

# THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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## Proclamation

God has committed Himself to hear the earnest prayers of seeking people. His Word abounds with illustrations of how He has honored this promise in centuries past. Many people in need proclaimed a season of fasting and prayer, and were honored of God for doing so—people such as Esther in Shushan, and the king of Nineveh in the days of Jonah.

The fathers of our movement proved God in their day by giving themselves to prayer with 'strong crying and tears.' God heard them and answered by a revelation of His power in their lives.

We acknowledge our great need of a mighty revival in these closing days of this dispensation.

We believe that 'God is no respecter of persons' and Jesus Christ is 'the same yesterday, and today, and forever.' And, 'in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.'

At this anniversary of 50 years of blessing and growth we acknowledge that 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' We recognize our great need and our absolute dependence upon God. We request that our people join in a week of fasting, humility, confession, and fervent seeking of God, that He who quickened us in the beginning shall 'revive us again.' Let us begin our Golden Anniversary Year by seeking God for an outpouring of the Spirit upon all our churches, so that through our lives this move shall reach to the lost world about us.

We, the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM January 5-12, 1964, to be a Week of Prayer for the Assemblies of God.

Signed

*Don. F. Zimmerman*  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**WEEK OF PRAYER - JAN. 5-12**



# From Flaming Death to Eternal Life



By SERGEANT JOHN FANNIN

THERE WERE TEN OF US IN THE MILITARY HELICOPTER that morning, flying from Bethel, Alaska, to outlying Eskimo villages on a National Guard inspection trip. Suddenly the helicopter veered sharply to the right and started losing altitude.

Conversation ceased! We knew we were in trouble!

Then we crashed. When it was over, someone was lying across me and my right leg was pinned under a 55-gallon oil drum. I could only move my arms and head.

I smelled smoke and saw fire burning its way toward the drum of gas. I started to pray for someone to help me, not knowing that only two of us out of the ten were still alive.

In desperation I started slapping the unconscious man lying across me. He revived and I directed him to put his feet against the drum and push. This he did and I was free. He was bleeding from the eyes and nose, and later I was to learn he had a broken neck. After leading him out of the aircraft, I tried to pull out the body of the man lying near the door, but could not. Knowing the drum of gas in the aircraft would soon explode, I left to do what I could for the man who was alive.

It was April 1962. There was snow on the ground and it was very cold. When the aircraft stopped burning I tried to find something to keep us warm in case we should have to stay overnight. But everything was burned.

The crash had occurred around noon and I knew it might be hours before anyone would be looking for us. The prospect of spending the night in the snow and cold, injured and without adequate clothing, was not a pleasant one.

I did not know the Lord as my personal Saviour, but I could remember going to church and Sunday school with my mother. How she used to sing and pray! I prayed aloud for help, and sang such songs as, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," and, "The Old Rugged Cross."

The wind began to blow and the snow to fall. Around 4 P.M. I started to dig into the snow to make a place for us to spend the night. Then I looked up and saw an Eskimo man some distance away, driving a dog team. Calling as I went, I started toward him. He stopped to help us.

The Eskimo, Robert Jimmie, helped me put my friend on the dog sled and took us to an old camp where we found shelter and warmth. We were at least thirty miles from a village, and the weather was too bad for him to go for help that night.

The next morning our Eskimo friend cut a supply of wood for us and went for help. Several times we heard planes, and I tried in vain to attract their attention. Finally, about 5 P.M. a pilot saw me and landed.

In an hour's time we arrived at the hospital in Bethel. I had a broken bone in my leg and my left side was so bruised and sore I could hardly move. But I only had to stay in the hospital for a week.

When I got out of the hospital I asked the Lord to forgive me and take away my sins. Sad to say, it took the death of eight men whom I knew well to make me realize my need of a Saviour.

Truly, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

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(James Gamble, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Bethel, Alaska, writes: "Sergeant John Fannin has made real spiritual progress. He was saved in May 1962 and had read the Bible through by the end of the year. He gets up an hour early each morning for Bible reading and devotions.")



# NEW POWER FOR THE NEW YEAR

## Through a Regular Schedule of Prayer

By HARDY W. STEINBERG

ABRAHAM LINCOLN FACED ONE OF HIS MOST DIFFICULT experiences in the delivery of his annual message to Congress reporting on the year 1863. The United States was involved in civil war. One of his sons had recently died, and another lay at death's door. In spite of these problems, Lincoln walked into the Capitol and delivered his address with such composure and conviction that the audience felt it witnessed a miracle.

That morning before going into the packed Senate chamber Lincoln had conducted family worship as usual. Then he retired alone to his room, and falling on his knees pleaded with God for divine guidance and strength. Lincoln had learned what the prophet Daniel and all effective Christians eventually learn. Everyone needs a regular time with God.

Daniel was a busy statesman in the great Medo-Persian Empire, but Daniel knew he could not manage without a regular prayer schedule. When a law was passed forbidding prayer to anyone except the king, Daniel "went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). Because of his faithfulness Daniel enjoyed special enablement and help from the Lord.

### STRENGTH IN THE TESTING HOUR

Daniel must have passed through many trying situations during the seventy years of Babylonian captivity.

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The first test came when he was a young man. It involved what many might have considered an inconsequential phase of God's ordinances. The king appointed Daniel and his friends "a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank" (Daniel 1:5). What there was about the diet that was in violation of God's commands we are not told. Daniel, however, recognized that the diet would be defiling to him in spite of the fact that it was a king's menu. He firmly resolved that he would not defile himself. In the testing hour Daniel received strength from above.

Years later Daniel faced another test. Jealous officials conspired to have him removed from office. After failing to find any fault in his personal and business conduct, they arranged for the signing of a decree which would make it unlawful to pray to anyone except the king. Daniel knew that the death penalty would be imposed if the decree was ignored. By now, however, he had learned that it was more important to maintain a regular prayer schedule than to live. He prayed "as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). In this testing hour he again found strength. His regular prayer life provided the stamina needed.

Jesus, who spent much time in prayer, also found strength in the testing hour (Matthew 4:1-11). After He had fasted for forty days, Satan came to tempt Him. When Satan suggested that Jesus turn the stones to bread, Jesus in spite of His physically weakened condition found strength to quote from the Old Testament, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat-

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

## A Time to Pray

If ever there was an hour when Christians needed to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face with fasting and tears, it is at the start of a new year such as 1964, for it may be the most momentous year any of us has known.

The fact that we are entering the 50th anniversary year of the Assemblies of God gives us added incentive to search our souls at this season. It is a time to re-examine our mission in the world and take our bearings. What progress are we making in our evangelism program?

Have we as a Movement advanced as far as we ought in the past half-century of opportunities? Narrowing it down to the past 12 months let us ask ourselves, Have we invaded the territory of Satan and occupied new ground for the Kingdom of God, or have we merely engaged in a holding action?

What efforts have we made to evangelize our own communities and what have we done to reach souls in other unoccupied fields? Has the local church grown? Have we as individuals made solid spiritual growth? Have we done all we could to win our loved ones, neighbors, and other friends to the Lord Jesus Christ?

There are more people living without Christ today than at any time in human history. This is true in each town and each city, as well as in the nation and the world at large. If we do not lead these people to Him they will be lost forever.

Recognizing these facts, the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God have proclaimed January 5 to 12, 1964, to be a Week of Prayer (see front cover) and they suggest that this concerted prayer effort be implemented in the following ways:

1. That prayer chains be organized in our constituency around the world.
2. That churches remain open for continuous prayer during this time.
3. That our people be encouraged to fast and "afflict their souls" to seek God.
4. That churches be encouraged to arrange daily prayer meetings during the Week of Prayer.
5. That one all-night prayer meeting be scheduled in each church.
6. That all Assemblies of God colleges and Bible institutes cooperate in the Week of Prayer.
7. That we join our faith believing God to move upon us in this Golden Anniversary year and use us in a mighty worldwide surge of evangelism.

In many localities the Spirit already is moving mightily. Surely God wants to send a general revival to His Church. He has promised to pour out His Spirit "upon all flesh." Let us ask Him to do this, being sure we do our part.

Churches of many denominations will be observing this Week of Prayer. It is a time for all believers to fall on their knees and wage war for God. The Lord has provided spiritual armor and armaments for the battle. One powerful weapon He has placed in our hands is "prayer and supplication in the Spirit." If we will use this weapon against the forces of darkness 1964 will be a year of spiritual triumph in every heart, every home, and every church.

—R.C.C.



## ASSURANCE FOR THE NEW YEAR

No matter what the circumstances, we Christians should keep our heads. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind. It is a dismal thing to see a son of heaven cringe in terror before the sons of earth. We are taught by the Holy Spirit in Scriptures of truth that fear is a kind of prison for the mind and that by it we may spend a lifetime in bondage.

God keeps His people and there is nothing in earth or in hell that can harm a trusting soul. The past is forgiven, the present is in God's keeping, and a thousand bright promises give assurance for the future. Yet we are sometimes terrified by the adversary. This is not uncommon but it is unnecessary. We should not excuse it, but rather acknowledge it as evidence of our spiritual immaturity.

Through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant we are as safe here on earth as if we were already in heaven. We have not passed beyond the possibility of physical death, but we have entered a sphere of life where we can afford to die, knowing that for the Christian death is a bright portal to the ineffable glory.

It is entirely possible to reach a place in grace where nothing can panic us. We can have an understanding with God about our yesterdays, our today and our tomorrows.

—A. W. TOZER (Deceased May 13, 1963)

## BURDEN BEARERS WALK STRAIGHTER

In some Eastern countries the women walk with a dignity and poise that is everywhere admired. If you inquire the cause, you will find that it is because they carry the burdens!

If you will stretch out your hand today, and bear the burden of the oppressed, it will make you finer. You will walk erect, with unfaltering steps, admired by God and man.

—ROBERT FAIRNIE, in *Redemption Tidings*

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## EXPECTING THE TURKEY

Romans 4:20 says, "He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief." "The just shall live by faith" is repeated four times in the Scripture. Why should any of God's children ever stagger through unbelief at His wonderful promises, when we constantly depend upon the promises of frail humans like ourselves without question?

Prior to the holiday season a friend telephoned to me from her home in the country, saying that she would like to provide our Christmas turkey and that she would bring it in to us. I didn't see her, but only heard her voice. She had never given us a turkey before. She might forget, or get sick, or change her mind about giving it. Did I think of any of these possibilities? Not for a minute; but, "calling those things that are not as though they were," I received that turkey by faith and acted accordingly, inviting several friends to come and have turkey dinner with us, and made plans and preparations.

Nor did I call up my friend to remind her of her promise and beg her to be sure to bring it, or to give me another promise that she would keep her word! No, I just rejoiced and was thankful, having every expectation that the turkey would arrive in good time, which it did.

When God gives us a promise (and His Word abounds in them), we insult Him by continuing to beg and implore Him to keep His Word to us. No matter how grave the need may be, HE is greater than the need; and the voice of His promise, "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 15:14) is still speaking to our hearts. Believe it, and He will surely bring your "turkey" to you.

—RUTH THOMPSON BANKS

## New Year Wishes

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth?  
Songs in the springtime, pleasures and mirth?  
Flowers in thy pathway, skies ever clear?  
Would this insure thee a happy New Year?  
What shall I wish thee? What can be found  
Bringing thee sunshine all the year round?  
Where is the treasure, lasting and dear,  
That shall insure thee a happy New Year?

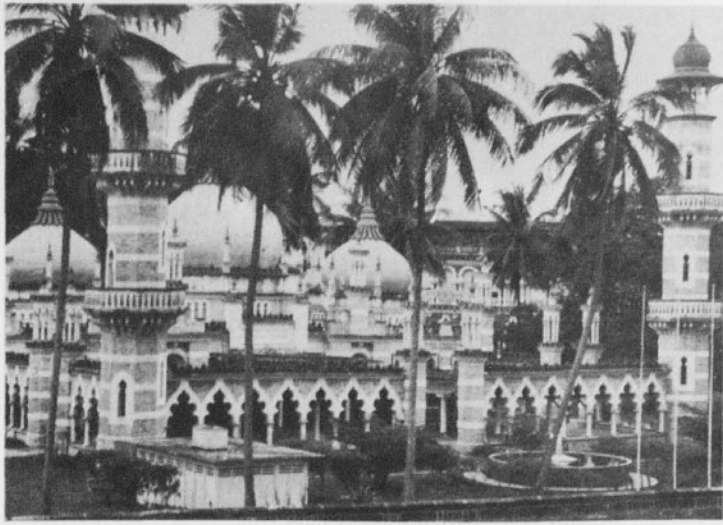


Faith that increaseth, walking in light;  
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect, casting out fear—  
Those shall insure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour, rest at His feet,  
Smile of His countenance, radiant and sweet.  
Joy in His presence, Christ ever near—  
This will insure thee a happy New Year.

—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL





Mosques old (left) and new (right) dominate the architecture of Kuala Lumpur.

# A Crack in the Walls

By DELMAR GUYNES  
Missionary to Malaysia

SIX MILLION SOULS IN MALAYSIA ARE CONSIGNED BY LAW to a Christless eternity! These are the Malays, the country's native race, comprising approximately one-half its population. Since Islam is the state religion the Malays are Moslems by birth and by law. In most of the territories of Malaysia it is illegal to approach a Malay with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The federal government of Malaysia is presently engaged in a large-scale mosque-building program. Millions of dollars are being spent to provide houses of worship for the followers of Mohammed. Under construction in downtown Kuala Lumpur is a majestic national mosque that will cost more than five million dollars. The architect's design shows this to be one of the most beautiful structures in the world.

In practically every population center in Kuala Lumpur, as well as outlying areas, a mosque has been built or is in the process of being erected. Near our own Bible Institute of Malaya the government is preparing to erect a massive college for the training of Moslem devotees. No efforts, money, or time are being spared in this grand scheme to make Islam the strongest religious force in this part of southeast Asia.

During the more than 100 years that Christianity has been at work in Malaysia a considerable number of converts have been won, but they have been almost exclusively from among the Chinese and Indian populations, and not among the Malays. The total number of Christian Malays would probably amount to no more

than a two-digit figure. Somehow Christianity for a century has been unable to reach them.

