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WORLD FRIENDSHIP SENDS LARGE SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES TO THE POOR OF MEXICO

The two California Princess in the front row are Judy Clark, Bakersfield Queen and Marilyn Jacobs, former Queen of the Dairy Industry of California. Both accompanied the World Friendship party of thirty and made presentations of 101 heifers to President Mateos of Mexico. A large shipment of farm supplies goes to the Latin-American orphanage at Acapulco. Those in back row, left to right, are: Walter Parr, Executive Director of World Friendship; Clyde Henson and Kenneth Wise, Officers of Latin-American Orphanage; Paul Trolin, Executive Director of Latin-American Orphanage and Gordon Lindsay, President of World Friendship.



Brother Valdez had this remarkable visitation of the Lord Jesus in his room while at Jerusalem shortly after visiting the Mt. of Olives Chapel built by The Voice of Healing.

How Jesus Walked Into My Room In Jerusalem and Talked with Me

(Condensed from a message preached
by A. C. Valdez in the Milwaukee
Evangelistic Temple, April 15, 1962.)

The experience that I will now relate to you is one that I shall never forget if I were to live for a thousand years. It took place on Thursday evening, March the 29th, in the old City of Jerusalem. It was not a dream. I was not asleep when it happened. I was as wide awake as I am now. What I saw, I saw with my natural eyes. What I heard, I heard with my natural ears. As I stand before you this morning, friends, my heart is thrilled, as I think of what a wonderful experience that was.

Late one afternoon we had arrived by plane in the City of Jerusalem, the old City of Jerusalem, on the Jordan side. Brother Sumrall and I went to the hotel and checked in. After refreshing ourselves, that late afternoon as the sun began to go down, we walked the streets of that ancient Bible city. Someway, somehow, we felt in our hearts that we were walking on the very ground that Jesus had once walked, almost two thousand years ago when He was on this earth. I felt a big lump in my throat, and my cheeks were warm with tears, and I felt a peace that was beyond human description. Words could not describe the peace that I felt. I turned to Rev. Sumrall and said, "Brother Sumrall, do you feel what I feel?" I looked, and I saw that his eyes were glistening with tears, and he swallowed a little bit and looked at me and smiled and said, "Brother Valdez, I feel it too."

Early that evening, we went to the garden tomb. We stood below Golgotha's Mount and looked away to the top of that hill. Now, there is an old graveyard on top of that hill and fence around it, but it is still Mt. Calvary. The Word of God describes it as the "place of the skull", and that rough looking old hill does have a shape likened unto a skull. Down below, near by, is the garden tomb in which Jesus had been placed. We looked one more time. The sun had now gone down and, by the lesser light of the moon, we could see the top of Golgotha's Mount.

Our minds went back to the time when Jesus hanged between heaven and earth on that old wooden cross between two thieves. This was the same Jesus whom they had spat upon; that One whom they had beaten; that One whose side they had pierced and out came blood and water; that One who was nailed to a cross. When He died, He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus died for the whole world. We can almost see that angry mob as they cried out, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him. Crucify Him."

We walked to the caretaker's little cottage where lives the Christian brother who has charge of the garden tomb in which Jesus was laid. I had met him when Sister Valdez and I went to the Holy Land in 1955. We had a lovely time of fellowship, and, of course, it was a joy to renew that fellowship again. He said, "Brother Valdez, we have built a little chapel on the very top of the Mount of Olives. Would you and Brother Sumrall like to go visit it?" We

said, "Surely, we would love to." (This was the chapel The Voice of Healing built.)

We got into his automobile and made our way around the twisting road to the top of the Mount of Olives. By this time, it was very dark. We stood on the top of the Mount of Olives and remembered that it was right about this spot where Jesus went up into heaven.

It was a glorious sight to look upon the lighted city of Jerusalem that evening from the top of the Mount of Olives. Below us was the Valley of Jehoshaphat where the Lord is going to gather Israel when He returns and preach a sermon so powerful God's Word says, "[A] nation shall be born in a day." We looked just a little bit above this valley to the walls of Jerusalem and there stood the golden gate, which according to the Bible, is going to open when Jesus returns. Jesus will lead that grand procession through the golden gate and into the streets of Jerusalem just as He did on Palm Sunday two thousand years ago. What a grand procession that is going to be!

