

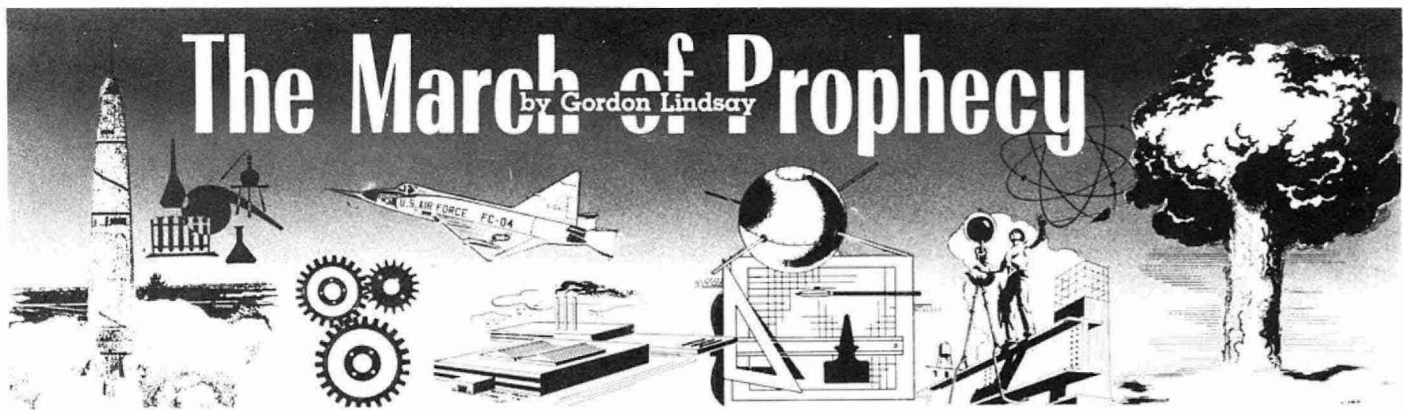


To build the walls of their native church at San Nicolas, the boys, men, and even the old men, carry large rocks on their backs up the steep mountain trails to the building site.

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(A FEATURE TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF WORLD EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNUSUAL PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE.)

Significance of Automation

Another remarkable trend that is bound to have a fundamental effect in America is automation, which is throwing millions of people out of work. John I. Snyder, Jr., head of United States Industrial, Inc., declares that "automation is a major factor in eliminating jobs in the United States at the rate of 40,000 per week." He went on to add that automation does not create many new jobs for workers in buildings, repairing and running new machines. Actually, the new equipment requires very little maintenance.

It is generally realized in industrial circles that we are in the midst of a technological revolution, and any solution will have to be far more radical than anything now contemplated.

An example of the results of automation is seen in the automobile industry. Although it is having its best year, it now provides 100,000 less jobs than it did eight years ago. In New York alone, automatic elevators have eliminated 40,000 elevator operators.

Women, negroes, teenagers, and older men now make up most of the jobless. The effect is seen in the unrest of the colored people. Despite the propaganda put out otherwise, the wide unemployment among these people is the fundamental cause of their unrest. Likewise, the diminishing number of jobs for unskilled teenagers who are left with idle time on their hands, is a major cause of increased juvenile delinquency.

What will happen in the next ten years, when the full effects of automation will be felt? This factor alone may precipitate one of the greatest crises in our history.

Is Algeria Becoming Communist?

Many people believe that Algeria is going the way of Cuba. All the land owned by French settlers is about to be nationalized. This was Castro's first step. The 100,000 Frenchmen left in Algeria are being driven out. Confiscation of private property is being carried out. Banks and other businesses are being seized.

Just recently Ben Beller has assumed dictatorial powers. Half the people of Algeria are out of work. The government is running a deficit of a million dollars a day. Russia has announced a loan of a 100 mil-

lion dollars to Algeria. At the moment, there is every indication that Algeria is going in the same direction as Cuba.

The Teen-Agers Talk Up

In these days of rapidly increasing juvenile delinquency, when youth is being castigated on every side, some of the teen-agers are speaking up. Here is what some of the teen-agers said in Parade, July 14, 1963:

"Most parents preach one set of values and practice another. You all think in terms of money. You're 'status crazy' because you are ridden by insecurity. You've given us a sex oriented culture. Everything in this country reeks of sex, and yet you burn us for our immorality."

"You know who your big hero in our crowd is right now? Richard Burton. And you know why? Because Richie is making out with Elizabeth Taylor and getting \$500,000 a picture. The major trouble with parents is that they have loused up our sense of values."

The Right to Shoot a Neighbor

Two years ago, when fall-out shelter salesmen were selling shelters by the hundreds, the burning moral issue was whether — on the day of the big blast — a man would have the right to shoot a neighbor who would try to force his way into his shelter.

But now the picture has changed. The whole civil defense effort seems about to come to naught. Surveys indicate that shelter programs are totally inadequate. Philip W. Kellcher of the sub-committee-council posed the following question, "What does one gain, to survive the radiation effects of a nuclear attack only to be suffocated in a shelter by a fire storm which has consumed the oxygen necessary for life?"

New Versions of the Bible

A new version of the first five books of the Bible, just off the press has been produced by the Jewish Publication Society. The policy of the translators is to put in the text what they think should be there rather than what the original manuscript says. For example they decided that the first verses of Genesis describes the *prim-*

eval wind rather than the Spirit of God, sweeping over the water. Translator Orlinsky says, "Our constant goal has been to render the original Hebrew as accurately as contemporary understand will permit into readable English, discarding the errors and obstacles, which through misunderstanding or misplaced traditionalism, have stood between modern man and a clear knowledge of God's Word."

Can any statement be made clearer than this? He and his group consider the original manuscript full of error which in their self-appointed task, they consider their duty to discard.