But God has not given them up! In His great mercy He is making a way for these sin-darkened, religion-fettered souls to find eternal life. In recent public meetings where prayer for the sick was being offered, a large number of Moslem Malays came for prayer.

More recently, when we applied for the use of a large downtown hall for public meetings, the government insisted by letter that all printed advertising in the vicinity of the hall must be in both Malay and English. How thrilling the thought! The same law that says we cannot approach the Malays with the gospel now insists that we advertise Christian services in the Malay language. This has developed from government effort to establish Malay as the national language. Praise God for this crack in the walls!

We find that whenever the full gospel is emphasized in a public meeting some Malays will come. This type of meeting is undoubtedly one way of breaking through to these precious souls. The Malaysia Assemblies of God has been hindered in making this kind of appeal due to the lack of facilities. Buildings and halls large enough to accommodate such a meeting must be booked months in advance and at a high cost.

Once again God is coming to our help. Kuala Lumpur is one of the present Global Conquest project cities. An all-out effort is being made to erect in this strategic city a building that will accommodate a large public meeting. Of course, the building will also be used to house our growing English-language congregation which is presently meeting in rented facilities. It will serve the Chinese language group also, and we pray and believe that before very long we may have the beginnings of a Malaya congregation.

Your help is needed in this important effort. Buildings are extremely important here in Malaysia. The local government recognizes this and is building furiously in order to keep Islam secure as the state religion. Please join your efforts with ours that together we may see the spiritual walls of this modern Jericho tumble down as the walls of our Global Conquest church rise up!

Designate your offerings for "Global Conquest Kuala Lumpur Evangelistic Center." ◀◀



## The amazing story of how the gospel message changed the pitiable life of—

# MOLLY

By LOWELL E. DOWDY  
Missionary to Ecuador

A NAZI-GERMAN SAILOR, AN ATHEIST, SETTLED IN CHILE. He married a Roman Catholic Chilean schoolteacher. Five children were born to them. He ruled his home with the iron fist of military discipline.

In this atmosphere Molly, one of the children, grew up to be a proud, haughty woman. She married a traveling salesman and they seemed as happy as two unsaved, violent-dispositioned people can be.

Their first child was the idol of her mother's heart. But when, in a few months, Molly learned that another baby was coming, she resented the idea. This child, a boy, was not welcomed into the family circle. In fits of temper the mother punished him severely for the most trivial offenses. One day when he was about two years of age she beat him with her shoe heel until he died. Hastily, before her husband returned home from one of his business trips, she had the baby buried.

Some of the relatives became suspicious and had the body removed from the grave for an autopsy. This disclosed the real nature of the baby's death and Molly was jailed for the murder of her child. She still cannot explain her exact thoughts but she says something inside her seemed to compel her to beat the child. It was not until Molly realized her baby was dead that she began to come to her senses.

Some time previously a friend had invited her to attend home Bible classes and Molly became very interested. This was all the gospel she had ever heard. Now, alone in her prison cell, she begged God for forgiveness. But she did not know how to be saved. Everyone turned against her except her husband and her mother.

Molly had been in jail only a few days when we returned to Chile from furlough. On hearing of her plight we had a strong desire to visit her. The women's jail in Concepción is operated by Roman Catholic nuns so we could only see her on the regular visiting day. We talked to her through the iron bars in the presence of the nun.

The great Deliverer met Molly and forgave her. She literally devoured the Word of God. As we continued to visit her, the nun was kind and permitted us to enter the reception room for our visits. It was remarkable to see Molly grow in grace and the love of God.

All this time the lawyer was working on Molly's case. Finally Molly was sent to Santiago where seven psychiatrists examined her over a period of five months. In the Santiago penitentiary they took the Bible and all

gospel literature away from her. However, she had memorized so many of the Bible verses that she was able to keep true to God. Because of the Word hidden in her heart she was able to confound the priest. The matron even sent the bishop to try to convince Molly that the evangelicals who had taught her to follow the gospel were in error.

For three months Molly was free on bail. During this time she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She then had the power and strength that would be needed in the months following.

Because of a great deal of criticism and opposition, Molly was returned to the jail in Concepción. She was a shining light for Jesus there and the nuns said they could not understand how such a sweet person could commit such a hideous crime. Molly replied that they did not know her when she was possessed by the devil and obeyed his every wish.

Finally the court condemned Molly to death. Radio and newspaper headlines stated that she was to meet the firing squad. We went to visit her. Naturally, she was sad for her children's sake (another had been born shortly after she entered jail). However, she said she had peace of heart and was ready to meet God.

Then her sentence was changed to life imprisonment. Again Molly was ready to accept God's will for her. She was anxious, though, for a definite decision to be made regarding her sentence. The lawyer could only say he was doing his best.

One Thursday night during a Sunday school teachers meeting a man came and asked for Molly's husband. (He had been saved and had become one of our Sunday school teachers.) He left and returned shortly with Molly at his side. She had been completely exonerated on the testimony of the psychiatrists who came to the conclusion that for a short time Molly had gone berserk and temporarily insane, but now her condition was normal and there was no danger of a return attack!

We took Molly and her husband to our home because none of their relatives or friends outside of the church would receive them.

Molly was freed just two weeks before the great Chilean earthquake. If she had still been in jail at the time of the earthquake she probably would have been killed, because the entire side of the jail where she had been for three years was completely destroyed and many of the inmates were killed.

Molly now is devoting her life to serving the Lord who has done so much for her.

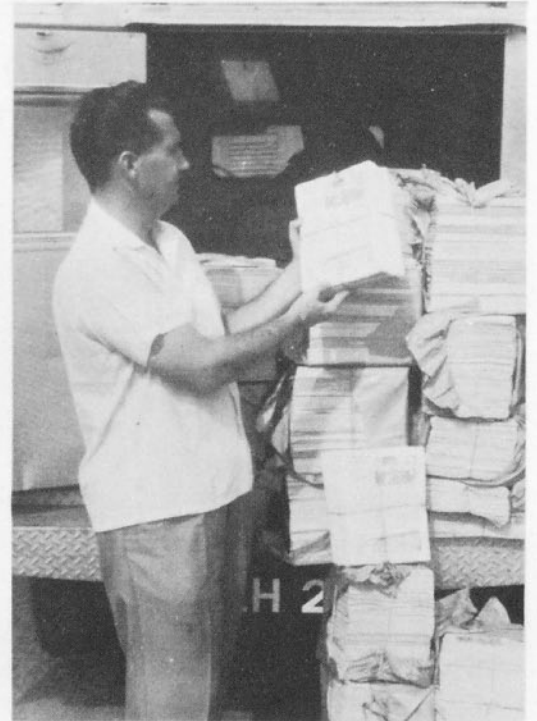
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Light-for-the-Lost literature arrives in Lagos, capital of Nigeria, by Speed-the-Light truck from the Assemblies of God printshop in Aba.



Missionary Robert Webb inspects the literature as it is being unloaded in Lagos.

# LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST IN NIGERIA'S CAPITAL



The shipment includes the *Nigerian Evangel*, which is printed in Nigeria and features news of national pastors and churches.



Pastor Omeronye prepares to start distribution of the *Nigerian Evangel*.

Pastor Okpo uses literature in personal witness to a Moslem—one of the millions in Nigeria.



Bible study courses are an important part of the Lagos literature crusade.



# PRAYER BRINGS REVIVAL TO LAGOS

By ROBERT WEBB, Missionary to Nigeria

EASTERN PROVINCE, NIGERIA, IS POOR AND OVERCROWDED. Her people, the Ibo Tribe, are often hungry. Because of the hardships they have endured, the Ibos are hard workers, full of drive and initiative. Many of them have left Eastern Province to go to other areas of Nigeria where they can find work.

Assemblies of God missions in Nigeria were first opened in Eastern Province. As the Christians left the Province to find work they carried the gospel message with them.

Many Ibos settled in Lagos, the capital and largest port city in Nigeria. The Christians among them witnessed to others and pioneered Assemblies of God churches in the city.

Lagos is a strategic area not only because it is the capital and largest port but also because it is the center of a large metropolitan area. It is situated on an island formed by a branch of the Ogun River just before it flows into the ocean. On the mainland and surrounding Lagos are other large, bustling cities.

In February, 1963, we arrived in Lagos to supervise the growing churches in this area and to pioneer new

ones. Even before our arrival we planned key evangelistic campaigns for the Lagos churches.

During these campaigns the center of the services seemed to be at the altar of prayer. Scores of Nigerians testified to deliverance from sin and sickness, and thirty-six testified to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Many others were freshly anointed for Christian service.

One of the forces helping combat communism and evil in countries like Nigeria is Light-for-the-Lost, the missions arm of the Men's Fellowship Department. Through Light-for-the-Lost the Minnesota District has pledged \$3,000 for an extensive literature campaign in Lagos. Due to the urgency of the need, the money has been advanced, and we are now implementing literature distribution as well as using the literature for Bible study courses. Through these Bible courses we believe the effectiveness of this literature program will be far-reaching indeed.

Just as prayer was the key to revival on the Day of Pentecost, and just as prayer preceded the Pentecostal outpouring at the early part of this century, so missionary zeal today must be centered around altars filled with hungry hearts. While racial turmoil and international crises seem to be constantly in the spotlight, we earnestly covet your fervent prayers for continued revival in Lagos.

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BY KENNETH WEIGEL, MISSIONARY TO SOUTH INDIA

THAT'S RIGHT! THIS AD TWO INCHES WIDE WILL COST \$999. It was run in two Indian vernacular periodicals having a combined circulation of 322,000. Publishing cost was \$17.68. But the big cost is not the publisher's charges.

This is an ad for our Highlights Bible correspondence course. From it we received more than 2,000 inquiries.

(When I told our advertising agent this, he exclaimed, "From such a *little* ad!") Answering these inquiries required 2,000 envelopes, 2,000 postage stamps, 2,000 instruction sheets, and 4,000 lesson sheets (each inquirer gets an extra lesson sheet to give to a friend).

It took a week's work just to type the addresses on the envelopes, not to speak of stuffing and record-keeping.

Later there will be lessons to grade, additional lessons to send, reminders and tracts to mail, and Gospels and certificates to give.

Our records show that about one-third of all inquirers earn certificates. The average cost to us for each one who earns a certificate is about \$1.50, including sending lessons, tracts, and reminders to those who do not finish.

This means that of these 2,000 inquirers we can expect 666 to cost \$1.50 each, or a total of \$999—the price of our small ad in two publications!

There's a moral to our experience: When we advertise the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must mean business. We must expect it to cost! People are hungry for the Word and they respond eagerly to the smallest invitation. Advertising the gospel costs—but it pays dividends that make the cost seem insignificant. ◀◀





The Los Angeles Teen Challenge summer staff witnessed to teen-age gangs, conducted street rallies, and distributed gospel literature.



A beautiful, modern building was leased as the headquarters for the Los Angeles "Summer Invasion" program of Teen Challenge.

# TEEN CHALLENGE MARCHES ON!

"MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING to believe that the Holy Spirit ministering through Teen Challenge Centers is a totally new and effective approach to the problems of delinquency, narcotic addiction and all troubled youth," says David Wilkerson, New York Teen Challenge director.

Reports from the three Teen Challenge Centers in Brooklyn, Chicago, and Los Angeles indicate very good progress following successful summer campaigns. Winter programs are now in full swing.

The new Training Farm Center in Rehrersburg, Pa., sponsored by New York Teen Challenge, is also gaining ground. This work of rehabilitating youth who recently have been rescued from teen-age gangs and drug addiction is attracting nationwide attention.

Several thousand young people made decisions for Christ during the summer crusades in the three cities. An encouraging number of these show signs of having been genuinely converted and they are growing spiritually. The staffs of the Centers are limited and it is, of course, impossible for them to check on all decisions.

## The Los Angeles Challenge

*Don Hall, Director*

Following many months of prayer and preparation Teen Challenge was officially launched last June 17 in Los Angeles. The burden of many local pastors was realized as 25 Bible school students, converted juvenile gang members, and former drug addicts moved into the Teen Challenge

Center, a rented University of Southern California fraternity house right in the middle of the metropolis.

Duplicating the work of Teen Challenge in New York and Chicago, these dedicated young people invaded the turfs of feuding teen-age gangs and addicts. Each day they hazarded their lives entering gang hideouts, staging street rallies and distributing their shock-type literature to thousands of young people. At least 700 responded for salvation during the summer!

The establishment of a Teen Challenge ministry in Los Angeles actually began several months earlier. During the 1962 fall term personal evangelism teams from Southern California college and Latin American Bible Institute engaged in active ministry among "jitterbugging" teen gangs and drug addicts on the wild east side of



Local C. A. groups joined the Teen Challenge staff in conducting services at the Teen Challenge Chapel on the Long Beach Nu-Pike.



A Teen Challenge worker witnessed to be-bopping gang leaders and drug addicts that Christ is the answer.

Los Angeles. Then in January, upon the invitation of the Southern California district officials, Dave Wilkerson, accompanied by Howard Bush, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, came to Los Angeles and spoke to a group of interested pastors. From this meeting came the unanimous decision to initiate a full-scale Teen Challenge program. Don Hall left the evangelistic field to accept appointment to this work.

Since that time God has led in a miraculous way. A modern fraternity building was leased as a temporary Center. An attractive building was also rented on the Long Beach Nupike for a Teen Challenge Chapel. Local C. A. groups joined the Teen Challenge Staff in conducting services and leading teen-agers to Christ.

During the Billy Graham Crusade in Los Angeles, Teen Challenge was able to take several hundred gang members to the meetings on chartered buses. Dozens of these young people were wonderfully saved!

The Spanish team, directed by Dave Torres, once a confirmed drug addict, saw many saved in the Spanish sections of Los Angeles. Thousands attended the gang services and hundreds of gang members, leaders and young addicts were wonderfully delivered. Teen-agers threw away their sniff rags and narcotics. Numbers quit gang life and started preaching the gospel.

Many are now filled with the Holy Spirit and are attending a Bible-believing church. One former gang leader and drug addict, who had been in jail over 20 different times, enrolled in Bible school and is now studying for the ministry.