It was on Thursday evening that I spoke in the Assembly of Jerusalem, that old City of Jerusalem where Jesus preached. That night as I preached to those people, through an interpreter, I felt the Spirit of God come down upon me and I had one of the grandest times I have ever had in all of my life. People began to weep and praise God, and I thought I was back in the Milwaukee Evangelistic Temple. God began to pour out His Spirit in a wonderful way. In the service that evening were students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a converted Rabbi, and a mingling of young and old were in the audience. The blessing of God began to pour forth and God began to heal the sick and the afflicted. That night as we made an altar call, we saw Jewish people kneeling at the altar with tears rolling down their cheeks saying, "Jesus, I accept you as the Messiah." I thought this was wonderful, but one of these days, God's Word says, the veil is going to be lifted from the eyes of Israel and a nation is going to be born in a day.

I walked out into the evening air and all the way to the hotel it seemed there was Someone walking by my side. Someone was walking with me. I looked on either side. I could not see anyone at that time but I felt His presence. I could hear His footsteps, and I felt a strange warmth in my heart.

THE VISION OF CHRIST

When I reached my hotel room and before I retired, I knelt by my bedside and asked God to be with me. Then I turned out the lights and went to bed. I went to sleep, and just a little before midnight, I was awakened by a presence so great and wonderful that I knew it to be nothing less than the presence of Jesus. It seemed my whole body was vibrating and pulsating by the Power of God. An experience I shall never forget. The room began to light up and became lighter and lighter. I saw this with my natural eyes, and what I heard I



Rev. A. C. Valdez praying over prayer requests in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

heard with my natural ears. There stood the Lord Jesus Christ by my side. I was not asleep; I was wide awake. He stood there with His beautiful white robe. The robe was very plain, and yet, of the finest cloth or linen. I do not know how to describe it, but it was very beautiful. His dark brown hair was wavy, not small waves, but several large waves that went down to His shoulders. His hair seemed to shine and glisten, but it was the eyes of Jesus that impressed me so deeply. It seemed those eyes of Jesus would go right into me. As I looked, I knew that Jesus knew everything in my life from the very time that I was born. There was nothing that missed His eye, but there was a look of tenderness and kindness that seemed to say, "My son, I know everything about you, and I want you to know that I love you."

Let me tell you that Jesus loves you. In just a split second, as I looked into the eyes of Jesus, I thought, if the whole world could only see the look that Jesus has, they would know Jesus loves them. When we know how much Jesus loves us, we want to serve Him to our dying day. We would never want to serve anyone else except Jesus. Oh, what we would do for Jesus if we only knew the love He has for everyone. Such kindness, and tenderness, and such pity!

The Lord then spoke to me and said, "My child, fear not, peace be unto you." When He spoke those words, "Peace be unto you," there was a peace that came over me that I have never experienced before. It was

wonderful. In that moment of time that He said, "Peace be unto you", only one thought ran through my mind, and it was this... "If this could only last a million years how wonderful it would be." The peace of Jesus is wonderful.

As Jesus spoke, I was watching His eyes, but this time, He stretched His hands out and His palms were open. There were the nail prints in His hands appearing as though they had just been put there moments before. They were still fresh, and the blood was still on His hands. He said to me, "I gave my life for you." Then He said to me, "My child, I have things to tell you that you must take to the people..."