Life on Other Worlds

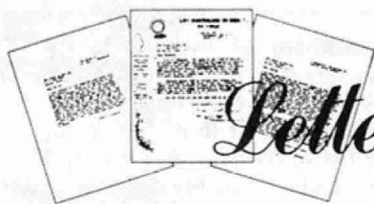
Some scientists say that there has been life on other planets of the solar system. They claim that a planet revolved between Mars and Jupiter, upon which existed some forms of life. That eventually it disintegrated and the debris from it occasionally reaches the earth in the form of meteorites. That in these meteorites are found traces of life.

TIME Magazine, March 2, declares that Geologist Egon T. Degons of Caltech, has made careful experiments to determine if there was organic material on any meteorite. He did find that there was an assortment of chemicals characteristic of living organisms. But Degons was not through. He boiled his samples again. After everything had previously been extracted of organic nature, he found the same organic chemicals again. Time magazine says:

"From each sample of dust came a fresh assortment of biological chemicals very much like the first. Dr. Degons conclusion: The dust under the filter paper was reinvaded by ordinary earthly microbes. He is convinced that the meteorites analyzed around museums for years are contaminated too, and offer no proof at all of extra-terrestrial life."

Lesson: If man reaches any of the other planets of the Solar system, there will be no inhabitants there, for man to corrupt with his sin. Earth belongs to man, but the heavens God has reserved for Himself.

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's. But the earth hath he given to the children of men." (Psalms 115:16)



Letters to the Editor



Concerning Dennis Lindsay's Article Dear Dennis:

I can't let January get away without telling you that I appreciated so much your article, *What I Saw the Day the President Died*.

I am seventy-nine years of age and never had any children, but have had close associations with boys from twelve through high school.

I could fairly see Dennis, Bill and Gary taking out excitedly for a chance to see the President. I could vision Bill getting on top of your car with the movie contraption and the thrill you got from the President's smile and wave of the hand that seemed expressly for you! I could sense your excitement was different when you heard the sirens screaming. I could understand your loyalty in getting into the hospital, and your eagerness to share your blood if you had the right type. I could see why you returned to your school without saying a word.

I was also very much engrossed with your father's versions on pages 12, 13 and 14 of the same magazine.

Mrs. L. G. D.
Summer, Illinois

Child Healed of Epilepsy

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Thank you very much for your faithful prayers for my child Grace whom I reported as having epilepsy. She is now enjoying a normal life as well as good health. I sincerely believe that God answered your prayers for her healing. May God bless you abundantly.

J. Kainga
Salisbury, S. Rhodesia

Books Revolutionize Life of British Guianese Student

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Greetings in that Name which is above every other name. I praise God for having called you into this wonderful literary ministry. I found all thirty-one of your books which I purchased last year a real blessing, especially the volumes on Revelation, Praying to Change the World, Prayer and Fasting and on Satan. I thank the Lord that He has used these books to revolutionize my prayer life.

I am a British Guianese student at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica

and I have been elected President of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for the coming academic year. (In fact my presence now in the U.S.A. is in this capacity. I am attending a camp in leadership training.) I.V.C.F. is the only evangelical group on campus and it is the first time in its history that a Pentecostal has been elected as President of this "fundamentalist" group.

Please pray for me and for a revival on our campus.

I can testify to the fact that the Lord has used your books to make me as well as a good friend of mine, an intercessor.

Winston McGowan
Cedarville, Michigan

Mentally Sick Daughter Healed

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I wrote you some time ago requesting prayer for a mentally sick daughter. I thank God He has put her back in her right mind. Many thanks to God, and your Prayer Band.

Mrs. I. R.
Chicago, Ill.

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THE MIRACLE OF ELIAS CRUZ

Costaloso had a call from God to preach on an island, a short distance from Tampico, Mexico, which is on the Gulf of Mexico. He took with him another man to assist him on this dangerous mission. Dangerous, because this island is a refuge for murderers and for those escaping the law. That island has no form of law and order. It took these Christians twenty-four hours on a barge, to get there from the mainland. When they arrived, the mosquitoes were so bad, that at night they would cake their hands, faces, and feet with mud in an effort to keep the squadrons of mosquitoes from attacking them while they slept.

They preached there for a week. Many of the people that came, didn't even remove their hats, nor would they put out their cigars, in reverence to God. Actually, they got only one convert, and his name was Elias Cruz. Elias was so hungry for God that he quit his job. At eight o'clock in the morning, he had Brother Costaloso explaining the Bible to him, and at three in the afternoon, he still wanted more. Often, Brother Costaloso got hungry, but this man was so anxious to hear the word, that he wouldn't even give him time to eat.

After Costaloso left the island, Elias and a supposed friend walked over a desolate trail, when this man asked him if he would loan him his machete. (A machete is a long cane knife, and many people are killed and decapitated with this particular knife.) So Elias loaned his supposed friend his knife, and to his surprise, this man started to attack him. He hit him thirteen times with that sharp machete. He nearly severed his right hand, left only two fingers that were workable on his left hand, cut his head open in many places, and also his back. Finally, Elias fell down and the man took the knife, stuck it through his chest and left him for dead. He did this because he didn't want to hear any more about the Gospel. It was for this reason that he attempted to eliminate the new convert, Elias — the man who was giving him the truth.

Brother Elias could have taken the knife away from him and killed him, but he felt that the Bible taught that you should pay no man evil for evil. He preferred to let the man kill him rather than to have the blood of this man on his hands.

By an act of Providence, the next day he was found. He had laid in his blood all night long. He was still conscious, and had prayed that the Lord would have mercy on him and let him live. He thought, "The Bible says that he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He prayed, "I have believed, but I haven't been baptized. So let me live and be baptized." That was his prayer all night, as the animals smelled his blood and gathered around him.

So about nine o'clock the next day, fishermen perchance found him on the trail, put him in a canoe, and paddled him to the doctor in Tampico, thirty-six hours away. They didn't think he would live, but by an act of God, he did. The doctor had to completely sever his right hand.