## TEEN CHALLENGE OFFERINGS

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Much of the success of the summer program can be attributed to the faithful prayers and dedication of each worker. A 24-hours-a-day prayer chain was initiated and one day a week was set aside for fasting and prayer. Because of this and the support of many pastors and churches, the very gates of hell were shaken as sin-bound teen-agers were transformed by the power of God.

Los Angeles presents a great challenge in this hour! It is the western mecca of narcotics in the United States. Dope has never been easier to get. Blowing "pot" (marijuana) and dropping "goof ball" pills is the favorite pastime for thousands of youngsters. Governor Brown states that Los Angeles is drained of nearly 50 million dollars each year because of the increased narcotic traffic. Police and city officials are alarmed but admit they do not have the answer. Teen Challenge is prepared to stand in the gap and combat the forces of Satan in this great city. Will you pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the streets and for His protection and anointing upon each worker?

Plans are now being made to purchase a beautiful building in the heart of Los Angeles for a permanent Center. About \$6,500 was raised in one rally but several thousand dollars are still needed for the down payment. The Teen Challenge staff and the

committee of Los Angeles request the earnest prayers of friends throughout the nation—that Los Angeles will have a great witness among its teen gangs and drug addicts and that every financial need in this great undertaking will be supplied.

## The Chicago Challenge

*Grady Fannin, Director*

God gave Teen Challenge Center in Chicago some wonderful young people for last summer's work. Sixteen fellows and thirteen girls, including four married couples, a cook and assistant cook joined the staff. They were dedicated youth from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, North Central Bible College, and Central Bible Institute.

A high school teacher from Wheaton, Ill., newly converted and filled with the Spirit, also joined them for the summer. He felt it would give him invaluable experience in counseling and dealing with his students.

By the end of April, the staff realized the Center would no longer accommodate the crowds, so they divided the small group of workers into teams and took the gospel to the youth in their own neighborhoods. In the first such service in the little church that was opened to the workers, the crowd was so large they had to divide it.

As summer workers came in, they were divided into three teams of ten members each. Each team had a leader, a pianist, and a song leader. On Thursday nights they conducted three simultaneous Negro meetings in different areas of the city. Saturday night was given to the Spanish areas; Tues-

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Students from Assemblies of God Bible colleges and a teacher from Wheaton College joined the Chicago Teen Challenge staff for the summer.



A service at the Teen Challenge Center in Chicago climaxed with an altar service. Grady Fannin, director, stands at right front.





# How a True Christian Regards the Jews

BY RICHARD W. BISHOP, PASTOR OF CALVARY TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO MODERN times there have been many instances of discrimination, persecution, and even atrocities committed against the Jews by so-called Christians or Christian nations. The question that concerns us here is: Have these acts been committed by *true* Christians? The answer is an emphatic No!

There is a radical difference between a true believer and one who is a Christian only in name or by profession. Jesus declared, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). He also said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). A real Christian manifests love for all men. He loves the Jewish people and prays for their welfare.

The true Christian regards the Jews with a *sense of gratitude*. We see this expressed in the writings of Paul, known earlier as Saul of Tarsus, who was both a Jew and a Christian. He writes: "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly because that unto them were committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:1, 2).

Christians are indebted to the Jews for both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures. We hold in high esteem such men as Moses, David, Isaiah, and the other Old Testament writers. We are also grateful for the inspired writings of Jewish men of God who have given us all the books of our New Testament. We feel that the Old Testament Scriptures would become more meaningful and significant to our Jewish friends if they would also read the New Testament.

Christians are aware that they have received not only the Holy Scriptures

from the Jewish people, but also their Saviour. Paul, writing of the Israelites, said, "...of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen" (Romans 9:5).

Christ descended from the seed of Abraham and the seed of David. He came not to be the Saviour or Messiah of the Gentiles only, but of the Jews also. The *Good News* of His redemptive work is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Christianity did not begin in Rome but in Jerusalem. It was dedicated Jews who brought the Christian message to the Gentiles and not the other way around. Historically as well as Biblically, Jews have every right to believe in Jesus Christ.

Then, too, a true Christian regards the Jews with a *sense of kinship*. Jews and Christians have much in common. Both acknowledge the same God. Both accept the Old Testament as the inspired Word of God. Both emphasize love for God and love for one's neighbor. The culture of both Jews and Christians has been influenced by these points of agreement in their spiritual heritage.

Both Jews and Christians expect the Messiah. Nowhere does the Old Testament teach that the Messiah was to be the deliverer of the Jews only. God chose Israel as the channel for the coming of the Messiah in order that they might thereby bring blessing

to all nations. God said to Abraham, "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). All nations are to call the Messiah blessed. (See Psalm 72:17.)

There is not to be one Messiah for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. Jesus is the true Messiah for both Jew and Gentile. Christians believe that He has already come once and has fulfilled such great Messianic passages as Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22, thereby making salvation from sin possible for all mankind. They also expect Him to come again, not to suffer this time, but to reign.

The works of Sholem Asch, the well-known Jewish writer, reflect his deep respect for Jesus of Nazareth. Though he regarded Him as the Messiah of the Gentiles, nevertheless he intimated that when Jesus comes again the Jews will then be able to accept Him as their Messiah too. This is in accord with the words of Jesus to the Jews, "...ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35). We look forward to that day when Jew and Gentile alike will acknowledge Jesus as Messiah.

Finally, the true Christian regards the Jews with a *sense of deep concern*. The desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved (Romans 10:1). This is the desire of every genuine believer. A Hebrew-Christian couple wrote to Shalom Center in Chicago saying, "How we often long and pray that more of our Jewish brethren according to the flesh will come to know personally their own revealed Messiah."

God is willing and ready now to save every Jew who will accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (or Gentile); for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:12, 13).

Jewish friend, why not call upon Him now and receive complete forgiveness and cleansing from sin? Christ will also give you fullness of joy, a peace that passes all understanding, and a hope beyond the grave.

Offerings for Home Missions (including Indian, Alaska, Deaf, Blind, Foreign-Language, Prison, and Jewish ministries) should be mailed to

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**HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
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(The foregoing article is available in tract form at a moderate cost. Orders for copies of the tract should be mailed directly to: Shalom Center, P. O. Box 5185, Chicago 80, Ill.)

# Missionary Christmas in Carlsbad

BY MRS. C. R. LOVE

WMC Sectional Representative,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

OUR WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL groups are beehives of activity during the fall months as they prepare Christmas gifts for home missionaries. In First Assembly we have several women's groups: the regular WMC, the young women's Auxiliary, the Senior Missionettes and the Junior Missionettes. Each group begins at the first of the year to plan its own missionary projects for the year. We have always packed our boxes for home missionaries the first of December and mailed them to our 13 mission stations in New Mexico.

Last year, as president of our local WMC, I felt that our whole church should have the privilege of seeing the beautiful gifts the ladies were sending. The Lord had impressed me with the Scripture, "The time of her harvest shall come" (Jeremiah 51:33), so I mentioned my idea for a Harvest Time gathering and they approved. We sent invitations to all the churches in the city and surrounding towns, and also invited several women from other denominations in the city to participate in the program.

At our service November 29 people

from every church in the city and other towns swelled our attendance to over 300. We hoped that other women would catch a vision of what they might do for home missionaries.

Our display included: 36 quilts (made from blue jeans, khakis, and new print scraps); stuffed toys (made from old nylon hose); piggy banks (made from plastic jugs); beautiful vases (made from plastic bottles); nearly a hundred pretty aprons; 46 pairs of pillow cases; much food; and baby clothing. We find use for many things people ordinarily throw away.

We opened our program with prayer and songs. Both Missionette groups sang special numbers. All the different groups had special speakers who gave reports of their work for the year. I then read a poem, "Harvest Time," which I felt the Lord had inspired me to write. After the service we served refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

This year our service was held here in the church November 21 and the display was even larger. We had more quilts and more cans of food. Dora Mayo of Odessa, Tex., secretary-treasurer of the West Texas District WMC, was our main speaker.

Since I am now WMC representative for this section of New Mexico, I invited all the other councils of the section to join us. The WMC Rally and the display have created a great interest in the town among the other denominational churches, as well as among our own churches in New Mexico and Texas.

Our WMC's realize that in providing for others who are in need we are serving the Lord. ◀◀

## PERSPECTIVE

### WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

BY R. L. BRANDT  
National Secretary of Home Missions

I ONCE WORKED FOR A FARMER WHO played the stock market. He was a shrewd investor and often made substantial profits.

The one thing in particular about this man that fastened itself upon my memory was his constant and avid interest in the stock market. He seemed to live for the moment when the daily paper arrived so he could observe the latest trends.

Now there is a close relationship between investment and interest. Usually where there is no investment there is little or no interest. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Let a man make an investment in some project and in all likelihood he will have a special interest in that project thereafter.

For this reason it is important that we provide opportunities for folk to invest in Home Missions. There may be interest before there is opportunity for investment, but unless there is opportunity for investment there will soon be little interest.

The potential for church extension is almost unlimited, from both the standpoint of the need of the field and the resources within our movement. But resources uninvested yield no dividends.

One of the great areas of need is support for pioneer pastors. There is danger that we allow the pioneer to do all the sacrificing while the rest of us enjoy the fat of the land. Why should an able, experienced man be expected to receive less if he is willing to pioneer than he would receive if he were pastoring an established church? In a movement's infancy this is necessary, but when a movement has potential which it fails to use, progress is impeded.

Paul taught, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Four churches giving \$100 each a month could support a pioneer quite well. Only 100 people giving \$4 each a month could do likewise.

Men are available. Folk are interested. Let's use our opportunity to invest. ◀◀



★  
Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Love of First Assembly in Carlsbad, N. Mex., are surrounded by gifts for home missionaries provided by WMC's and Missionettes of their church.  
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# REVIVALTIME SENDS GOSPEL WHERE OTHERS CANNOT GO



Chinatown in San Francisco has more than 20,000 inhabitants. This city within a city has its own festivals such as the one pictured here. The Chinese in America constitute one of the mission fields we often overlook. A gospel broadcast such as *Revivaltime* may be the only link with the gospel for many of these people.

MANY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE world will not hear the full-gospel message until it reaches them by radio.

In the seclusion of their own homes and the confines of their community they have little contact with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only as it comes to them by radio are they ever aware that there is such a Saviour. Many barriers prevent them from receiving the gospel any other way—racial barriers, remoteness from more traveled routes, and religious prejudices.

In its evangelistic outreach *Revivaltime* has touched the hearts of those who have not heard before. A listener from the Philippines writes, "Since listening to your radio broadcast, I and others have gained very much from it. We were led to Christ by way of the radio. Thanks for your heavenly advice."

From Colorado a listener writes that *Revivaltime* was recently released over the local station. She says, "We enjoy the anointed preaching and singing so much. It has been estimated that 85 per cent of our population here is Catholic. No doubt many will hear *Revivaltime* who will never come to our church."

At this time of year it is necessary to reassess the value of this radio ministry. It is easy to take *Revivaltime* for granted. It has been on the network ten years, but it has required much prayer and great sacrifice to sustain it. Many friends have given sacrificially to help us remain on the air. A woman wrote, "I am an 80-

year-old widow. I am not rich and never will be, this side of heaven. I am taking \$7 out of my burial fund of \$51 to send you." *How much does it mean to you that those who have never heard should have an opportunity to learn of Jesus Christ?*

Never has the challenge to reach the world with the gospel by radio been greater. God has called *Revivaltime* to use the "winds" to herald the full-gospel message to multiplied millions at home and abroad. But every "friend of *Revivaltime*" must continue to give faithfully if we are to maintain our outreach.

We must look ahead. Changes in network policy have upset our coverage pattern. Some persons who used to hear *Revivaltime* cannot hear it at present. We must blanket these areas again. Many opportunities for releases are open to us—but they are expensive. There is only one way to go and that is FORWARD. *We must build the Revivaltime network.* Jesus said it! "Occupy!"

A woman in New York City wrote, "Many times I have wanted to write and send in a love offering, but I just never got around to it. Now that you are off the air (WABC, New York) I realize that God's work needs the support of Christian people to carry it on. I am enclosing \$5 for the support of your ministry."

Your support is needed as we come to January. This is ordinarily a low month in giving, but this January can be different if every reader will re-

spond at this time. We ask you to prayerfully consider the singular evangelistic ministry of *Revivaltime* and its need for support. To build the *Revivaltime* network we must have the cooperation of each church and friend of *Revivaltime*. Please send your offerings to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801.

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(NOTE: Some readers have wondered why the zip code number for *Revivaltime* is different from that of the Assemblies of God headquarters offices. The reason is simply that *Revivaltime* uses a postal box number rather than a street address. It has always done this and continues to do so even though all the Assemblies of God headquarters offices including *Revivaltime* are in the same building at 1445 Boonville Avenue.)

## Listeners Receive the Holy Spirit

ALTHOUGH RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN home, Mrs. Myrtle Smith lived 50 years without any knowledge of Pentecost. During World War II, she attended an Assemblies of God church in Albany, Indiana. "I saw at once," she writes, "that these people had something I had not seen before."

Mrs. Smith's interest in the church grew. "The Lord spoke to me," she continued, "that if I did not have those people pray for my son, a patient in an Indiana hospital, that I

would not see him again." She began attending church regularly, was baptized, and joined the church in 1944.

When her son returned home, safe under God's protection, the church started praying for his salvation. Within a year, he was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely desiring a personal infilling of the Holy Spirit, Mrs. Smith wrote C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, asking him to agree with her in prayer for the need. Prayers were answered. On Sunday, January 27, 1963, the 75-year-old Mrs. Smith was "filled and sang in tongues." She says, "It was indeed wonderful. Praise God for His goodness to me."

Many in the broadcast audience have been introduced to the baptism of the Holy Spirit by *Revivaltime*. In all denominations now are people who enjoy this experience because they have been directed to believe that the baptism is for believers today.

Interest is sparked in the hearts of many hearers to believe in a literal interpretation of Acts 2:4. As a result many write *Revivaltime* requesting prayer and guidance in seeking this gift.

Testimonies like the following one from Newport News, Virginia, bring joy to the *Revivaltime* Prayer Partner Fellowship: "Last night the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit. I wrote you twice with requests for prayer and help. Like you said in the last letter you wrote me, all I had to do was completely yield to Jesus. When I did, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down and filled my heart and soul to overflowing."

