was first known as Lakewood Park Bible School.

In 1960 the school moved to Aberdeen, S. Dak., and became known as Hub City Bible School. While there it used the facilities of the Assembly of God Tabernacle.

In 1967, the former Trinity Hospital building in Jamestown, N. Dak., was purchased. When the school was moved to

Jamestown it took the name of the former hospital and became Trinity Bible Institute.

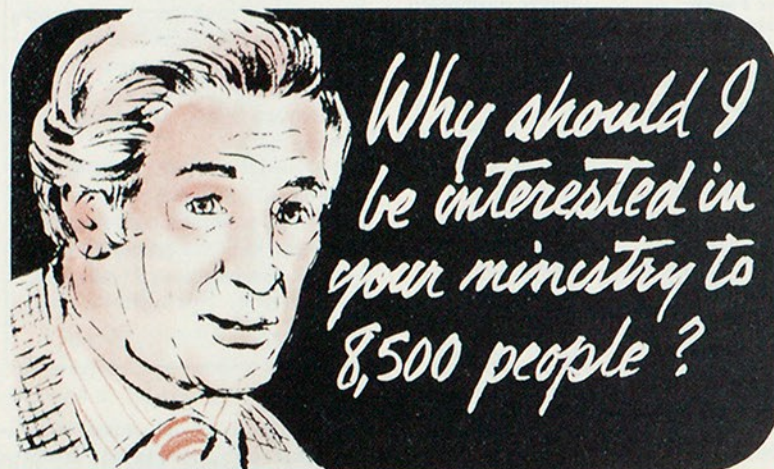
Roy H. Wead was called to become president of TBI, in 1968.

When the University of North Dakota, Ellendale Branch, was closed, TBI was able to acquire its excellent facilities. The move to Ellendale was made in 1972.

TBI is owned and operated by the North and South Dakota District Councils of the Assemblies of God. The school offers a 3-year program leading to an associate of arts degree in the following fields: Bible Ministerial, Bible General, Bible Christian Education, Bible Missions, Bible Music, and Bible Business. A 4-year program is also offered leading to a bachelor of arts degree in Bible Ministerial or Bible General, according to President Wead.



Valley Forge Christian College of the Assemblies of God campus in Phoenixville, Pa., a 77-acre tract with 70 buildings. It formerly was the Valley Forge Army Hospital.



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## COURT DISMISSES CASE AGAINST VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

PHOENIXVILLE, PA.— Valley Forge Christian College has been granted summary judgment resulting in dismissal of a suit against it. However, an appeal has been made by the plaintiffs.

Valley Forge Christian College, formerly Northeast Bible College, was awarded by grant the former Valley Forge Army Hospital in Phoenixville in 1976. A committee composed of federal, state, and local representatives voted unanimously to award the property, consisting of 77 acres and 70 buildings, to the school.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed suit against the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and against Valley Forge Christian College, in an attempt to block the grant, claiming it violated the First Amendment.

The Honorable J. Wm. Ditter, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, dismissed the

plaintiffs' complaint on the basis that both the individual taxpayers and the organization, Americans United, lack standing to maintain the suit since they failed to challenge an exercise of Congressional taxing and spending power; also that the plaintiffs failed to allege that they had "suffered any actual or concrete injury beyond a generalized grievance common to all taxpayers."

In a letter to Valley Forge Christian College President Obie L. Harrup, Sr., informing him of the ruling, C. Clark Hodgson, Jr., attorney for the college, stated that the plaintiffs' recourse was to file an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Such an appeal was made by Americans United. It was filed on January 8 and has been accepted by the court. Further details have not yet been received, but the backlog of various court appeals is large, reported Brother Harrup. Continue to pray for the school.





Richard Foth

## Bethany Bible College to inaugurate president February 24

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Richard Foth, president of Bethany Bible College here, will be officially inaugurated February 24 in the college's Redwood Auditorium.

Speakers for the event include William O. Vickery, superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God and chairman of Bethany's board of trustees; C. M. Ward, honorary chancellor and past president of the college; Cyril Homer, president of Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla.; John Petersen, president of Cabrillo College in Soquel, Calif.; and Wayne Kraiss, president of Southern California College in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Special performances by Bethany's Ambassador Choir and the Concert Chorale are also planned.