He was so zealous for the Lord, that he witnessed day and night. Somehow, he got some gospel tracts and he later said that he especially liked to witness to those nearest death because they were more receptive. He didn't miss the doctors, nurses, nor anybody with whom he came in contact. He joyfully gave them the story of Jesus. In fact, he was so zealous, that he was becoming quite a nuisance to those that didn't want to hear the message of the love of Jesus.

While he was still in a weakened condition, he was ejected from the hospital, but no sooner had he left than he was recognized by the police as a fugitive from justice, for during his life of sin, he had killed a man. So they put him in prison, and two weeks later, he had won eighteen souls to the Lord Jesus! He actually started a church in prison! God used him

Here is another installment of the article by Wayne Myers of the signs, wonders and miracles in Mexico. Since our sponsors have about 100 churches in this country south of the border, we have felt that they would be interested in this story of the revivals and miracles that take place before the churches are built. Mexico is a country of fierce persecution, but it is not the fault of the government, which has proved a real friend to the Protestant faith.

When such valiant efforts have been put forth by these noble souls to evangelize the nation, the least we can do is to help them build churches for the congregations that are formed.

IS THIS YOUR MONTH TO SPONSOR A NATIVE CHURCH?



in a marvelous way to witness. Some of the prisoners that he had won to Christ were transferred to other prisons, and thus witnessed there. Therefore, Elias' ministry was quite well recognized in prisons all over Mexico, during the fifteen months he served time. He calls that his "seminary training."

Once, as some of the prisoners were escaping through a wall, they tried to get Elias to join them. One man put a sharp dagger in his side and said, "You are going with us." Elias replied, "No, when I leave this prison, I am going out the front door as a free man. I refuse to escape." Thus, he won the confidence of all the officials of the prison because of his Christian testimony.

Now, bear in mind that the prisons in Mexico are very difficult. Dope sometimes flows freely. Some of the inmates attempted to kill Elias several times. Elias had a glorious ministry in that prison in Veracruz, Mexico. I had the joy of giving the last \$25 to get him released.

Brother Costaloso went to see Brother Cruz when he found out he had lost his right hand. He thought, "What can I tell him?" When they met, Brother Cruz said, "Look what the devil has done to me," as he held up his stubby arm. "But," he continued, "it's going to cost him. It's going to cost the devil a very high price for my hand. I'm going to make him pay dearly!" And he has!

He was so zealous for the Lord, that he wore out five pairs of shoes in one year's time as he walked the mountains of southern Mexico, telling the story of Jesus. He walked about



sixty miles a week, telling the old, old story that is ever new, of Christ and his love for a needy world.

Since that time, Brother Elias Cruz has pastored and is pastoring a large church. This church has some ten mission stations. We have had the joy of equipping Elias with a good horse and a public address system which he uses in his evangelistic ministry. He is now building a large, new church.

Brother Cruz gave his right hand for Jesus, and he says he is willing to give his left hand too, or what is left of it, as he has only two good fingers on that hand.

What are you doing in service for the Lord? Are you so dedicated and consecrated to His cause, that you are willing to give your right hand if need be for Jesus Christ? God help us all to do more, as the day approaches.

WHAT A GIFT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT DID

Sometimes, we are prone to think that little things aren't important. A number of years ago, when I was ministering in the City of Walville, I asked a man how he came to Christ. I was interested because of his dedication to the Lord, and because of the successful ministry that he had.

He told me this story that I have never forgotten, how many years before, a Methodist gave him a New Testament. (Perhaps that Testament cost about ten or fifteen cents at that time.) As he began to read it, he was saved, and also his family of nine came to Christ. Later on, he gave this New Testament to a neighbor who had a family of ten, and they were saved through the reading of the Word of God. Thus, as a result of one little Testament, two families came to know the Lord. Not only that, but he told me that two churches and three preachers came about as a result of that gift of a little Testament. Little things are important. If we give our little to God, and He puts His blessing on it, it can be multiplied many fold.

WITCHCRAFT BOUND — DEAF MUTES HEALED

In a recent campaign in which the Native Church assisted me, the people came, hungry for the truth. We had a number of witch doctors attend our services, but their power was certainly curtailed by the power of God. Others who had been influenced by witchcraft turned from their error to the truth. Many marvelous things took place. Some were freed from epilepsy, and demon power.

But the thing that thrilled my heart so, was the healing of three deaf-mutes, ages five, nine and thirteen. They were brothers, born deaf. First the mother brought them, and as they began to hear and speak, you could see the joy on that mother's face. Later the daddy brought them back, and gave praise to God. He wanted to buy a Bible. What a thrill to hear the boys say, "Daddy," and "Mother," for the first time. And they could hear perfectly. Their lives had been completely transformed by the power of God. How grateful they were, as they left with their new Bibles. They invited us to come to their village to preach the Gospel.

A LIFE OF FULL DEVOTION

When we first started this work, the persecution was terrible, and they attempted to kill me and my workers many times. They would come into the meetings sometimes with guns, but God never permitted them to shoot. On one occasion, they tried to knock the door down. My co-laborer opened the door very quickly, and the man with the gun fell right at his feet. He asked, "What do you want?" The man was so embarrassed that he didn't know what to say, so he just answered, "Well, I was trying to get into the service," to which my friend replied, "Come on in."

There are still valiant men in Mexico, giving their lives willingly, if need be, to make Christ known. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lk. 9:23) One translation renders it, "If any man come after me, let him give up all rights to himself." That is what real devotion is. Giving up all rights to ourself and becoming the bonds slave of Jesus Christ. Friend, I challenge you to honor God with a devotion that you have never known before, and you will find that it is the richest, the most rewarding, the fullest life you'll ever have or could even dream of.

YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP US TO CONTINUE SPREADING THE REVIVAL FIRES THROUGHOUT MEXICO.