There are teeming millions of individuals like Mrs. Smith who have lived many years but have never heard the full gospel. But, "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14). *Revivaltime* is doing everything possible to give them the "good news." Join in prayer that God will send a mighty Holy Ghost outpouring as a result of this radio evangelistic ministry. ◀◀

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I might go safely into the unknown." And he said to me: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better to you than a light, and safer than a known way."

## Delivered and Kept

HOW I THANK GOD THAT HE IS able and does deliver from tobacco. I *know*, for He delivered me from the habit. I was one of the worst addicts, but He saved my soul and set me free on February 19, 1922.

From that day to this I have not had any desire for tobacco, and I praise God for making me whole in body and soul.

I am past 81 years old, and although I have been paralyzed five times—the first time completely, on both sides from head to foot—I still walk from two to five miles several times a week.

I glory in the love and power of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.—J. F. Marvin, Ocean Springs, Miss.

(Endorsed by Pastor Frederick Guillot, First Assembly of God, Ocean Springs, Miss.)

## "Don't Beg! Believe!" God Whispered to This Southern Baptist Pastor

ROBERT A. LAWRENCE, OF WESTWOOD, California, is rejoicing in the reality of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a result of earnestly seeking after God.

"For three years I longed for a deeper walk with God," he writes. "On July 10, 1963, I received a letter from a very dear friend who had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This intensified my hunger to know God in a deeper way."

As he prayed, the Lord directed him to contact an Assemblies of God pastor, Donald J. Enders, who was then in Westwood (now at Rupert, Idaho). But this was not an easy thing to do.

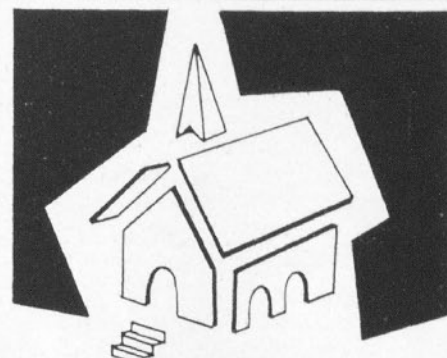
"Because of pride, I hesitated almost two weeks. But the hunger for God increased until I was willing. I was weeping as I telephoned Pastor Ender and talked to him of the great hunger God had created in my heart. After a season of prayer together with Pastor Enders, God restored the joy in my heart and I knew this thing was ordained of God."

For six days the two ministers met for a period of two hours daily to study the Scriptures. Pastor Lawrence says:

"In each study I felt the presence of God so rich and real. The hunger in my heart became so great that I could neither eat nor sleep.

"Early one morning I went up into my study and began to beg God to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Then the Lord spoke to me, saying, 'Don't beg! Believe!' So I began to trust God according to His Word. Two days later, on July 22, after a period of Bible study, the Lord gave me faith that He would fill me with His Spirit."

Pastor Enders laid hands on the head of the Baptist pastor, and what happened is described by Pastor Lawrence as follows: "The Holy Spirit began to move upon me in a way I had never experienced before. I began to resist Him, but then I was prostrated under the power of God. When I came to myself, I was speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. My hunger was satisfied, and my joy was full. I now feel the Holy Spirit with me continually."



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The convention was held in Evangel Pentecostal Church, Montreal.

# Pentecostal

## Representatives of 16 church bodies 16th Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

"THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH" furnished the theme of the 16th annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, held in Montreal, Canada, October 29-31. Delegates from places in the U.S. and Canada over 5,000 miles apart assembled in the city which has more French-speaking people than any other except Paris, for three days of prayer, worship, fellowship, and Spirit-anointed preaching.

In addition to the main sessions there were separate meetings for youth leaders, foreign mission officials, and women. Young people from 13 to 24 years attending a youth banquet were stirred by the message of Vic Gardner, Foursquare minister from Dover, Ohio. Some 300 women attended a Women's Auxiliary luncheon.

Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary is Mrs. Carl F. Isaac of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. One of the projects of the Auxiliary is to sponsor an annual day of prayer on the Friday preceding Pentecost Sunday under the general theme, "Perpetuating Pentecost Sunday Through Prayer."

Speaker at the Women's luncheon was Mrs. C. B. Smith (the former Beulah Argue) who is an instructor at the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, Canada. Her message, "Lost from the Steps of the Church," was a heart-searching appeal to Pentecostal women to recognize and accept responsibility in relation to the youth, especially the girls, of our churches.

Bishop J. A. Synan of Hopewell, Va., general superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, was elected chairman of the PFNA. He succeeds James A. Cross,



Pastor Robert M. Argue welcomed the guests to Canada's largest city.



A lively Youth Rally on Tuesday night featured a sermon by L. O. Stewart on "Witnessing to This Generation."



T. F. Zimmerman preached with great power on Wednesday night, on the subject, "Our Responsibility to the Present-Day Outpouring."



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# al Fellowship

## bodies meet in Montreal, Canada, for Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

former general overseer of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) and now the denomination's overseer for the state of Florida.

Brother Synan reported there are now 28 local chapters of the PFNA. Three were organized in the past year, including one in Alaska. Representatives of a number of chapters brought greetings at the convention.

Business transacted included reports from standing committees and commissions promoting Pentecostal cooperation, election of new officers, and selection of Springfield, Missouri, as site of the next convention to be held October 27-29, 1964.

A resolution was adopted calling for the placement of religious and other wholesome literature in all public libraries to counteract the U.S. Supreme Court ban against prayers and Bible reading in public schools.

Two new Pentecostal groups were accepted into membership in the PFNA which now represents a combined constituency of approximately two million members. Member groups include the Assemblies of God, Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), Church of God (Mountain Assembly), Congregational Holiness Church, Elim Missionary Assemblies, Free Gospel Church of North America, Free Will Baptist Churches of the Pentecostal Faith, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Italian Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Open Bible Standard Churches, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland, Pentecostal Church of Christ, Pentecostal Free-Will Baptist, and the Pentecostal Holiness Church.



Representatives of various Foreign Mission boards met during the convention. A panel discussion on indigenous church development was led by H. D. Mitzner, J. Philip Hogan, and R. A. Bombay.



The Women's Auxiliary committee sponsored a luncheon meeting at which Mrs. C. B. Smith (fourth from left) was the speaker.

The new officers of the PFNA, shown below with the Board of Administration, are in the front row. From left to right, they are: Tom Johnstone, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, secretary; Herbert Carter, Pentecostal Free-Will Baptists, second vice-chairman; J. A. Synan, Pentecostal Holiness Church, chairman; Howard P. Courtney, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, first vice-chairman; Terry Crews, Congregational Holiness Church, treasurer.



Columns of prayer ascended following Frank W. Smith's address on, "The Universal Call of the Holy Spirit," on Thursday night.







John Hurston and Bible students in Seoul, Korea, examine Sunday school material sent by BGMC.



A Sunday school class in Formosa studies the Word of God. How thankful they are for material supplied by the BGMC!



How eager these Formosan young men are to read! Having access to gospel literature is the means of salvation for many.



Lee Young Bok and Lee Hi Gook, Korean translators, prepare Sunday school material for printing. Translators fees are paid by BGMC.



Sunday school class at the Fiji First Assembly. Fiji is in the Far East, the area of emphasis for the 1964 BGMC Day offering.



Missionary Corabelle Luce of Pago Pago (American Samoa) prepares tract cases for distribution points.



Village children near Tpoh, Malaysia, hold attractive tracts which were translated and printed with BGMC funds.



Fijian children and the Lawrence Larson daughters eat a farewell feast. BGMC furnishes paper for printing the gospel in Fiji.

## BGMC Provides Gospel Literature Around the World

The smallest gift can be used in a big way to send the Word of God to the millions who now are learning to read. Communists are using the printed page as a weapon to win men to their ranks. Let us, in this day of literacy throughout the world, give God's Word to bring blessing and life. There are places now closed to our missionaries. We must see

to it that gospel literature is provided for distribution in these areas where only the printed message can penetrate. Each time the boys and girls bring their offerings in their little wooden barrels, we gain ground. We are nearer the day when we can say that literature of truth and salvation is flooding these lands.

# On the Alert for Sudden Changes

This article was written before the assassination of President Kennedy. It is peculiarly appropriate for this critical period in the history of our nation and of the world.

BY ZELMA ARGUE

LET US EVER BE PREPARED FOR SUDDEN CHANGES AND never be caught off guard! Let us ever be found with our loins girded, our shoes (so to speak) upon our feet, and our lamps trimmed and burning—undeceived by this world's charm and glitter!

If men of this world are fooled by its luxury and the cry of, "Peace, peace," let us recall there is no peace until He comes, whose right it is to reign!

Locally, the recent explosion in the Indianapolis Memorial Coliseum has a fresh message for us all. It was a thrilling and relaxing evening; the skaters had done brilliantly. Then at three minutes before closing time came the *unexpected*—the great explosion, hurling bodies and great slabs of concrete high into the air, killing scores, wounding others, and shocking the nation. Mink stoles lay scattered on the ice.

On a worldwide scale, the South Viet Nam overthrow proclaims the same: "Calamity comes SUDDENLY," and its damage is without remedy (see Proverbs 6:15). It is a warning to us all! Proverbs 29:1 repeats that destruction comes SUDDENLY and without warning.

Earthquakes come SUDDENLY (Acts 16:26). How well this is known to our generation. Whether in Agadir, Morocco, with its twenty thousand lives lost; or in Chile where it took so many lives, laid homes low, and started tidal waves that reached to Hawaiian and California coasts; or in Turkey with its recent disaster—all bear witness to Christ's prophecy foretelling "earthquakes in divers places."

Salvation also may come SUDDENLY, as it did to Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road. For "suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven!" Take heart, downcast soul winners!

The coming of the blessed Holy Spirit is sudden. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall SUDDENLY come to his temple." How often has this passage from Malachi 3:1 fortified my heart in helping some seeker for the Comforter. Suddenly, He comes!

Christ's second coming likewise will be sudden. Mark 13:36 admonishes us: "Lest coming SUDDENLY he find you sleeping." Two words, "watch" and "wait," apply. Note "WATCH ye therefore" (Mark 13:35) and "What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH" (Mark 13:37). Christ also said, "And ye yourselves like unto men that WAIT for their Lord, when he will return . . . they may open unto him immediately" (Luke 12:36).

Never let luxuries deceive us, but remember the many mink stoles that were scattered with the dismembered bodies upon the ice in Indianapolis. The explosion was under the section where the elite were sitting in special boxes, and this is in keeping with the words of Jesus, "Woe unto you that are rich" (Luke 6:24). Southern Californians cannot but recall that when the sudden flash fires came in the fabulous Bel-Air area about three winters ago, the homes that were utterly razed to the ground were the luxurious ones of Hollywood celebrities. In an instant their cherished treasures of a lifetime were obliterated.

So our earthly homes and our wardrobes should not demand an undue share of our attention at this vitally critical time, lest they entice us from our alertness. Jesus admonishes that at any second we may be summoned from them. He employed the strongest language to make this clear and warned that "in that day," if one is on the housetop, he must not come down "to take anything out of his house," or if he is in the field, he is not to "return back to take his clothes" (Matthew 24:17, 18).

Alertness! Readiness is most important! We know not what the next day or the next hour may bring!

Television audiences may be blinded by luxury, by offers of mink stoles, and other temporary baubles, but let us not be blinded or deceived—let us have our loins girded with God's truth and the gospel "shoes" upon our feet!

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end" (1 Peter 1:13). ◀◀◀



## New Power for the New Year

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threw 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3). When taken to the pinnacle of the temple with the suggestion that He cast himself down, Jesus had strength to say, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matthew 4:7; Deuteronomy 6:16). Satan's last suggestion was that Jesus bow down and worship him in return for all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus again responded with Scripture, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10; Deuteronomy 6:13).

While Jesus felt the pangs of hunger and suffered from pain as all men do, He had special strength for the time of testing. He derived this strength through prayer.

### HELP FOR THE CRISIS HOUR

People who usually ignore a regular, daily time of fellowship with God are the ones who suffer most in crisis times. Those who maintain a regular prayer schedule find the help they need for the crises of life. When Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, the help of the Lord was present. When the three Hebrew children were thrown into the fiery furnace, divine help was present. Even when men have been called to seal their testimonies with their lives, as Stephen did, God provided special help. Stephen was given such a sight of heaven that he prayed for the forgiveness of those who stoned him (Acts 7:54-60).

The unnamed Shunamite woman must have been a devout worshiper (2 Kings 4:8-37). Her concern was for the work of the Lord. One day a crisis developed. The son whom God had miraculously given her died. It would have been easy to panic, to become bitter, to indulge in self-pity. Instead, this woman, fortified by the many hours she had spent with God, rose for action. Instead of expressing doubt and fear, she expressed faith. Her immortal statement, "It is well," has become the affirmation of faith of many other praying people called to face the crisis of life.

The story behind the writing of the gospel song entitled, "It Is Well," illustrates the special help we all may enjoy in the crisis hour. A Chicago attorney by the name of H. G. Spafford had sent his family to England for a vacation. Because of many pressing responsibilities he could not sail with them. During the voyage, the ship on which Mrs. Spafford and the four daughters were sailing collided with another ship. On deck, Mrs. Spafford knelt in prayer with the children asking that God save them if it was possible, and that all be made ready to die if that was His will. In a short time the ship sank. The children were lost, but a sailor rowing over the area found Mrs. Spafford who was sent on to Europe in another ship. When Mr. Spafford heard the tragedy he hurried to join his wife. There was no bitterness in the hearts of these devout people. Instead, Mr. Spafford wrote the beloved hymn entitled, "It Is Well." Regular fellowship with God provided help for this crisis. He was able to say, "Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well; it is well with my soul.'"

### INSIGHT CONCERNING THE PROPHETIC HOUR

As a result of Daniel's meditation he was given a special insight concerning the prophetic hour in which he lived. Others could have known that it was time for the return of Israel from captivity, for it was contained in the writings of Jeremiah (Daniel 9:2). But this insight was given only to the man who prayed as "he did aforetime."