Brother Foth is the tenth president of the college, the oldest Assemblies of God school in existence.

Robert Craig founded the school in 1919 as the Glad Tidings Bible Training School. Other presidents included J.

Narver Gortner, William T. Gaston, Leland Keyes, Theodore Kessel, Cordas C. Burnett, Elmer Kirsch, and C. M. Ward.

During Leland Keyes' second term of office as president, the campus was moved to Santa Cruz from San Francisco and the name changed to Bethany Bible College.

The move was completed in 1959 along with the acquisition of accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Richard Foth, since 1966 pastor of the Assembly of God in Urbana, Ill., took up duties as president at Bethany Feb. 17, 1978.

President Foth is a 1963 graduate of BBC and earned his master's degree in Christian Education at Wheaton College Graduate School. He has done additional graduate-level work at the University of Illinois.

His work in Urbana helped transform a small home missions church into a strong fellowship of several hundred believers, many of whom attended classes and worked at the University of Illinois.

Brother Foth spent his early childhood in South India with missionary parents. He began his college work at the University of California in Berkeley.

After his freshman year, he transferred to Bethany where he received his call to minister.

Richard Foth and his wife Ruth have four children.

## BOOKS AT BETHANY LIBRARY REACH TOTAL OF 45,000

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—The Bethany Bible College library acquired its 45,000th book recently.

Bethany's 45,000 volumes represent a growing collection for the college of approximately 500 students. The library ranks fifth in size among the Assemblies of God Bible college li-

braries. Central Bible College library houses 88,500 volumes; Southwestern Assemblies of God College has 73,700; Trinity has 53,500 volumes; Northwest College has 46,700.

Statistics on the libraries of the Bible colleges were compiled by the Assemblies of God Education Department.

*Bethany's head librarian, Arnold McLellan, displays the 45,000th book, The Natural History of the Land of the Bible by Azaria Alon, that was recently added to the library shelves.*



## speaking of books

### You Can't Beat the Beatitudes

George O. Wood and William J. Krutza (88 pages, paper; GPH, \$1.25)

Is it possible to put too much emphasis on where God wants us to be and what He wants us to do?

In the Beatitudes, a part of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus showed that His followers should be more concerned with who they are and who they are becoming, say George Wood and William Krutza. "God doesn't seem half as interested

in what we do," they write, "as in who we are."

This thought-provoking 11-chapter book, a nontechnical treatment of the Beatitudes, shows how Christians can apply these verses to their everyday lives. Each Beatitude is analyzed. The helpful conclusions offer a "blessed" life-style bringing benefit to self and others.

George Wood is pastor of Newport-Mesa Christian Center, an Assemblies of God church in Costa Mesa, Calif., and William Krutza is director

of Creative Church Communications, Wheaton, Ill.

—WAYNE WARNER

### The Jesus Model

David L. McKenna (182 pages, cloth; Word Books, \$6.95)

People from all walks of life are openly admitting that they are consulting stars or the gurus of the East in attempts to gain direction. Into this whirlwind of subjective confusion comes this helpful book by the president of Seattle Pacific College.

Written with Christian values in mind, the 11 easy-to-read chapters examine the person, personality, psychology, and practice of Christ in His earthly life and ministry, and show that life and ministry to be the perfect model for us.

As one might expect from an evangelical educator, Dr. McKenna ties the message of his book to the total educational process of life. His ability to relate Biblical principles to behavioral sciences is refreshing.

The author surveys the person of Christ, then ends the book by pointing out how "the Jesus model" in our lives will integrate our walk and belief.

This stimulating volume deserves wide circulation, especially among leaders. Its message is urgently needed for our times. It calls for responsible integration of faith and learning: "otherwise generations of Christians will learn to accommodate their beliefs to secular values, humanistic theories, and unresolved moral issues."

—EVERETT STENHOUSE



# Testimonies of Healing

## Healed of chronic heart trouble

IN JUNE 1959 I developed bad heart trouble, and in a 13-year period was hospitalized many times.

We were living in South Haven, Mich., in October 1972, and my daughter persuaded me to attend the last night of special meetings being conducted by Evangelist William Caldwell in Kalamazoo. I went to satisfy her; I felt there was no hope for me as I had been prayed for so many times.