Boys and men carry
rocks up mountain trail.

The San Nicolas Story



In the high mountains of central Mexico lies hidden the quaint Otomi Indian village of San Nicolas. It can be reached only by narrow mountain trails, on foot. But in this remote village is being written one of the most thrilling stories of missions in Latin America!

The people for many years had clung to the ancient religion of their Indian ancestors. Even the building of a small Catholic church, and the visit once or twice a year of a priest did little to change their ancient customs.

Out of the seven hundred inhabitants of this village, more than one hundred and fifty are now Born Again Christians! The church has grown in numbers and in dedication to God in spite of the severest persecutions.

Christians' blood has been shed in this village, and some have been beaten for their faith! Their leaders have often had to flee for their lives, hiding out in the mountains, or going to another village until the persecutions subsided. A wave of persecution is now in full fury because the Christians have built the walls of their own native church, and their foes fear that they will complete the task, and so strengthen the church and win more converts to Christ.

Gospels Dropped from the Sky!

The start of this amazing church can be traced back to the decisive day when an Air Mail From God Mission plane flew over San Nicolas, and dropped several hundred Gospels of John upon the village.

Miguel Plata, leader of the Christian band, and several others then wrote to Mexico City for the free Bible Correspondence courses. As they studied the Word of God the Holy Spirit guided them. Soon they were having Gospel services in their homes, and then later in a small frame building.

The Gospels Translated Into Otomi Language

A great measure of the success of this San Nicolas Church is due to the efforts of the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their workers translated the first portions of the Scriptures into the Otomi Indian language. Miguel Plata cooperated with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in providing the Gospels and songs in the language of his people.

These Scripture portions and songs have been carried into other villages where the Otomi Indian language is spoken. In most places two startling things have happened! First, many of the people accept Christ and serve him with deep devotion. Second—fierce persecution arises, and the Christians become stronger as they face danger and death in order to cling to their faith in Christ.

The Building of the San Nicolas Church

One year ago, two of the Christians offered to give ground from their adjoining lots as a site for a stone church. Then the boys and men of the village began carrying large rocks up the mountain trail, on their backs, to the site of the church building.

The forces of opposition grew desperate! They tried to get a man to kill anyone who worked on the new church! The man refused, saying, "Since none of you have ever been in jail it is easy for you to tell me to kill." They beat him for refusing to do their killing!

The church is now built up to the roof line. They need a sponsor to provide the two hundred and fifty dollars that is needed to complete the church. Will you sponsor this native Church at San Nicolas? It is hoped that the entire amount may be sent in one offering so that the church may be completed without delay. Please see the Church Sponsorship Form at the bottom of page nine.



Miguel Plata with young Christians.



Even the little boys work.



An old man builds the walls.

The Native Church In Action

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." — Neh. 4:6



Christians mixing sand and gravel for the foundation. Sand costs about ten dollars a load, depending on the distance it must be hauled. Lots for church cost from twenty five to eighty five dollars—which must be purchased by the Christians.



Walls are completed. The poor Christians have managed to build up to this point without any financial aid. Next comes the costly item, the roof, and for this outside assistance is needed.



The steel reinforced concrete roof is ready to be poured. Commercially the cost would be five dollars per square meter, but they did it for much less. Cost was about \$320.00; of this \$250.00 was provided through Native Church Crusade.

The Finished Church at Jabuey Blanco



Building of the walls entails the least cost in money but the greatest effort in labor. The women and children carry the rocks and stones from nearby fields for the walls. They often carry these on their heads, or as the Otomi Indians, in slings on their backs.

The men donate their labor for mixing the concrete and placing the stones in the walls. They also make the lintels for the doors and windows.

It is at this point that they need financial assistance from the Native Church Crusade. Here the two hundred and fifty dollars, provided by a sponsor, enables them to complete their church.



The future will be brighter for these children, whom we found standing in front of this church, and for hundreds of others like them, because the Gospel brings the blessings of the Kingdom of God.



Tetepango Christians standing by the wall they have built despite the threat of mob violence.

Native Churches in Mexico in Need of Sponsors

THESE CHRISTIANS AT TETEPANGO are building their own church in spite of the most bitter persecution! When the pastor and a co-worker went to Tetepango for services a mob of about one hundred men armed with knives, guns, and rope, tried to break into the house to kill them!

Finally, at four A.M. the Christians slipped them out a back door, and they walked for four hours to save their lives! The next day a mob of fifty fanatics searched the homes of the Christians, in an effort to find the preachers.

The ground for the Tetepango church (84 and 105 ft.) was given by a new convert. The property was nationalized to protect the building from attacks. The poor Christians have raised \$128.00, and given their labor to bring the building along thus far.

Thy desperately need help at this time, and we earnestly pray that a sponsor will volunteer to provide \$250.00 to help finish this Native Church.

Even now it is extremely dangerous for these Christians to carry on their meetings. Thy hold their services at five A.M. The preacher enters the village by one road, and leave by another trail to avoid the enemies of the Gospel.

Surely these Christians at Tetepango deserve our help!

THIS CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION AT LA FAMA is only three years old, and growing rapidly! A strong church is needed here to serve as a center for evangelizing a large surrounding area made up of many municipalities.

The walls are almost completed, and the Christians have purchased very nice windows for this building. They plan to finish the church with a roof of reinforced concrete. The dear believers have really worked hard and sacrificed of the little they have.