People who maintain a vital relationship with God always seem to have a special awareness of what God is doing. When Jesus was taken to the temple by His parents to fulfill the rites of the law, there were many people present. Only two, however, seemed to be aware of the significance of the infant child. As Simeon took Jesus in his arms he said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:29, 30). Anna the prophetess also recognized the tremendous import of the Baby in Mary's arms (Luke 2:36-38).

The world is once again face to face with epochal events. To many people world conditions simply represent an unfortunate trend. The child of God who maintains a regular schedule of fellowship with God, however, recognizes the similarity between the prophetic words of Scripture and current world events. As the Holy Spirit whispered to Simeon and Anna that theirs was a momentous day, so devout believers are made aware of the fact that we must be living in the moments preceding the coming of the Lord.

Some know about God's prophetic program in an intellectual way. Those who maintain a regular prayer schedule know about it in a vital way. They faithfully serve the Lord, while they longingly anticipate His return.

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The daily time of fellowship with God will result in a relationship which provides poise for every situation in life. People come to know Christ intimately and find their lives revolutionized.

The story is told of a young businessman who had given his heart to Christ. Each day he stopped by the church during his lunch hour for just a moment or two. The pastor noticed that Jim came to the church, knelt at the altar, and almost immediately got up and went out again. One day the pastor asked the new convert what he did when he came into the church.

"Why, I pray," responded the convert.

"But you can't pray in such a short time as that," the pastor responded.

"Well, you see," said Jim, "I don't have a lot of time at noon so I just come in and say, 'Jesus, it's Jim.' He knows all about me so that's all I need to say."

"Thanks," said the pastor. "You have taught me a great lesson."

In time Jim became ill. When it was known that he could not recover, the pastor asked, "Jim, do you know?"

"Yes," replied Jim.

"Are you afraid?" the pastor asked.

"No," said Jim. "Just last night it seemed that the Lord stood by my bed and said, 'Jim, it's Jesus.' I know all about Him and that is all He had to say."

A vital devotional life brings believers into such a real relationship with Christ that He becomes adequate for every vicissitude of life. ◀◀

# TOGO-DAHOMY

ASSEMBLIES FLOURISH IN BOTH OF THESE NATIONS

TOGO AND DAHOMEY, TWO NEWLY INDEPENDENT nations in West Africa, occupy a narrow strip of land between Ghana and Nigeria. Neighboring countries to the north are Upper Volta and Niger. To the south is the Gulf of Guinea.

Togo and Dahomey have a combined area of 65,000 square miles and an estimated population of 3,500,000.

The natural resources are mostly agricultural. Palm kernels, cocoa, peanuts, and copra constitute nine-tenths of the total exports. Fruits and vegetables are raised for home consumption. A large fishing industry has developed in the lagoons. Although these two republics have not shared the economic advance of neighboring countries, progress is indicated since their independence.

Early European contacts were made primarily to obtain slaves for the plantations in the New World. German occupation of Togo began in 1884 and continued until World War I when Togo came under a League of Nations mandate. In 1946 the country was placed under a United Nations trusteeship.

Independence for the Togolese was achieved on April 27, 1960. Lomé, a city of 110,000, is the capital and busy seaport.

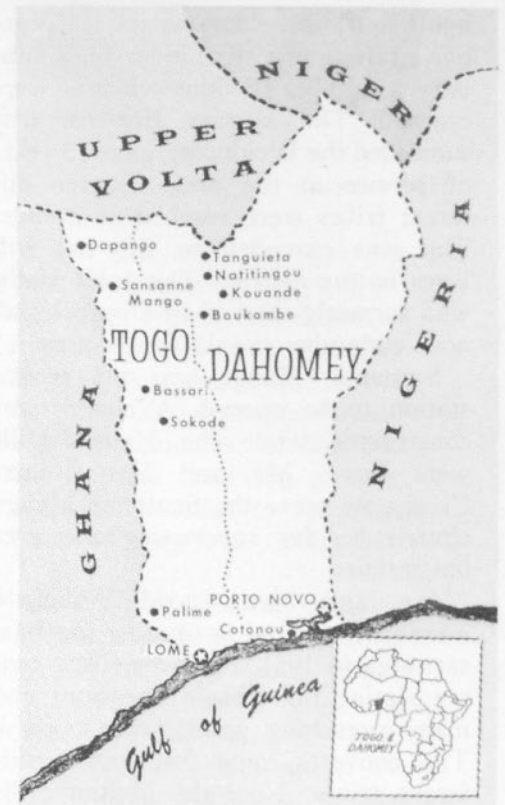
Dahomey, formerly an independent Negro kingdom, was for the past century a French colony. On August 1, 1960, Dahomey gained its independence. The capital, Porto Nova, is a city of 32,000. Cotonou, the largest city, has a population of 85,000.

More than 40 tribes live in the two republics. While many tongues are spoken, French is the language of commerce, government, and schools.

The peoples of Togo and Dahomey are extremely superstitious and have a deep belief in spirits and fetishes. Sacred groves are found everywhere. Witch doctors are the spiritual leaders of the people.

Islam is strongly entrenched in the north, propagated by enterprising Arab traders. The Roman Catholic Church is ever alert to gaining adherents. Its emphasis on education makes a strong appeal to the awakened African mind.

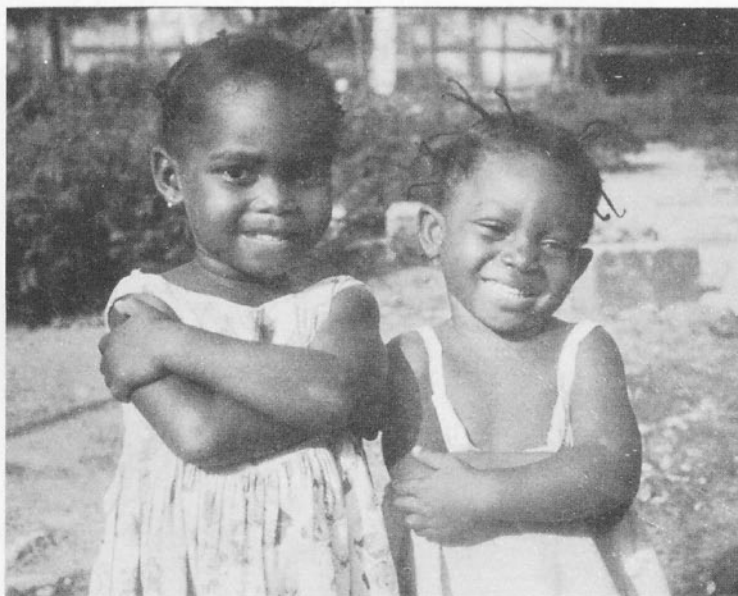
Protestant missionary activities were begun by the North German Mission along the coast of Togo in 1847.



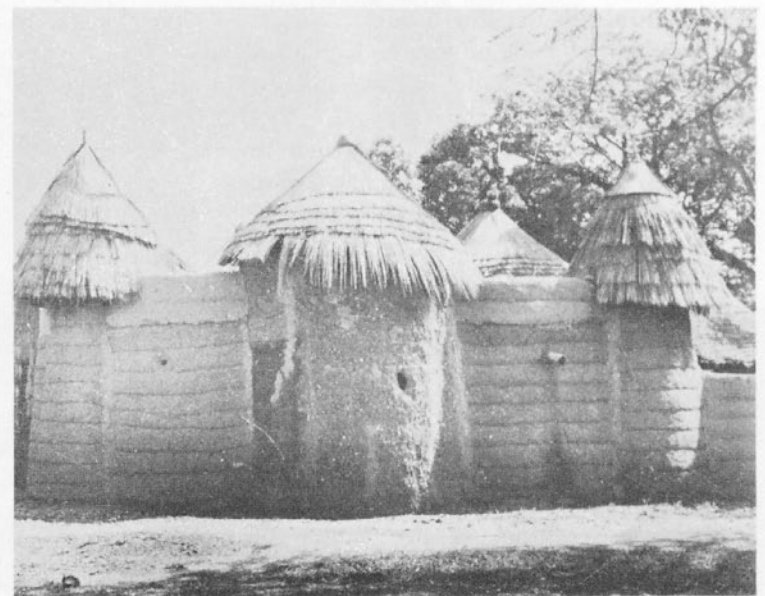
Some time later the Methodist Missionary Society and the Paris Evangelical Mission sent missionaries. The Assemblies of God was the first Protestant organization to undertake work in the neglected northern sections of the two republics. Since this pioneer move, other missions have entered.

Our first contacts were projections of our work in Upper Volta. Two African evangelists are credited with bringing the gospel to northern Togo in 1936. When a church was established in Dapango, the Paul Weid-

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Togolese children smile happily.



A Somba Tribal dwelling in Dahomey.



mans, our first missionaries to Togo, moved there in 1940. Under their ministry a number of other villages were reached. The Murray Browns, who succeeded the Weidmans, gave 13 years of service to the area. Twelve different tribes were reached as evangelism was extended to fifty-two villages in the district. The John Halls, who formerly worked in Upper Volta, now supervise the Dapango area.

Sansanne Mango was the second station to be opened. A church was constructed while the Melton Hills were there. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creel now serve the Sansanne Mango church besides supervising the area outstations.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wakefield were instrumental in opening the Bassari area in 1951. An evangelistic center seating 600 people was built and many preaching points were opened. The converts came from seven different tribes. Now the Melton Hills are stationed in Bassari.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turner pioneered in Sokode. Services were held on their verandah before a suitable building was rented and remodeled for the growing congregation. Togo's Day of Independence was also dedication day for the new church. The building later was purchased and a score of outstations were opened. The Bennie Tiptons now serve there.

When the government invited the Assemblies of God to enter southern Togo, the capital city of Lomé was chosen as the logical site for the first church. The David Wakefields were assigned the task. When they later transferred to Dakar, Senegal, to open an evangelistic center there, Mr. and Mrs. William Lovick were given the responsibility of the Lomé project. Through the help of Global Conquest funds an evangelistic center will be built in this strategic capital.

A new work has been launched in Palimé, another city in southern Togo, by the Murray Browns. They report: "We live over a mile from the center of town but that does not deter people from walking or riding their bicycles to our home to ask about 'this way.' Like the apostle Paul we receive all that come to us, 'preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence.' We just rented a building in the center of town for a revival center. Palimé presents a great challenge to us."

Our work in Dahomey was spearheaded by the Arthur E. Wilsons in 1945. They located in Natitingou, a government center. After a couple of years Mr. Wilson reported: "These wild, primitive people, so unfriendly at first, now beg us to come to their villages." The Wilsons were alone until 1948 when the Charles Petroskeys joined them. The year 1950 saw further advance as the Charles Greenaways located in Tanguieta. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz followed the Greenaways and built a church there. The James Chaney's tell of God's continued blessing on the Tanguieta church, "We have carried the gospel to 58 villages. Of these, 15 heard the gospel for the very first time."

In 1950 the Petroskeys moved to Kouande, a difficult place of labor for it was predominately Moslem. There they were able to build a church and open 24 preaching points.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schultz were given the task of establishing a church in Boukombe in the heart of the Somba tribe. The people were responsive to the gospel and the Millard Pipkins, who followed the Schultzes, reported, "These primitive people pack the church at each service."

Early in 1961, the Eugene Bascues, also from Upper Volta, went to Cotonou, a rapidly growing seaport in Dahomey. A centrally located building was rented for services. The city and surrounding villages responded to the preaching of the gospel and many people accepted Christ. To conserve the results of revival an evangelistic center is being erected. One thousand indigenous Pentecostal believers from the Cotonou area were recently received into Assemblies of God fel-

lowship. When the Bascues returned to the States on furlough, the Wayne Turners transferred to Cotonou.

The Bible school which was opened in Natitingou by the Petroskeys in 1949 with five students enrolled, currently has 35 students, representing 19 different tribes—all preparing for Christian service. A three-year course of study is provided. Classes are taught in French. The school is directed by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz. Helene Iselin, from Switzerland, has been on the teaching staff since the school's inception.

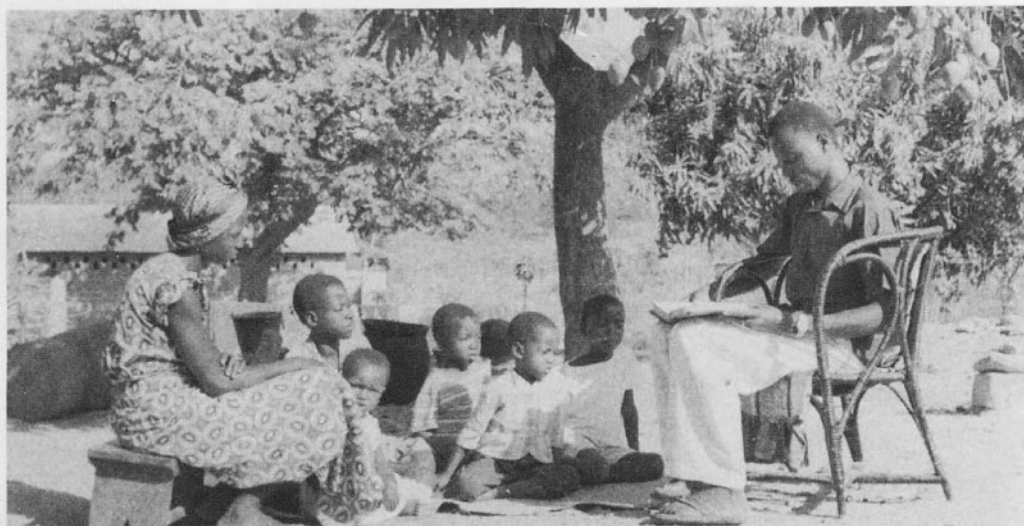
Graduates of the school are courageous and faithful workers who make a valuable contribution to our work in the two republics. One young man, who was in line for the chieftainship in his tribe, accepted Christ and entered Bible school. Upon graduation he first pastored a bush village church and now pastors the church in Tanguieta.

The Assemblies of God of Togo and Dahomey has extended its work until it includes seventy-four national workers, thirty-three organized churches, and 154 preaching points. This is the fruit of spiritual revival. John Hall currently serves as field chairman.

Our missionaries have not been alone in the task of evangelism. Hardships and joys have been shared by faithful African workers.