When Brother Caldwell prayed for

me, I knew God had touched me. From that time on I had no more attacks, and I kept getting stronger. In 6 months' time I realized I had no more pain, no matter what I did to exert myself!

It has now been 6 years, and, praise God, my heart is still healed.—Mrs. George Appenzeller, Edwardsburg, Mich.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Paul W. Murray, Bethel Assembly, Elkhart, Ind.)*

## Delivered from warts

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I had seed warts on the bottom of my left foot. One doctor burned them out, but my foot and leg got real bad after that. I was in bed for months. Pills did not help the pain I suffered.

My leg began to get smaller than the other one. It was just skin and bones.

## Healed of epilepsy

I HAD epilepsy since I was about 6. The doctors told me I had to take pills the rest of my life.

I left home when I was 18 and went to my girl friend's home in the South. When I got there, I found she had become a Christian. She asked me to go to church with her, and I couldn't say no.

Well, praise God, I asked Jesus to forgive me of all my sins, and He did.

Then they called for those who wanted to be healed. My girl friend encouraged me to go forward.

A number of people laid hands on me and prayed, and I was healed that night of epilepsy. The next day I threw all my pills away. That was over 4 years ago and I have not had any convulsions at all—Jackie L. Tomlin, Concord, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Alvin L. Hartman, Evangel Temple, Martinez, Calif.)*

Then on Easter 1971 my husband's nephew and niece, who are ministers, came and prayed for me. I have never taken a pain pill since.

I also went to a ministers convention where they laid hands on me and prayed. Since then I have done a lot of walking and helped my husband in building a new church.

Later I felt like the warts were beginning to spread out again, reaching into the toes. I felt like they were eating away at me.

We went to a revival meeting at Elmer, Mo., where Ken Krivohlavek was the evangelist. He prayed for me and cursed the roots of the warts. When I got home, a core came out, and my foot was healed.

But in June 1977 two more warts came on my right foot. It hurt to walk or stand.

Brother Krivohlavek was holding services in Kirksville, Mo. This time he prayed that the virus in my blood that caused the warts would leave me. The soreness left immediately. Praise God.—Mrs. Robert Boyd, Glenwood, Mo.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Robert Boyd, Assembly of God, Glenwood, Mo.)*

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

## Winter promise

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the tensed muscles. My cottontail friend must have taken it for a threat, for he hopped to the edge of the garden.

He was cute, but, suspicious of his instincts, I walked over to check the young apple trees. The bark was tender and smooth—no damage visible.


Branches pointed in every direction like brown satin whips. Only they weren't smooth! I pulled one close. Tiny lumps bulged along the surface, buds that even in the cold winter air were a promise.

This tree wasn't dead at all. As it had for 3 years, it would once again break out in leaves, blossoms, and maybe this year, luscious fruit. It only looked dead from my window, yards away.

Perhaps, I thought, that's the way it is with all of life. It looks disastrous only because we try to see too far and miss the details. I had enough to eat today, and clothes on my back, all provided from my Heavenly Father's past care. Would He change? Wasn't He the same "yesterday, and today, and for ever"? Wasn't that promise enough?

I let go the branch and it snapped into place, making the whole tree quiver. The bunny looked up from some blackened greens he was nibbling, but decided he was safe. Retrieving my jugs, I continued down the hill.

The sky was leaden still, but the gray day had lightened.

Mrs. Miller had come out onto her porch, and I called ahead as I reached the edge of her lot, "Spring is coming! I saw it! Did you?" 



# 'WE ARE NOT DIVIDED - ALL ONE BODY WE'

In the current outpouring of the Holy Spirit we are seeing something described by Andrew Murray about a century ago.

"When the tide is low," he said, "each little pool along the shore, with its inhabitants, is separated from the others by a rocky barrier. As the tide rises, the barriers are flooded over, and all meet in one great ocean.

"So it will be with the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Spirit of God comes like floods upon the dry ground, according to the promise (Isaiah 44:3), each will know the power in himself and others, and self will disappear. All will be one as the Spirit is known and honored."