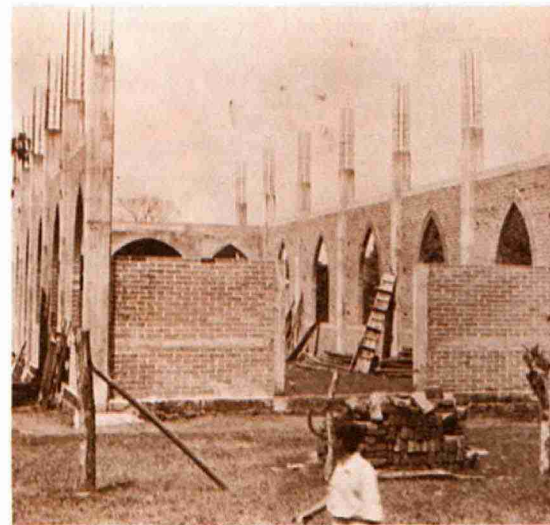
It is obvious that there are some very resourceful workmen in this congregation, and that their mechanical skills are matched by dedication and a will to work.

Because this church is much larger than the average, they will need five hundred dollars in assistance in order to complete this fine Native Church. This five hundred dollars may be given by one sponsor who wishes to sponsor such a fine large church, or it can be done by two sponsorships of two hundred and fifty dollars each.

If God guides you to sponsor this Native Church fully with a gift of five hundred dollars, or in part with a pledged gift of two hundred and fifty dollars, please use the sponsorship coupon on the next page to make your pledge or gift for the Native Church at La Fama, Mexico.



The young believers at La Fama, Nuevo Leon.



A very large Native Church being built in Nuevo Victoria. The church will have approximately five thousand feet of floor space, and should be able to seat up to seven hundred people.



Native Church Crusade

THE VOICE OF HEALING

BOX 8658, DALLAS, TEXAS

Dear Friends:

On our recent missions' trip to Mexico, we visited many of the congregations that are working and sacrificing to build their own Native Churches. We marvelled at their courage as they worked under the constant danger of injury or death at the hands of fanatical enemies of the Gospel!

One of the amazing things is the fine, large buildings that are often built with only a few hundred dollars in outside assistance. These poor Christians actually put most of us to shame by their dedication, work, and sacrifice.

They live in simple houses or huts, eating only simple basic foods, and yet sacrificing of their hard earned pesos to build the House of God. No wonder that God is using the church in Latin America for the greatest harvest of souls in the history of these nations.

The Native Churches that are presented on the preceding pages are deserving of your support. They need sponsors now so that they may finish these churches during this spring and summer.

I hope that you will sponsor a church if possible, but if not . . . that you will send a sacrificial offering to help with the total work of the Native Church Crusade.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Gordon Lindsay
Gordon Lindsay

P.S. If someone else has already sponsored the church of your choice, you will be assigned another Native Church in Latin America.

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I will sponsor ☐ Tetepango ☐ La Fama ☐ Nueva Victoria ☐ San Nicolas

☐ I am enclosing \$250.00 to sponsor a Native Church.

I am enclosing \$_____, and will send \$_____ each month until my pledge amount of two hundred and fifty dollars has been paid.

I cannot sponsor a Native Crusader, nor a Native Church, at this time, but I am enclosing my personal gift of _____ \$_____

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The Holy Land Crusade In the Land of Jordan



by GORDON LINDSAY

WE ARRIVED IN BERUIT in the midst of a terrible storm which according to local papers, was the worst in eighty years. Another plane the next day which took us on to Jordan, vainly sought an opening in the cloud cover to land us at Jerusalem. Failing in this, it went on to the Ammon airport. From there we were taken by car to the city of Jerusalem.

The purpose of our trip was in the interest of our Holy Land Crusade. Ayoub Rihany, who is carrying on the work in Jordan, came from his home in Es Salt to meet us and to discuss future plans for Jordan. Despite the fact that a great deal of Christ's ministry was in this land, we must face the fact that Jordan is one of the most unevangelized nations in the world. Even Africa which is called the "Dark Continent" in most countries, is further along than Jordan. There are only a few evangelical churches in the whole country and a large proportion of these few have resulted from the work of Ayoub Rihany, but outside of the ministry of our brother, Mohammedanism and the Greek Orthodox Church reign supreme. The Mosque of Omar (now being renovated) which sits on the site of Solomon's Temple, symbolizes Mohammedan dominance.

WE GO TO BETHLEHEM

I awoke at one thirty the morning following, to take care of some of my writing, and then early in the morning, we drove to Bethlehem where we have been sponsoring a work in a small building. We now have a modest sized congregation in a suburban part of the city, but before we can attain the results that we desire, we must locate in a better building nearer the center of the city. It is sad to see the proliferation of efforts that has been put forth in this place by groups who have a sentimental interest in Bethlehem, but who have no evangelical message. Consequently, Bethlehem, the place where Christ was born, and the city above all where the glorious message of Christ should go forth, is mainly

heathen. Outside of our humble mission, there is no place in this city of 50,000 people where a sinner seeking salvation might go and hear the glorious message proclaimed by the angels, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Thinking of the message of the angels, we drove out to the field two miles east of town, where the angels appeared to the shepherds. As we stood there remembering that eventful night when the angels appeared, we thought of the many historic events that had taken place near Bethlehem. Before us were the fields where Ruth the Moabitess gleaned. Nearby on the neighboring hills, David watched over his sheep and dreamed of some day defeating the enemies of Israel.

Truly, we must have an evangelistic center in Bethlehem, but we need not less than \$10,000 for this purpose. During the morning, we looked at a number of buildings, some of which might be suitable for our purpose.

OUR NEW EVANGELISTIC CENTER IN ZERKA

Because we had to reach Zerka before sundown, in order to take pictures of our new evangelistic center in that city, we left shortly after lunch going by the way of Ammon.

Arriving there late in the afternoon, we got our first glimpse of the fine building which has been erected. Brother Rihany expects to move to this city before long and make it a center for his work in Jordan. This place is historic because not far away, Jacob wrestled with the angel, and thereby became a prince with God. Those of our friends who have contributed to this work may have a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that they will be, as it were, a charter member with Jacob of old in extending God's kingdom in this land.