National and political currents are hastening the day when the African alone must evangelize his people. Our Bible schools are preparing him for the task. Training leaders for indigenous churches characterizes today's relationship between missionaries and national workers.

—Christine Carmichael



A faculty member at Natitingou Bible School conducts family devotions under the trees.

# Simeon and Anna Testify

Sunday School Lesson for January 5, 1964

LUKE 2:25-38

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our lesson illustrates the truth that a glorious revelation of Christ is granted to very ordinary people provided they walk with God and keep open to the leading of His Spirit.

**SIMEON'S CHARACTER** (v. 25). Simeon was "just" in relation to his fellowman. He was upright, good, kind, merciful, generous, and benevolent. In relation to God he was "devout"; that is, he lived in the consciousness of God's presence, loving Him, and thinking and acting to please Him. He was "waiting for the consolation of Israel," which means that he was one of those godly Jews who believed and looked for the coming of the Messiah.

**SIMEON'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.** He was:

(1) *Spirit-anointed*—"the Holy Ghost was upon him."

(2) *Spirit-taught*—"And it was revealed unto him . . . that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." We cannot disassociate Simeon's Spirit-anointed life from his Spirit-inspired revelation. The former was prerequisite to the latter. The truly Pentecostal life lived in the realm of divine revelation calls for a truly Pentecostal consecration.

(3) *Spirit-led*—"And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and . . . the parents brought in the child Jesus." Not by chance did Simeon enter the temple at this particular time! Unless he had received divine guidance he would have missed his great opportunity. And unless he had been living in sensitive relationship with the Lord he would have missed that guidance. Said Spurgeon: "We must submit ourselves to the divine teaching and drawing, or Christ may come to His temple, and we shall not perceive Him."

(4) *Spirit-inspired*—"And when the parents brought in the child Jesus . . . then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God." As he held the infant Christ in his arms, from the lips of Simeon there poured forth a stream of prophetic song. Given by the Spirit, it concerned the future life and ministry of Jesus—a prophecy far beyond the grasp of his own mind!

**SIMEON'S PRAYER.** "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Simeon knew by the Spirit that the Babe he held in his arms was the promised Messiah. His cherished ambition fulfilled, Simeon was ready to die in peace. This teaches: (1) Our last days should be our best days. (2) Death holds no terror for those who have seen Christ. (3) Those who have served God most faithfully in life can look forward with keenest anticipation to the life beyond. (4) Not until a man has seen Christ is he ready to die, nor can he die in peace.

**SIMEON'S REVELATION** (vv. 32-35). Simeon's revelation of Christ is most amazing in that he saw what even Christ's own disciples did not fully see until some

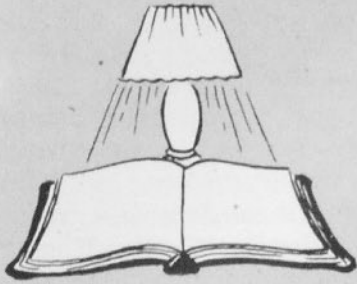
time after His ascension: that He came to save the Gentiles as well as the Jews! Christ would adapt Himself to the needs of both. To the former, enveloped as they were in spiritual darkness, He would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles." To the Jews, abased and down-trodden, He would be "the glory of thy people Israel." The greatest honor to the Jewish nation is the fact that the Messiah was born among them; and the greatest tragedy of their history is that they failed to recognize Him and "crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:8).

Simeon foretold what Christ would be to different people: (1) *A Stumbling Stone*. "Behold, this child is set for the fall . . . of many in Israel." The proud Jewish religious leaders stumbled at Christ's humble origin, at His love for sinners, at His opposition to their traditions. They continued to stumble at the message of the Cross (1 Corinthians 1:23). Then the judgment of God fell, and Jerusalem was destroyed. Likewise, men who for various reasons reject the gospel today are doomed to a terrible fall (see Mark 16:16). (2) *A Stepping Stone*. The same Christ who is set for the fall of many, is also set for the "rising up again of many." Those who believe on Him find that He lifts them from the miry clay of sin to solid rock; from the depths of hopelessness and despair to glory and faith; and from earth to heaven! ◀◀

## THE PAIN WAS NOT HIS ALONE







## When I Read the Bible Through

I supposed I knew my Bible,  
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,  
Now a bit of John or Matthew,  
Now a snatch of Genesis,  
Certain chapters of Isaiah,  
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third!)  
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs—  
Yes I thought I knew the Word!  
But I found that thorough reading  
Was a different thing to do,  
And the way was unfamiliar  
When I read the Bible through.

O the massive, mighty volume!  
O the treasures manifold!  
O the beauty and the wisdom  
And the grace it proved to hold!  
As the story of the Hebrews  
Swept in majesty along.  
As it leaped in waves prophetic,  
As it burst to sacred song,  
As it gleamed with Christly omens,  
The Old Testament was new.  
Strong with cumulative power,  
When I read the Bible through.

Ah, imperial Jeremiah,  
With his keen coruscant mind,  
And the blunt old Nehemiah,  
And Ezekiel refined!  
Newly came the minor Prophets,  
Each with his distinctive robe  
Newly came the Song Idyllic,  
And the tragedy of Job;  
Deuteronomy the Regal  
To a towering mountain grew,  
With the comrade peaks around it,  
When I read the Bible through.

What a radiant procession  
As the pages rise and fall:  
James the sturdy, John the tender,  
O the myriad-minded Paul!  
Vast apocalyptic glories  
Wheel and thunder, flash and flame,  
While the Church triumphant raises  
One incomparable Name.  
Ah, the story of the Saviour  
Never glows supremely true  
Till you read it whole and swiftly,  
Till you read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible—  
Dip and dabble, here and there,  
Just before you kneel aweary,  
And yawn through a hurried prayer;  
You who treat the crown of writings  
As you treat no other book—  
Just a paragraph disjointed,  
Just a crude, impatient look—  
Try a worthier procedure,  
Try a broad and steady view;  
You will kneel in very rapture  
When you read the Bible through.  
—Amos R. Wells



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# Mother Pours the Cement

BY ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

MY SON'S BRIGHT BLUE EYES LOOKED blank. "Name some children from the Bible?" he said solemnly. "I don't know any."

"Sure you do!"

"Well," he thought harder. "David!"

"More," I coaxed.

He rubbed his blond hair and thought. "I don't know any more."

I was disturbed. I knew he could easily have named a dozen television personalities. All seven years of his life he had attended Sunday school and church regularly. Often we told him Bible stories or helped him study his Sunday school lesson at home.

But teaching my children about God and His Word at home had never seemed a compelling need. When I found my son was not retaining much of what he was taught at church, my

attitude changed. I realized that an hour on Sunday was not enough. He needed spiritual truths kept near his heart every day.

I began to wonder what would happen to my children if all the Bibles were destroyed. Would they have enough of God's Word sealed in their hearts to lead them to heaven? If persecution became severe, would they be willing to suffer and even die for their faith if necessary?

God grant that these things shall never happen. But these are days when atheism is becoming more apparent. The theory of evolution is being regarded as fact by many, and lawlessness abounds. To offset these prevailing trends, Christian parents should give their children training that will establish their belief in God.

Mothers can pour the cement into

a child's spiritual foundation by teaching him the things of God in his early life. The Roman Catholics say that if they can have a child for the first few years of his life he will always be a Catholic. They do not underestimate the importance of a child's early training, and neither should we.

One young mother of my acquaintance has trained her children so thoroughly that even her three-year-old son can quote Scripture emphasizing doctrine, and give the references. For these children family worship is the highlight of each day. Bible story-books with pictures help hold their attention.

The mother asks questions on the stories to help them get more of the significant facts. Each night the children work on their Bible verses. She started with basic things, such as the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer. Every night they review some of the verses they have already learned.

Timothy, Paul's companion and assistant, was given religious training from his childhood by his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois. Paul commended the unfeigned faith of Timothy's mother and grandmother, and also Timothy's own faith which was based on his early training. "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Children without a firm foundation may seem for a time to be no different from those who have. The difference usually shows up in the teen years. Alfred L. Murray, in *Psychology for Christian Teachers*, states that 70 per cent of boys and girls raised in Sunday school forsake the church in their teen years, most of them never to return. It could be that their foundations do not contain enough of the cement of the Word of God, because their parents fail to teach them.

A teen-ager who had been reared in Sunday school and church became a slave to smoking, drinking, and even marijuana. He was finally involved with the law. But his Sunday school teacher never gave up hope for his salvation, and prayed for and witnessed to him faithfully.

In her work with the boy, the teacher learned he had spent his time in Sunday school daydreaming, paying little or no attention to what was be-

ing taught, and he had not been taught God's Word at home either.

When the teacher quoted something from Scripture that particularly interested him, he would say, "Does the Bible say that? Why, I didn't know that!" The boy stumbled along like a blind man, seeking to find God and deliverance, but it was difficult because there was no "concrete" of the Word of God in his background on which to build.

Spiritual training in the home is the cement which stabilized many great men of God. Let Christian mothers consider the rewards which a few minutes a day of teaching God's Word can bring both to them and to their children. Let them not underestimate the tragedies that take place in the lives of children who have not had a firm foundation in the Word of God.

A child's religious life and training in the home will mean the difference between satisfaction and regret on the part of the parents, once the time of training is over. The precious moments when the young boy or girl can be molded will soon be past. Only what we teach in the child's early years will remain as a foundation on which he can build his life. ◀◀

## Saved from Death

A gentleman traveling in Norway went to see the church in a certain town. Looking up at its tower he was surprised to see the carved figure of a lamb near the top. He inquired why it was placed in that position, and he was told that when the church was being built a workman fell from the high scaffold. His fellow workmen saw him fall, and rushed down, horror-stricken, expecting to find him killed, but to their surprise and joy he was almost unhurt. A flock of sheep was passing at the time of his fall, and he fell upon the crowded flock, and right upon the top of a lamb. The lamb was crushed to death, but the man was saved. So they carved a lamb on the tower, at the exact height from which he fell, to commemorate the miraculous escape.

Your fall to certain eternal death was averted at Calvary when the Lord Jesus Christ interposed Himself between you and the wrath of a just and righteous God. The Lamb of God was crushed for your sins. The punishment which was your due He bore Himself. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29).

—Redemption Tidings



## LEADING THEIR DISTRICTS

TOP CHURCHES IN SPEED-THE-LIGHT GIVING



JANUARY 1—OCTOBER 31, 1963

ALA—Crichton A/G .....	\$ 543.78
APP—1st A/G, St. Albans, W. Va. ....	51.97
ARIZ—1st A/G, Phoenix .....	1,430.00
ARK—1st A/G, El Dorado .....	718.50
EAST—Pentecostal, Bristol, Pa. ....	501.70
GA—1st A/G, Griffin .....	192.00
ILL—Stone Church, Chicago .....	403.28
IND—A/G, Lafayette .....	187.00
KANS—A/G, Morland .....	686.00
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## A Meditation for Christians

# CONFORMED or TRANSFORMED?

Transformation may be painful. It is easier to conform. It is more comfortable to blend with the world and to surround ourselves with those who condone our weaknesses; but what does God say about it?

BY HARRIET P. WILSON

SALVATION IS A TRANSLATION. GOD "hath translated us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). This places us in a unique position: we are sons of God, yet we live in a world ruled by "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

A desire to conform to our surroundings is a very natural one. It begins early in life, this adhering to the standards around us. To make matters more complicated, we live in a constantly changing world, and we cannot remain static. Each new year brings more changes. Now that another new year is about to dawn we again face the problem of conformity, the question of when it is right to conform and when it is wrong.

Are the changing standards of the world a sufficient guide? No. God's laws, clearly set down in His Word, are higher and purer than the best man's mind can produce. They do not change.

It is God's plan that we "be not conformed to this world," but be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1). This "mind" is not only memory, opinion, or the ability to reason. This mind is one with the heart, the seat of affection, and, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). If God rules this mind it will be renewed. Every thought is brought into captivity to Christ. Then transformation begins. The work is not completed in a moment. It will only be effected on a spiritual battleground where we "prove what is that good, and accept-

able, and perfect will of God," not just His permissive will.

The acceptable will of God is not acceptable to the world, for "the friendship of the world is enmity with God," and, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, ... therefore the world hateth you."

Resist conformity with the world. Begin to be transformed by surrendering to God's will. Surrender is submission and submission is costly. It took Christ to the cross. Submission to God is at cross purposes with conformity to the world. Yet this submission to His will is the beginning of transformation.

Transformation proves His perfect will for us, because part of the process is waiting on God and reading His Word. Just as in the tabernacle worship the laver reflected the washer's

defilement until he cleansed himself, so we receive "the washing of water by the Word" (Ephesians 5:26).

The Word of God is the searchlight of divine omniscience turned upon the heart. It is hard to rationalize sin in that divine light. A woman once testified, "When I began to seek God, no one told me what was wrong; I knew." So it will be with all who seek Him with a whole heart.

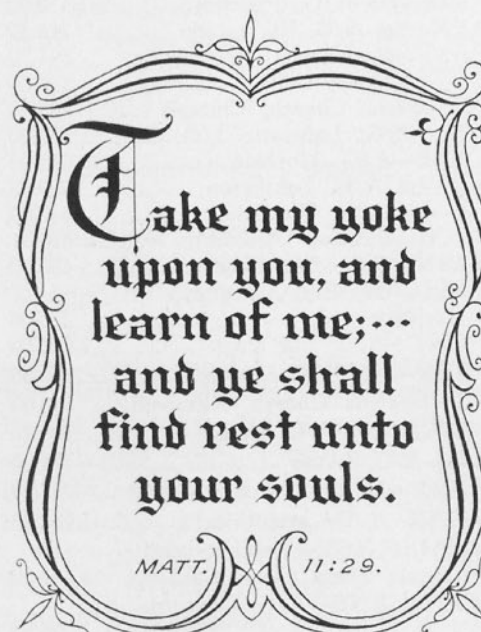
There is no easy road to transformation. It is far easier to conform. It is easier to blend with the world around us, to acquiesce, to offer no protest. To stand for what God's Word teaches will take courage and conviction.

So often it is said, "We need men with convictions!" But do we want such men? Do we want transformed men around us, or are we more comfortable with people who demand less? Do we prefer people who condone our weaknesses?