For many years, enemies of Christ mocked the churches for the divisions among them. They pointed to S. B. Gould's hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and challenged the truth of those oft-sung lines:

*We are not divided,  
All one body we;  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity.*

Then something wonderful happened. God visited the various denominations and found many thousands of church members ready

to open their hearts and receive the infilling of the Spirit. And as they did this, they were lifted above the denominational barriers into a fellowship in the Spirit such as Andrew Murray described so long ago.

We thank God for this fellowship of Spirit-filled people that has penetrated all denominations. We believe it, rather than the so-called Ecumenical Movement, is the answer to Jesus' prayer for His followers "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us" (John 17:21).

Our unity is not perfected yet. We still have differences of doctrine, but we who have been filled with the Holy Ghost are one in hope, one in love; and we look forward to the day when we shall "all come in the unity of the faith" as well (Ephesians 4:13).

Those in the Ecumenical Movement have tried very hard to find unity. They have sacrificed cherished ideas about church organization, ordination, and the sacraments to attain it. They have compromised on doctrine to find common ground with other Christians. They have changed their form of worship to bring the churches together. If we who have received the Pentecostal

Baptism will be humble enough to submit one to another, each seeking the good of his brother, so that self (as Andrew Murray said) will disappear, there is no limit to the extent the current spiritual renewal will spread and increase.

But a lasting unity of the Lord's people is only possible by the Cross. As someone has said: "He that does not accept his full death at Calvary cannot be one with his brother. So long as we have rights we will defend them. So long as we own things we will protect them. So long as we know things we will contend for them. So long as we hold to things, we will strive with the one who lays hands on them."

The carnal spirit is suspicious, self-saving, unyielding. God has given us the Spirit to enable us to die to self, recognizing that our old nature was crucified with Christ, "that henceforth we should not live unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us, and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:15). It is the new life, the Christ life, that works in us and is seen in us when we are filled with the Spirit. And it is this new life, this Christ life, that produces love and unity.

-r.c.c.

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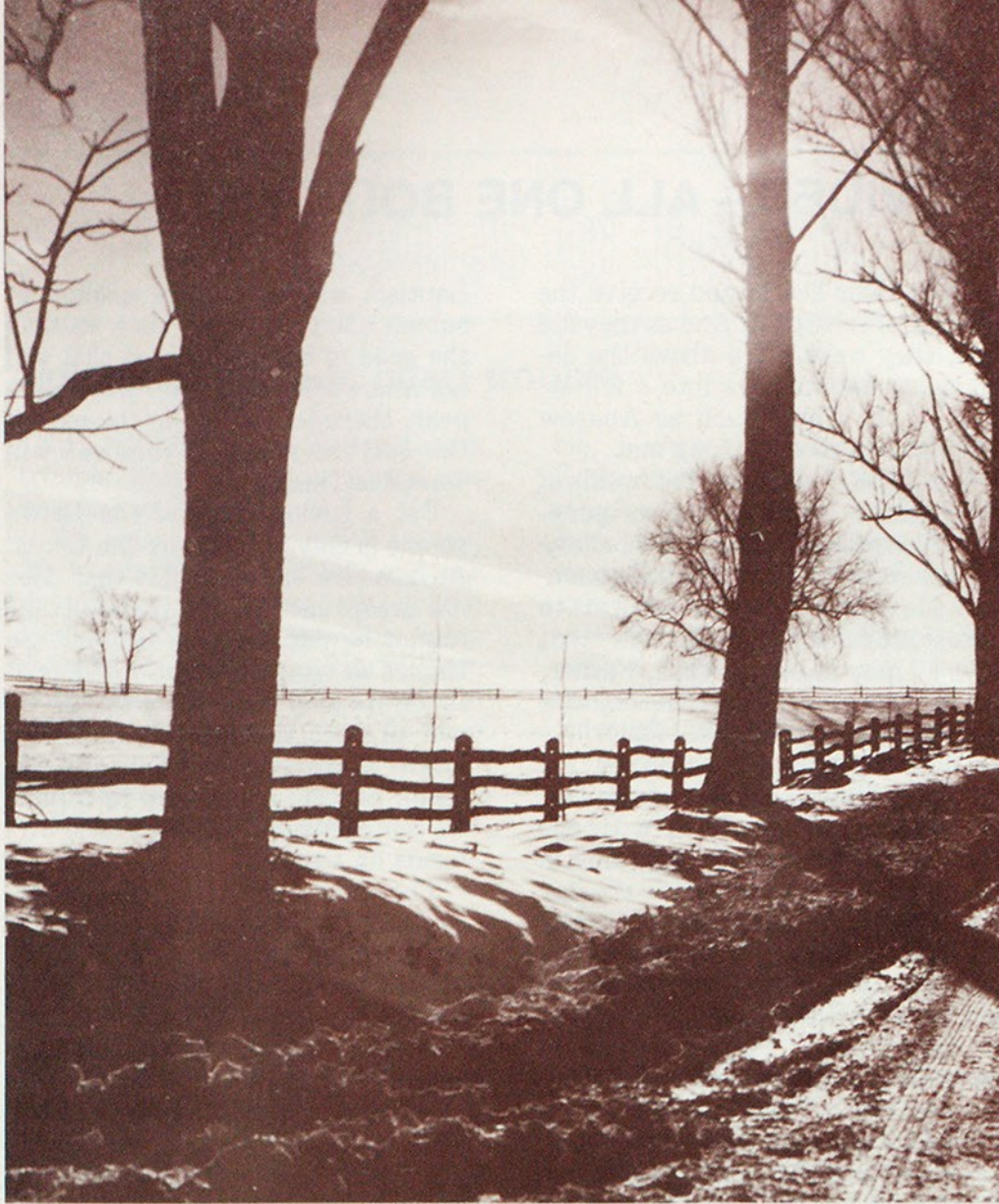