It is urgent that another building be built on the same property where young



Brother Lindsay points to the Mt. of Olives Chapel built by the Voice of Healing. Chapel is in the exact center of the lowest point on the horizon.

men may be trained to evangelize the cities and towns. Also, we must set up a printing plant here by which the gospel may be published in Arabic and distributed throughout the length and breadth of the nation.

That night we stayed with the Rihany family in Es Salt; what a wonderful family they are. We then left for El Hussen. Here a congregation has been gathered by Ayoub Rihany. El Hussen is his birthplace, and it is his earnest desire that a church be built soon in this city. His father has already given the land for this purpose, which is located right near the center of the town.

THE WELL WHERE JACOB MET RACHEL

From El Hussen, we drove to El Um Jimal. And here we were to have a most interesting experience. How often have we read the story of how Abraham's servant went to the home of Laban and Bethuel to get a bride for Isaac. And how Rebekah went down to the well to get water for the camels, and thereby became a figure of destiny. Later Jacob fleeing from his brother Esau, went to Laban's home, and there, met the beautiful Rachel who later became his wife. Now I had always supposed, as

commentaries teach, that Laban's home was far away in Persia on the Euphrates River. But Brother Rihany showed me from Gen. 31:23 that Laban's home was only a seven days' journey from Mt. Gilead (near Es Salt, Jordan). The supposed place on the Euphrates River is months away for one driving tender herds of cattle as Jacob did! Apparently during the interval of about one century, Laban moved into the East Jordan area.

Time seemed to move backward as we stood beside the well where Rachel watered her flock. I could see Rachel running to tell her father Laban about Jacob who had come and rolled the stone from the well. That stone is still there over the mouth of the well, but



The Valley of Ajalon where Joshua commanded the sun to stand still.

was covered with water on the day we were there, because of the unprecedented rains.

But there is something else of notable interest here at El Um Jimal. Long after the days of Jacob, a large city was built on the site. Located in the center of a great plain, admirably suited for grazing, is a square mile or more of black basalt. This heavy black rock was used to build three story buildings in the form of fortresses which would be almost impregnable against marauders of the desert. The size of area of the ruins is impressive. It must have taken many years to fashion so large a city out of these heavy black stones. Great stone doors weighing a ton or more are so well balanced, that they can be moved by hand. Yet one day a great earthquake struck, or was it a human agency? What ever it was, the city was destroyed. Now it is deserted except for a few bedouins who live among the ruins. The one thing that is left intact is the well from whence Rachel drew her water!

FLOOD AT THE JORDAN

As darkness fell, we were on our way back to Jerusalem. Taking the upper route, we planned to go through Jericho. But as we drew near the Jordan River a

man in a car waved us down. He told us that the heavy rains had swollen the River to flood stage, that four cars had been caught in the torrent and could go neither way. Thankful that we had not been entrapped, we detoured to the south and crossed safely on the Allenby bridge. But Jericho was on our minds. Soon we must establish a church at Jericho.

THE POLICEMEN AT THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

We wanted to see our Mt. of Olives chapel in Upper Gethsemane, and we rejoiced to know that services are being continued there by groups from various denominations. Down below a short distance is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thine be done." I wanted to take a picture of the Mt. of Olives Chapel from the Garden of Gethsemane. At that moment a policeman came up and not knowing who we were began to rebuke Brother Rihany for supposedly breaking the law. The policeman said he was not licensed to guide tourists and was subject to arrest! When we explained who we were and what our purpose was, he became apologetic and asked us if we would give him a Bible in Arabic. We then went to a local bookstore and bought him a nice Bible. He seemed overjoyed to receive it. Then we left Jerusalem to drive to Bethel, the house of God.

THE DESOLATION OF BETHEL

Bethel was the place where Jacob saw the vision of a ladder reaching up to heaven. It was considered a very sacred place by the children of Israel. But Jeroboam, fearing that the people would turn again to Rehoboam, king of Judah, decided to set up a golden calf at Bethel for the people to worship. (I Kings 12:25-33)

As a result, the Lord sent a man of God out of Judah to pronounce judgment against the false altar. This judgment was fulfilled during Josiah's reign. (II Kings 23:15-16)

Although I knew Bethel had come under judgment, nevertheless, I was not prepared for the desolation I saw. Once it was a large city. Now it was heaps of stones. Rocks, rocks everywhere! One of them Jacob used as a pillow for his head. (Gen. 28:11,18) Tradition has it

Brother Lindsay and guide beside Jacob's well where Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink. (John 4:6)



that that rock is the Stone of Scone under the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey in London.

The lesson that Bethel would teach us is that though our church may be the very house of God, and be honored of God even as Bethel was, yet if our people depart from the Lord, our church will become a desolation even as Bethel is today.

THE SAMARITANS

On our way to Nabulus, we passed various points of interest. Upon a high mountain we could see the tomb of Samuel. Farther along, there suddenly opened before us a deep valley — none other than the Valley of Ajalon where Joshua commanded the sun and the moon to stand still! (Joshua 10:12-14) As we drew near Nabulus, we came to Jacob's well, now enclosed in a sheltered pavilion. We drank of the water of the well from which Jesus drank, and remembered His word which He spoke to the woman.

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (Jn. 4:13-14)

Many people do not know that Jacob's well is located between Mt. Gerizim, the mount of blessing, and Mt. Ebal, the Mount of cursing. (Deut. 27, Joshua 8:30-35)

The children of Israel after destroying Jericho and Ai, stood between the two mountains when the words of the law of the cursing and blessings were read, and said, "Amen," to them. It must have been an impressive ceremony. When a blessing was read, six tribes on one side would shout, "Amen." When the cursing was read, the other six tribes would shout, "Amen."

It is a startling thing to look at Ebal, the mount of cursing and see it a stark barren and desolate rock. And then across the narrow valley is Mt. Gerizim, the mount of blessing, covered by a beautiful green verdure of trees and vegetation.