If there is no transformation, conformity is the only alternative. Conformity in thought, in word, and in deed will be the pattern of our lives until the present world and not Christ will rule in our hearts and dictate our actions.

Jesus could say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). Oh, that at the beginning of this new year we all might cry with Bishop Spencer:

*More and more like Him, repeat  
the blest story,  
Over and over again,  
Changed by His Spirit from glory  
to glory,  
I shall be satisfied then.*



## Church Member Finds Surgery Unnecessary After Special Prayer

IN MAY 1963 MY BLOOD PRESSURE was 230/120, and our family physician warned of the possibility of a fatal stroke. Our pastor, Wilson Shabaz, visited and prayed with me and my blood pressure dropped 50 points. However, less than three weeks later blood clots formed in my leg and I was hospitalized for seven days.

The head surgeon in the hospital stated that I must have surgery as soon as the swelling subsided. I was sent home for two weeks. An examination was set for July 17. On July

16, my pastor came to assure me that the church had just had special prayer for me that morning, and that the Lord would meet my need.

The following morning, after the doctor examined me, he said he would not need to operate. "Your leg is just fine," he said.

I know without a doubt that my precious Lord heard the many prayers of Brother Shabaz and the church who interceded in my behalf. As I write this, I am doing my fall canning and all my regular housework. There has been no recurrence of any ache or pain because my Jesus has so wonderfully and completely healed me.—Mrs. Hattie Chipp, Seelyville, Indiana.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Wilson Shabaz, Chamberlain's Chapel Assembly of God, Terre Haute, Indiana.)*

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Harriet	A/G	Dec. 29—	Tommy & Mrs. Carpenter	Harold R. Carpenter
Calif.	Beaumont	A/G	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	Tommy & Mrs. Beard	A. K. Moore
	Pasadena	Trinity	Jan. 5-19	Ernest Rogers	Harley M. Smith
Fla.	Tallahassee	Oak City	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	Michael & Peggy Lord	Clayton Wilkinson
Ind.	Tipton	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Harry V. Vibbert	E. H. Miller
Kans.	Garden City	A/G	Jan. 5-19	Norman & Evelyn Hays	J. J. Krimmer
	Hutchinson	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Russell Rexroat
Md.	Baltimore	Eastern	Dec. 31—	Anthony Giordano	George Raduano
	Midlothian	Trinity	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	John Higginbotham	Rufus Richendrfier
Mich.	Detroit	Brightmoor Tab.	Dec. 29—	Neil Eskelin	Bond P. Bowman
Minn.	Sherburn	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Jerry & Joy Spain	Melvin Hanson
Mo.	Bourbon	First	Dec. 29—	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	Bill Popejoy
	Essex	Bird's Corner	Jan. 1-19	Maxine Willis	William Sowells
Mont.	Sidney	A/G	Jan. 1-13	Dave Tonn	Dean Rohner
Nebr.	Hastings	A/G	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	C. M. Smitley	H. W. Lebsack
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Airport	Dec. 30—	Al Davis	J. C. Bybee
Tenn.	Soddy	Community Chapel	Jan. 5-19	Doyle (Gene) Burgess	B. R. Moore
Tex.	Tyler	Rose Center	Dec. 26-Jan. 12	Eddie Wilson	D. D. Lewis
India	Poona District	*A/G	Jan. 5—	Quentin Edwards	Jim Anderson, Miss.

\* Open-Air Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Evangelism Department 30 days in advance.

### DEDICATION

DEDICATION of new educational building of First Assembly of God in Duncan, Okla., Jan. 19. R. E. Goggin, district superintendent, guest speaker. Evangelistic meeting with Woods Family, Borger, Tex., Jan. 19-Feb. 2.—*M. F. Hankins, pastor.*

### WITH CHRIST

CECIL S. TUBBY, 70, of Stevensville, Ont., Canada, went to be with Christ November 3. Brother Tubby was well known as an evangelist. He was affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and had many friends in the U.S. Death came in his sleep following fourteen months of illness. Ordained 50 years ago, C. S. Tubby was a pastor for some time, first in

South Lima, N. Y., and also in Elizabeth, N. J., as well as being an instructor at Bethel Bible Institute in Newark, N. J. He entered the evangelistic ministry in 1926. Survivors include his wife Evangeline and five children.

WILLIAM MUELLER, 60, of Parma Heights, Ohio, died on his knees October 24 during the altar service after preaching a sermon. Ordained in 1940 with the German Branch of the Assemblies of God, he served as an evangelist from that time until 1955. He was the associate pastor serving with C. W. Loenser, superintendent of the German Branch, at the Immanuel Pentecostal Church in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Erna and a son William Wilbert.

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# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Mexico

### Seminar Held in Monterrey

September 9-13 were days of enthusiasm in the beautiful old city of Monterrey, Mexico. The five Assemblies of God Bible institutes in Mexico united in a seminar aimed at accelerating the pace of educating the church for its ministry in Mexico.

The 72 students who enrolled in the seminar included the national executive presbytery, the faculties of the five Bible schools, prospective teachers, and teachers from other denominations. This was one of the best attended of the institute seminars recently held in Latin America.

Director of the seminar was Guillermo Fuentes, who very capably serves as superintendent of the Mexican Assemblies of God (293 churches). He reports that the seminar made a significant contribution in several areas:

1. The faculty made up of Melvin Hodges, Louise Walker, Loren Triplett, Juan Orozco, Josué Barrueta, and Andrés Sanchez contributed experienced teaching in training of local workers.
2. The seminar afforded a singular opportunity for executives and faculties to study carefully the problems of our theological institutions.
3. The marvelous spirit of harmony and fraternity among all gave

opportunity to strengthen our relationships and mutual understandings.

There was a unanimous petition that as early as possible another such seminar be held.

Superintendent Guillermo Fuentes was elected to represent the Republic of Mexico on a recently formed Bible institute committee for Latin America.

The success of the Mexican seminar was the fruit of many months of careful and arduous planning, writing, and traveling by Louise Walker, coordinator for Bible institutes for Latin America. Her God-given vision for training the national churches through our institutes and their varied ministries is leaving an indelible impression upon the Assemblies of God in Latin America.

—Loren Triplett

## Ghana

### Students Filled with the Spirit

Five were filled with the Holy Spirit during a two-week revival campaign at the Bible school. One of our national presbyters, Pastor Bewinin, preached the first week and Missionary Robert Cobb preached the second week.

These are busy days in preparations for graduation. Following that, the school will entertain the Northern Ghana ministers institute and then will have a one-

week WMC retreat for pastors' wives and officers of local WMC groups. —Franklin McCorkle

## Liberia

### Patients Get Symptom-Free Certificates

There was great rejoicing at New Hope Town on September 8 when 32 leprosy patients received their symptom-free certificates. The majority testified to being saved in New Hope Town and a large percentage have also received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Some have learned to read; others have learned a trade.

—New Hope Town Missionaries

## Malaya

### 125 Baptized in Water at Singapore

On September 1, more than 125 followed the Lord in water baptism at Marine Parade, Singapore. Forty converts were baptized from Calvary Assembly, and twelve from Bethel Assembly (both churches are pastored by Missionary Fred Seaward), and 67 were baptized from Faith Assembly (which I am pastoring while Missionary Stevens Nolin is on furlough). Seven more were baptized from Revival Center Church, an independent Pentecostal work.

Brother Seaward and deacons from the three Assemblies officiated. Hundreds of people watched from the shore as the

long line of candidates made their way toward symbolic burial with Christ. Prayer and lively singing were offered as one by one the candidates rose from the water to walk in newness of life.

Many of these people were saved at Madame Kong's revival meetings in Singapore during June and July. Revival fires are still burning and many young people are accepting Christ as their personal Saviour.

Some are being persecuted by their Buddhist parents. The girls find it especially difficult to stand for Christ; as does the eldest son in each family, since he is expected to carry on the traditions of idol worship.

In spite of these obstacles, this is a day of new things in Singapore. God is doing a mighty work among the youth who are, in turn, winning many souls to Christ.

—Edna Devin

## Malaya

### 200 at Youth Camp

We have just returned home from our annual youth camp. This year the camp was held in Penang. Over 200 attended including 23 from Grace Assembly. Evangelist and Mrs. Loren Cunningham were a great blessing to our youth.

It was reported that one night, while the young campers were seeking the Holy Spirit, an Indian boy spoke in Chinese and a Chinese boy spoke in Portuguese as the Spirit gave them utterance. It was a wonderful sight to behold the platform filled with young people seeking God for the Baptism.

—David Nyien

## Hong Kong

### School Is Blessed

Ecclesia Bible Institute, Hong Kong, opened this year's school term under the blessing of the Lord. There were special services with Spirit-filled Baptist evangelists, Brother and Sister Hong Sit, from Houston, Tex. Throughout the year other ministers both local and from abroad assisted in keeping the spiritual tone of the school high.

An event that sobered the student body and faculty was the Homegoing of a third-year student. As he neared the moment of departure he requested three times that the song, "Must I Go



Faculty and students at Monterrey seminar in Mexico.

and Empty Handed," be sung for him. This request helped us to ponder what it will be like to have sheaves to lay at the Master's feet—or not to have any. This realization caused the students to spend an unusually long time in prayer each day. Each night after lights were out, and each morning before the early rising bell, they were on their knees.

Ten students were graduated this term. —A. Walker Hall

### Korea

#### Many Study by Mail

Our newly initiated radio correspondence course has been mailed to 158 individuals, most of whom are new converts. If the present response continues, we shall receive about 200 letters each month. Typical among those we are receiving is the following:

"I am a high-school boy. Thank you very much for your radio sermons through HLCM (west coast outlet). The Full Gospel Hour gave my life a new motto: 'From darkness to light'! I am very happy to understand your sermons."

Join us in praying that God will provide both the staff of workers for the Bible correspondence course and the finances to sustain them. —Lou Richards

### Cuba

#### A Castro-Khrushchev "Marriage"

News from Cuba has been only piecemeal. One pastor wrote a few days ago that the fiancée of the teacher has had much opposition to her engagement, but from all appearances the marriage is going to take place soon. Can you interpret this parable?

We have had word that the Assemblies of God was able to hold its annual convention and that the presence of the Lord was very real.

Let us be faithful in praying for our Cuban brethren.

—Floyd Woodworth

### South India

#### Correspondence Course Reaches Thousands

More than 35,000 students have enrolled in our correspondence courses on the life of Christ. A high percentage of them are hearing the gospel for the first time.

The following letters, recently received, are typical:

"Within these 13 lessons of the Highlights course I have learned a lot. I beheld the glory of God. His teachings are marvelous. I trust that by reading the further course on the life of Christ I will learn more about His for-

giveness and [will] receive this salvation."

"The study of the life of Christ made [a] turning point in my life. Now I believe the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and [have] accepted Him in my heart. I have confessed my sins and He [has] pardoned me. Now as a saved sinner I rejoice in my soul."

How many more will also be able to rejoice? The answer, which can be known only in eternity, depends on what we do now. Today is harvest time. Join with us in reaping souls for Christ's kingdom.

—Kenneth Weigel

### Dominican Republic

#### Many Attend C. A. Convention

Recently more than 400 young people came from all parts of the Dominican Republic to attend the annual C. A. convention. It was thrilling to see such a large gathering of consecrated young people in these days of crisis. Many came from small country churches where they had been severely persecuted; others came from larger congregations. Twenty-five were from the strong Catholic center of Higüey. As they met together they felt a heavenly joy.

Each special musical number and testimony brought shouts of praise. Four choirs were present and their music was an added blessing. One church put on a four-act play which presented a sound gospel message.

The final service lasted until nearly midnight. We were tired but the young people could hardly bear to see the convention end. In the early morning hours the different groups loaded into buses and cars. They drove away singing gospel choruses and praising the Lord. —Wayne Turnbull

### El Salvador Revival

Usual activities bring usual results. Unusual dedication to prayer and fasting brings unusual results. This is the testimony of fifty students at Instituto Betél in El Salvador.

Twenty-one of the students had not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This was a challenge to our faculty and student body as we began to seek God every morning, afternoon, and night during the first week of October. Three goals were kept constantly before us day after day:

First, that every student receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the week of prayer.

Second, that every student learn to know the Lord, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings (Paul's desire in Philippians 3:10).



The Peter Funk family



The Don Fullertons



The Sam Beckdahl family



Mr. and Mrs. James Chaney



Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin and son

## Missionary News Notes

NEWLY - APPOINTED MISSIONARIES who are beginning overseas ministry are: the **Thomas Graziosos** (Eastern District) who will engage in evangelistic ministry in Italy; **Miss Martha Underwood** (Michigan) who will teach at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria; **Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bresson** (Michigan) who will assume duties as principals Assemblies of God high school, Umuahia, Nigeria; and the **Don Colemans** who will engage in general missionary work in the Republic of South Africa.

The **John Franklins** (Guatemala), **Peter Funk and family** (Hawaii), the **Don Fullertons** (Mexico), and the **James Chaney's** (Dahomey) have returned to their fields after furlough.

**Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beckdahl** have transferred from North India to Tanganyika.

Missionaries arriving in the United States for furlough are **Miss Elsie Strahl** (Brazil) and the **Gordon Markers** (Mexico).

Third, that every student learn to intercede in prayer for lost souls.

To say we had a glorious week of dedication and intercession only begins to describe what followed.

The second day five students received the Baptism. The third day Pastor José Morales who studied with us last year came in to report, "Seven young people were saved last night and 25 filled with the Spirit." From the slope of San Salvador volcano came the news of 24 having received the fullness of God's Spirit.

By the end of our week of prayer, goal number one was a reality! Every student in the school had received the Baptism.

Thirty-six men from the school go to churches or new preaching

points every weekend. The weekend after the special prayer emphasis was exceptional. Six received the Holy Spirit in the outstations and 17 conversions were reported when the students returned on Monday.

But the revival had only begun. The next weekend, in Chalchuapa, 25 received a precious Baptism under the ministry of Antonio Quintanilla (a third-year student), and José Morales reported 40 more receiving in his church at the top of Las Mesas mountain.

As I close this report, only three weeks after 50 students and faculty started to pray and fast, more than 40 have been saved and a total of 132 have experienced an Acts 2:4 infilling.