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## WINTER PROMISE

Life is sometimes as heavy as a winter day, the kind in northeastern Ohio when the sky hangs lead-gray over dirty, leftover snow. Against the stark landscape the trees appear stripped, black, and barren—even the young apple trees.

As I looked at that kind of world through my window, I felt as depressed as what I saw.

I'd snapped the radio off against the news. It was all bad. Europeans were criticizing our international policy; Uncle Sam's millions were going the wrong way. A mayor was denying scandalous accusations. And some lonely man down on Third Street had committed suicide.

Everything was out of focus.

I was too. My husband was out of

work. It's a nice ideal to take no thought of what you should eat, or what you should wear. I'd quoted that often enough, but that was when we had a regular paycheck.

Now as I stood here watching, my husband Don and a repair man were down in the corner of the lot working on a well pump that refused to run.

It wasn't that it was old; we'd had it installed just last summer. Inanimate objects have a perverse way of going bad at inconvenient times, it seems. This was a most inconvenient time.

Don came across the yard to the house. "Is it all right now?" I asked, though I could guess the answer from his serious face.

"No. Looks like it'll be down till tomorrow."

"Tomorrow?"

"We're going to take the motor in and have it checked. Everything else seems okay."

"But how can *it* be bad?" It was hard to control the frenzy as more dollar signs registered in my brain. "They better make it right. Something must have been wrong from the beginning."

"Honey, they're just going to test it. We'll find out then what to do. There was an inch or two of ice on it. Guess we didn't cover it deep enough."

"Tomorrow! And what do we do for water in the meantime?"

"I'll bring you some from Millers."

"No. Never mind. Get on with your motor. I'll look up some jugs for water."

I turned and walked into the basement. As I passed the washer with the clothes sitting half-washed, my irritation grew.

The dirty dishes were piled in the kitchen sink, but I kept my head turned the other way as I grabbed my coat and scarf from the closet and slammed the door on the whole mess.

I shivered as the winter air stung my face and the half-melted snow oozed cold and wet around my shoes.

Without thinking, I started down the hill in the direction I had just been looking from my window. No one was around except a wild, brindle-coated bunny that was sitting up watching my progress, his eyes bright with fear and his nose twitching interest.

His big brother had stripped my hedgerow last year. I wondered if he were doing the same.

I set down my jugs and stood still hoping he'd be reassured.

The trill of the brook was strong over to my right, but there seemed no other sound. It was peaceful and, as always, soothing. I was alone out here in the cold, and it felt good. Free, and good.

I stood straighter, glad to release

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