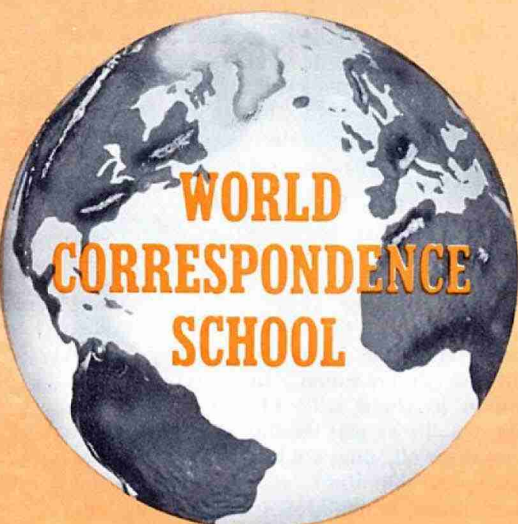
In the familiar story of the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman said to

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Brother Lindsay pointing to the heavily wooded Mt. Gerizim, the Mount of Blessing.



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The Overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah

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"Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground." (Gen. 19:24-25)

Sodom was located at the extreme southern end of the Dead Sea. The shores of the sea today and for some distance inland, are bleak and barren. Apparently, with the destruction of Sodom, the land came under a curse, for most of it even now is still barren, while in the days of Sodom, it was said to be like unto "the garden of the Lord."

In the year 1924, the joint expedition of the American School and Xenia Society made explorations of the area surrounding the southern part of the sea. They found at one place, some distance from the shore, a large fortified enclosure which contained vast numbers of potsherds and flints, of the period chronologically the same as Abraham's. These archeologists found evidence that this civilization came to an abrupt end in the Twentieth Century B.C., thus corroborating the Biblical record of the sudden and total judgment that fell upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

There is not wanting evidence that fire and brimstone fell on the cities of the plains, according to the Bible record. Explorers of this area are agreed that some great cataclysm occurred in this vicinity that has caused the unmixed desolation. For one thing, the cliffs of Mount Usdom (Sodom) indicate an abrupt subsidence of the bottom of the Dead Sea. Sulphur springs also abound in this area. Under Mount Usdom there is a stratum of salt 150 feet thick. Above this is a stratum of marl mingled with free sulphur. It appears to be a burned-out region of oil and asphalt. Some archeologists believe that in these subterranean chambers great quantities of gases gathered under pressure. At the proper time, God ignited the gases. A great explosion took place that hurled thousands of tons of red hot salt and sulphur into the heavens, so that it literally rained fire and brimstone from heaven. While we would not wish to state certainly how this destruction took place, nevertheless, since God often uses means in His judgments, this could have been the method used.

LOT'S WIFE

Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife." (Luke 17:32) There is a solemn object lesson in the story of the wife of Lot. This woman belonged to an excellent family. She was part of the company that came from Ur of the Chaldees, who were to create a new chapter in the history of the world. Lot's wife was probably kin to Abraham. She knew about Abraham's God, and had bended her knee with the others when prayers were made. But the time came when she and her husband made a worldly choice. Because of Sodom's commercial opportunities, it was chosen as their home, despite all the warnings that they had received.

It would have seemed that Mrs. Lot, who had known the true faith of Jehovah, would have revolted against the offensive morals of the city. Suddenly, she had gotten used to them. There is a verse that goes:

"Evil is a monster of such dreadful mien
That to be hated, needs but to be seen
But seen too oft its evil countenance faced,
Is first hated, then tolerated, then embraced."

The startling thing is that Lot's wife, instead of loathing the moral miasma of Sodom, actually had accustomed herself to it. She fell under the spell of the way of life of Sodom. Her children married into it. While she did not subscribe to, nor participate in its evil, she was not deeply troubled over it.

Yet, when the angels came into her home and warned her of the destruction that was at hand, she believed their words. And what an effect those tidings had upon her! We do not see her going with her husband to the homes of her daughters to add her voice to his. No, she is paralyzed with shock. We have known women who have been careless in their spiritual lives. The preacher

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may preach his heart out, but they continue on in a lukewarm condition. Nothing seems to stir them. They do not worry if their sons and daughters are living an ungodly life. But let tragedy suddenly strike and they collapse in a panic of fear. This is what happened to Lot's wife. Otherwise, would she not have been out with her husband that night to save her daughters?

When her husband returned and gave her the grim news that neither her sons-in-law nor her daughters would listen to him, we can hear her cry of despair. If only she had been one-tenth as moved when there was still time to influence her daughters! But now her cry of anguish was too late.

With dawn breaking in the eastern sky, the angels mercifully take her hand and draw her and her husband and their two daughters out of the city. Artists portray her looking back to Sodom, as thinking only of her material possessions in the city. But although Mrs. Lot has been rightly accused of a love for material things, and a lack of spiritual discernment, this last charge we believe is untrue. Mrs. Lot may have been guilty of all those things in the past, but that was not her trouble this day. Her daughters, whom she had borne, were still in the doomed city. That was why she and her husband had lingered as danger drew nearer by the second.

Even when she was about to escape from Sodom, her heart was there with her daughters and her grandchildren. Every step she took was taking her further from them, until at last she could stand it no longer. Like Adam, who chose to suffer the fate of Eve, rather than lose her, so life had lost its meaning to Mrs. Lot, if her own daughters perished in the holocaust. Alas, that she had not aroused herself sooner! That she had not become alarmed while there was yet time, before Sodom had gotten into her children, and they would mock at their father's religion.

As Lot and his family plodded toward Zoar, his wife began to fall behind. The angels had now departed, with a stern warning for them not to look behind. Suddenly in an hysteria of despair, we can see Mrs. Lot crying for her lost daughters, and when the sky darkens with the fire and brimstone, she suddenly turns back, even as a woman, who, after leaving her burning home, rushes back for a child who is caught in the fire, only to perish with it.