—Waldo Nicodemus





# Homefront Highlights

## FOREIGN-LANGUAGE MINISTRY

### Nogales, Arizona

The Assemblies of God Spanish Mission of Nogales, Ariz., is making progress under the capable leadership of Caroline M. Paulson, pioneer worker of the Latin American District Council. Sunday school attendance has reached 55. Sister Paulson rents the building she uses for services.

### Miami, Florida

Gabriel Caride, pastor of the Evangelical Refugee Center Chapel in Miami, writes they had special services with Brother Chun from Indonesia. The meetings were blessed of the Lord, with several outstanding healings. Brother Caride was thrilled with the response. The building was packed for each service.

The Center is still greatly in need of more financial support.

## ALASKA MINISTRY

### Fairbanks

Sidney Fleser is the new Servicemen's Director at the Fairbanks Assembly.

### Valdez

Duane Carriker was able to get some moose and caribou for his family and for the Children's Home at Valdez.

### Homer

Gerald S. Lee, pastor at Homer, reports that this past summer a number of fine Pentecostal people came to Homer and vicinity for summer employment. During their stay they each helped the church in whatever way was needed—by providing special music, teaching in Sunday school and vacation Bible school, assisting in C. A. and WMC groups, or serving as a speaker. The church had an excellent VBS under the direction of the Howard Shaffetts, with 81 children enrolled and 17 giving their hearts to the Lord. Several new people are now worshipping at the Assembly. A superstructure on the basement is much needed and Brother Lee hopes to be able to build this spring.

### Anchorage

Harold C. Bither, pastor of the Anchorage Assembly, reports the city of Anchorage now has the largest native population of any single area or town in Alaska. There is no Pentecostal or full-gospel outreach for the natives in

Anchorage. He requests prayer that the Anchorage Assembly may be able to expand its ministry to reach these who need Christ.

The Anchorage Assembly recently purchased five beautiful lots in the heart of the city and plans to begin building in another year, if possible. Souls are being saved each week in Anchorage.

### New Buildings

An unusually large number of new buildings have been erected by the Assemblies of God in Alaska during the fifteen-month period, June 1962 to September 1963.

Churches have been built or are in the process of construction in Wrangell, Tyonek, Chugiak, Stevens Village, and Kaktovik. The Delta Junction church has had remodeling and a new addition. A new combination church-parsonage has been erected in Stebbins.

New parsonages have also been built in St. Michael and Wasilla, as well as living quarters for the Hunters at Juneau Children's Home.

Barrow has a new youth center. At Youth Camp a utility building has been erected, and at the Valdez Children's Home a new storage building.

Church property has been obtained in Angoon and Nikolai.

Lots for building sites have been purchased in Mendenhaven (near Juneau), Anchorage, Cordova, Anderson, Fairbanks, and North Pole.

Major improvements have been made at Juneau Children's Home (kitchen and heating); Seward (remodeling of parsonage); Fairview Assembly (extensive addition); Ketchikan (remodeling); and Chalkyitsik.

New works have been opened in Anderson, Yakutat, Stebbins

(regular services not yet established); and Nenana (youth center).

## JEWISH MINISTRY

### Hollywood, California

Mrs. Alice Tan-Ditter, who is working among Jews in the Hollywood area, writes: "This has been a wonderful month... I attended a number of meetings and saw several Jewish people accept Christ as their Messiah and Lord. How so many of them have to suffer for believing in Christ as the Messiah! But they do love Him with all of their hearts and are willing to suffer for Him."

### New York

Mrs. Gertrude Clonce had a wonderful opportunity for personal evangelism among Jewish people when she and other workers who help her met two ships from Israel.

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Infant-ry

The Albert Hollands, Reliance, S. Dak., announce the birth of Robin Carol, October 14, 1963. She weighed in at 9 lb. 6½ oz.

### Tucson, Arizona

The Virgil Zeiglers minister to the Papagos in Tucson. They now have a new church.

The John Swanks are pioneering among the Yaqui Indians of the Tucson area. Attendance has increased to 60 at the Kids Club. A C. A. group has also been formed, and their Sunday school is growing, but not quite as fast as the Kids Club. The majority of the Yaqui people in the area are Catholic.

Although they work with the Yaqui Indians, the Swanks assisted

the missionaries at the Papago Camp in Ajo, Ariz., this summer in many ways, as well as conducting the children's services for the camp.

### Mobridge, South Dakota

Sunday schools of the South Dakota District helped in the purchase of blocks for the new Mobridge Indian church.

### Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Wycliffe Translators write us from Santa Fe that Genesis and Exodus are now printed in the Navajo language by the American Bible Society. The Psalms are being checked and prepared for printing. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Blount, Anita Wencker, Faith Hill, and Faye Edgerton composed the team that prepared literacy materials and did the translation with the help of Navajo Christians.

### Lapwai, Idaho

The T. L. Johnsons, who have been ministering here, have moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where they will be working among the Navajos who live outside the city.

### Mescalero, New Mexico

The Carl Conleys began construction on their new church addition the last of September. Sunday school attendance reached 113 in September.

### Bark River, Michigan

The Carl Peppiatts have moved to Bark River and live among the Indians to whom they minister. Attendance has reached 45.

### Cayuse, Oregon

The Robert Ruarks, missionaries at Cayuse, held several services on the Roundup Grounds and gave out hundreds of *Evangelists*, Gospels, and tracts during the famous Pendleton Roundup. The churches in this area are buying a 10- by 50-foot trailer for the parsonage. Over 60 Indians attended one Sunday service recently.

Several adults have been saved. This Indian church contributed to a foreign missions need presented at a joint rally with a white Assembly in September.

### Toadlena, New Mexico

The Gene Steeles, missionaries at Toadlena, report a definite spiritual move among their people. Several have been seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the Northern Navajo Fair in Shiprock their interpreter, Eddie Ross, went to the fairgrounds where he handed out over 100 tracts and other Christian literature. The



Congregation of the Assemblies of God Latin American Mission at Nogales, Ariz. (Caroline Paulson, pastor, is at the right.)

Sunday school here has increased over 30 in a year's time. The Steeles are attempting to obtain a land permit.

#### Gresham, Wisconsin

The church at Gresham, where the Charles Slaters minister, has undergone some remodeling lately. A full basement now provides Sunday school rooms. A new ceiling and an 8-by-36-foot front have been added, along with a vestibule and a large cross. Two furnaces have been installed. The parsonage has also been remodeled.

#### DEAF MINISTRY

##### Buffalo, New York

A new workshop was added this year to the activities at the National Sunday School Association which met in Buffalo, N. Y., October 2-4. This workshop, *Reaching and Understanding the Deaf*, was conducted by Richard Cooke, promotional director of the NSSA. Mr. Cooke is the son of deaf parents and has also pastored a deaf group in Portland, Oreg. He presented many valuable helps to those interested in establishing deaf groups in their churches.

During the workshop guest speakers from various denominations presented the work now being done among the deaf. Maxine Strobidge told about the work that is being done by the Assemblies of God.

Ann Maselli, an instructor at the CBI School for the Deaf, Springfield, Mo., also attended the convention.



Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. McKinney



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Redfearn



Mrs. Edith Jerry



C. Greathouse

## Six Workers Receive Missionary Appointment

A NATIVE INDIAN WORKER, EDITH Jerry, of Tonalea, Ariz., and five other persons have recently received Home Missions appointment. Mrs. Jerry has ministered among her people, the Navajos, in the Shonto, Ariz., area for several years and has done a good work. She attended the All Tribes Indian Bible School in Phoenix, Ariz., for a short time.

In 1955, when she was dying of heart trouble, a nervous breakdown, and high blood pressure, this Indian woman was healed after hearing about God's power to heal through a TV program. This brought Sister Jerry to the Lord. She was saved in August, 1955, at Winslow, Ariz., in a revival conducted by Gladys Pearson.

Sister Jerry soon became acquainted with the Assemblies missionaries in the area at that time, the Lyle Wolvertons, who took her with them in their visitation work on the Navajo reservation. While serving as their interpreter, she was herself learning the Word of God. After the Wolvertons left, Sister Jerry continued the work by herself, traveling about the reservation on donkey or horseback or by wagon. She finally bought an old car, but has seldom had enough money for gas.

Three of her seven children are with her. A son and a daughter help her in the gospel work. She and all her children are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Other Assemblies missionaries

have held services in Shonto only occasionally, but Sister Jerry has steadfastly maintained a Pentecostal witness in this area.

Charley E. Greathouse, who recently married Lucille Farmer, a missionary to American Indians, has been appointed to Indian ministry. He is licensed with the West Texas District. The Greathouses have made Stanfield, Ariz., their headquarters while they engage in evangelistic ministry.

Everett and Evelyn McKinney of Potlatch, Wash., have also been appointed to the Indian field. Brother McKinney is a graduate of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God and is licensed with the Northwest District. Sister McKinney also is a college graduate. The McKinneys have no children.

Darrell and Clairena Redfearn of Estancia, N. Mex., have been appointed to Alaska. Brother Redfearn is licensed with the New Mexico District. The Redfearns have three children.

## Teen Challenge Marches On!

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day, Wednesday, and Friday evenings to the white areas.

Churches opened their doors so that after street work the teams could take the young people right into churches and have services ending with old-fashioned altar calls. This procedure has a dual purpose. It gets the teen-agers off the street and into a church; and it gives them a pastor and a church family when they are saved.

On at least two occasions, teen-agers came into the meeting with the express purpose of breaking it up. The Holy Spirit moved in such convicting power that those who did not mean business got up and left and those who stayed were gloriously converted. Souls were saved in every service. These new converts are introduced to their new pastor and all

the members present. They are made to feel loved and wanted.

There is one white area in South Chicago where literally thousands of teen-agers roam the streets. Our nearest Assemblies of God church is five miles away, so the workers had to rent a hall at \$75 per month where they held services every week.

After the teams finished with their respective services in different areas, they converged on one park to "sow it down" with *Chicken* booklets and then showed a film on drug addiction. At the close, they gave a short message and made an altar call.

The children's courts have become vitally interested in this work. They have awarded the Center two young boys, one 13 and one 16. Neither one is a "bad" boy but due to environ-

ment, lack of love and lack of discipline at home, both have gotten into minor trouble.

During the summer, the teams conducted 48 street services and 151 church rallies. Approximately 15,000 to 20,000 people heard the gospel. Although between 2,500 and 3,000 made decisions for Christ, the workers are counting 233 they are absolutely sure experienced genuine salvation. They are confident many more are going on with the Lord.

There seems to be no limit to this ministry. It is so tremendous that at times the directors feel frustrated that their regular staff is so small and that funds are so limited.

The Center needs your help in financial support and in prayer, that the staff may be able to meet the great challenge of ministry among needy teen-agers of Chicago.

(To be continued—watch next week's *Evangel* for the New York story.)



# Face to Face

*"I pleaded to return to earth, and my prayer was granted"*

ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 10, 1910, EDWARD NEER'S wife was dying after a long illness. Relatives and friends gathered about her bed and she asked them to sing. "We sang through tears as we watched death creeping up," he wrote later. "She became rigid and cold and the death rattle that had followed each long breath finally ceased. She lay in this condition for some time. Then suddenly to our great joy she turned over and took my hand. From that hour she was well."

Mrs. Neer is now 82 years old, and is assisting some of our missionaries to the American Indians in New Mexico. In recalling her experience of being raised from the dead she does not dwell on the physical miracle, but rather on what took place during the interval when she was "absent from the body." She writes:

"Oh, that I could tell of the abundant life into which I entered! There was an intensity, an open vision which made true the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:12: 'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face.'

"As my spirit rose from the shadow I discerned a lighted pathway leading upward. Pausing an instant I looked back at my body, but with no desire to return. My spirit went out in praise to Him who had redeemed me from eternal death. I felt distinctly the immediate presence of Jesus and started forward to cast myself at His feet in worship. Suddenly a great sorrow settled over me. As I questioned what this meant, I beheld Christ. He looked as if His heart was breaking. I cried out to know why, and in sorrow came the words, 'Nothing but leaves,' (Mark 11:13).

"My life unrolled as a scroll before me, from the time when as a child I first found Jesus, until the time of my sickness and death. It was all there except the sins. Though my sins had been many, yet they were all blotted out true to God's precious Word (Isaiah 43:25). I saw my good works, my prayers, my testimonies and I saw the intents and purposes of my heart written plainly. Then I realized that I had done them not for Jesus' sake alone but also as a proof of my righteousness. Oh, how like mockery it seemed in the light of His wonderful eyes. I tried to turn from it but could not. I saw that my life, which I had thought so full, was barren and

empty. When it should have been yielded through the Spirit to work the works of Him that sent me, I had wrought my own way. In contrast I beheld His life! He had come to me with hands overflowing, bringing me forgiveness and peace.

"Then so clearly came the knowledge that He was made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. He was to have been my words, my deeds, my separation, my life. This was the Christ to whom I had yielded so little of the life He had redeemed! Then to my wondering vision opened the possibilities of that abounding life through me for others. 'As he is,' at the right hand of God, making intercession, yearning, strengthening, and lifting, 'so are we in this world' (1 John 4:17).

"With what sorrow I saw the bruised, burdened lives of those He would have loosed through me! Then I knew that 'no man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.'

"I pleaded to return to earth, and when I knew my prayer was granted I gave my life to Him in a new way. As I had felt those wonderful eyes piercing the shallowness of the past, so I felt the eyes of love looking into the future, putting within my spirit a great yieldedness to His will. Then with a look of love (which brings tears of joy as I recall it) He gently motioned me back with nail-pierced hand. As I turned earthward, I could not but pause for one more look at my dear Redeemer. Through the sweetness of love which surrounded me and filled my spirit, I heard the command, 'Be thou faithful!'

"My spirit quickly returned to earth and into my body amid the rejoicing of those who had watched me pass out a short time before. And I was well! The same living Word that had sent me back had spoken soundness to my body and it was entirely well.

"How changed my life has been since that day! He has given me the Holy Spirit to reveal the Christ, to teach me to know and do His perfect will. And could I speak a word more, it would be, 'Yield yourselves unto God' (Romans 6:13). He will do for you what you cannot do. He will make you alive unto Himself."