In Mount Sodom are great salt and sulphur deposits. In the explosions, some of the salt was carried with the burning sulphur. As these showered upon the hapless woman, she was encrusted with salt. Today, we still find mounds of salt scattered over the plains near Mount Sodom. Clovis G. Chappell, in his Sermons on Old Testament characters, tells a story of two persons who perished in the destruction of Pompeii:

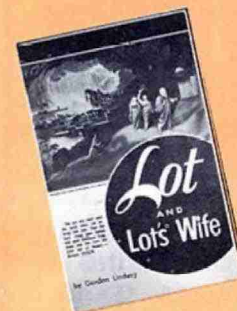
"There were two figures found in Pompeii when it was unearthed years ago. One of them was a Roman sentinel. He was standing erect in his place at the gate of the city. His spear was in his ashen hand, his sword was at his side. His helmet was upon his head. There the ashes had embalmed him and kept him through the long years. Now this disaster that overtook the city of Pompeii did not put this Roman soldier at the place of duty and keep him there faithful and true. It only photographed him for us.

"And there was another body found. It was that of a woman. Her feet were turned toward the city gate. Evidently she was fleeing with her might from the heavy doom that was overwhelming the city. But though her feet were toward the gate, her body was turned backward. Her hands were outstretched toward the ground. And just beyond her finger tips was a bag of pearls. Possibly she had dropped them. Possibly they had been dropped by another and she had seen them in passing. Anyway, she could not shake off their spell and she turned to pick them up, and the lava came down and embalmed her. But this disaster did not place her in that attitude of grasping greed. It only photographed her so that the future generations might see. Thus death did for Lot's wife. It did not turn her face backward to the world. It only photographed that face for our beholding."

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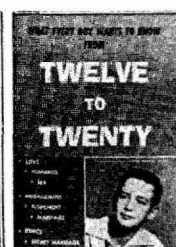
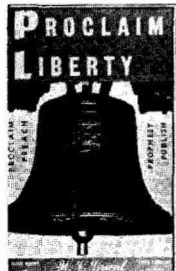
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THE HOLY LAND CRUSADE IN THE LAND OF JORDAN (Continued from page 11)

Jesus, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain: and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." (John 4:20) Who was right? With great wisdom and tact Jesus did not attack the Samaritan religion, but instead replied, "Woman believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." (John 4:21, 23)

The Samaritans believed that if they worshipped on Mt. Gerezim they would have the blessing. But Jesus showed that His people might worship God at any time and any place, if they worshipped in Spirit and in truth.

For 1900 years this colony of Samaritans has worshipped on Mt. Gerezim. They recently built a new church on the side of the mountain. Yet over the years, they have gradually dwindled until there is only a little over a hundred of them left.

The day we were there, was their holy day, but they took us into the church which can only be opened by means of three keys. There are no seats. Everyone worships with shoes removed while sitting down on the carpeted floor. They showed us the old priceless MSS of the books of Moses. How old it is, no one knows — it probably is one of the oldest manuscripts in the world, written on the enduring papyrus.

The energetic Ayoub Rihany now began to preach to the priest about Jesus, while the man listened to him in astonishment. I said to the priest, "You believe in Moses, then believe what Moses said," and I quoted: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; . . . I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." (Deut. 18:15, 18)

The priest and the others stood by listening as Brother Rihany drove the message home. Finally, the priest turned to him and said, "I want you to come back and tell us all about Jesus." We then gave them all the Bibles and gospel portions that we had. Pray for Brother Rihany that when he goes back, that this Samaritan sect which is older than the Christian Church, and to whom Jesus testified, will accept Christ as their Saviour.

This is God's hour and God's time for His ancient land. Your prayers and gifts make this great work possible.

THE OVERTHROW OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH (Continued from page 13)

What a destiny for a woman to be singled out by Jesus from among the women of history as a warning to all generations. The Lord had likened the time of His coming to that of the day Sodom was destroyed. He said, "He that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife." (Luke 17:31:32) The phrase, "Lot's wife looked back," means more than just turning one's head. The road out of Sodom, like other roads, had many windings first in one direction and then in another, but when the angel let go her hand, Lot's wife turned back to die with her children. Her conduct had made daughters of Sodom out of them, and she chose to perish with them.

THE LAST DAYS OF LOT

The last days of Lot were sad beyond description. We see him begging the angels who had told him to flee to the mountain, to be permitted to take refuge in Zoar. The angels gave him permission. However, Lot did not dwell in Zoar, but went on to the mountains.

And so Lot fades from the scene of history. To a great extent, his was a wasted life. Favored by fortune to be the nephew of Abraham, the "friend of God," he little realized his great opportunities. The things of time with him, weighed more than the things of eternity. Had his wife been a woman of sterling character, things might have been different. But both were worldly minded. The desire for the material comforts of the city caused them to remain there until their children took on the way of Sodom. About the only legacy Lot and his wife left for mankind is a solemn object lesson of how a wrong choice can bring a good man to a sad and bitter end. Lot saved his own life, but he lost his wife and his children.

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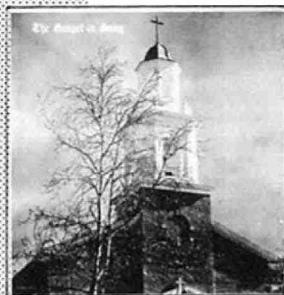
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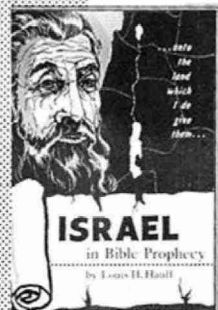
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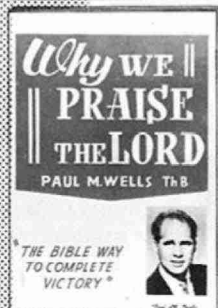
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