WHAT JESUS TOLD HIM

Then He said, "My son, when you return, tell the people not to fear what man says, but to turn a deaf ear and to keep their eyes on the Son of the living God from whence cometh their strength for they shall receive the heritage of the saints, and they shall receive a crown of glory." Then as He continued to speak, He told me the old, old story which I already knew, how He had come to this earth because God, His Father, so loved the world and had sent Him to die. He said, "When I came, I came as a sheep to the slaughter, and my grace is still sufficient today. Through my blood, men will find salvation. Men and women shall find salvation and pardon for their sins and I will heal their bodies." Then He said, "Soon I am coming. The angels in heaven are, at this very time, my child, preparing for the great day of celebration, the day of my return to this earth. Preparations are going on right now." Jesus continued to talk to me and He said, "My mercy has been extended unto man for two thousand years. Now the time is soon to end, and the day of mercy will be over. The doors will be closed forever. This is man's last opportunity. Warn the people that I am coming soon, that they must do everything that can for the preparation of the coming of Jesus, to get the Gospel out to the farthest ends of the earth until everybody knows that Jesus is the Saviour of the world." He said, "My son, tell the people to make every sacrifice." Let us not stop at anything until everybody has heard the sound of the Gospel that Jesus is the Saviour of the world." He said, "Warn the people that great persecution is going to come to God's people everywhere. Men shall speak evil of you. You will be falsely accused. Great persecution shall come upon the face of the earth." But He said, "In all these things, look in the face of your Saviour and He will see you through. I will keep my people in the hollow of my hand and not a hair of their head shall be harmed." He said, "In many parts of the world great catastrophes are going to take place; tidal waves, storms, earthquakes, and nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom, wars and rumors of wars, but fear not, because I will keep my people in the hollow of my hand. Warn the people that I am coming soon and they must do everything to prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." Then He said, "When I came, I came as a babe in a manger; I came in humility and as a sheep led to the slaughter, but when I return, I will not come as a sheep to the slaughter, I will not come in humility, but as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and the judge of the quick and the dead. When I come, I will not come to

bring mercy, for man has already received mercy, but I shall come to bring judgment to the wicked. To those who love me and serve me, they shall enter into the glories of the Lord." He said, "My son, tell the people that I will prepare them for the days that are ahead."

Day by day as we approach nearer to the coming of Jesus, we shall receive more power with God. Not only the ministers, but the lay members also will receive God's power, to go forth to do signs and wonders and miracles. The blind shall receive their sight and the deaf shall hear, the dumb speak and the cripples shall walk. Cancers, sicknesses and diseases shall be healed, and demons cast out, and the dead shall be raised.

Then He looked at me and said, "My child, peace be unto you." I sat up in bed weeping, and looking at Jesus, and then I heard the most beautiful music I have ever heard in my life. It was the music of angels. As I listened to the music, I felt a strange peace such as I have never felt before. As I kept looking, Jesus faded away and seemed to fade right into the wall, and He was gone.

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In that other life, when I pass alone.
What shall they find, and what
Shall they see, in the soul that
Answers the call for me?
Shall the Great Judge learn
When my task is through,
That my spirit has gained some riches too?
Or shall at last, it be mine to find
That all I'd worked for I'd left behind?*

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Are the Gifts of the Spirit For the Church Today?

by Gordon Lindsay

(Taken from the new book "All About the Gifts of the Spirit")

Few subjects in the New Testament are as important as that of the gifts of the Spirit. Paul, in the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, reveals the Church as the Body of Christ. (I Cor. 12:27) He goes on to explain that the members of this Body are believers exercising varying gifts, even as the members of the human body have different functions and purposes. Paul adds, that all these members working harmoniously together, become the mystical Body of Christ on earth. In the light of this, it follows, that without the gifts of the Spirit, the Church becomes something quite different from that which God intended. Instead of being a supernatural organism, the Church is then only another human organization.

It is a matter of history, that within a short time after the Apostolic period, the gifts of the Spirit gradually began to disappear from the Church. Many reasons have been advanced as to why this happened. A common explanation is that when the New Testament canon was completed, these gifts were no longer needed.

Although the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit ceased to a great extent after the Apostolic Age, there is no evidence whatever that this occurred because the Lord withdrew the gifts. They ceased because the Church became lukewarm. The beginnings of this lukewarmness can be seen in the Lord's warning to the Church at Ephesus, when He gave the Revelation to St. John about the year 96 A.D.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Rev. 2:4-5)

ANNOUNCING THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW COURSE ON "THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT"

With the coming of the year 1963 we are announcing the beginning of a new course of the World Correspondence School of The Voice of Healing. This course will run for a little over a year. Each of our 10,000 enrollees will receive a new book each month that will, in the course of the year, cover the entire nine gifts of the Spirit. Nothing as complete as this has appeared in print. The author, having been associated with many of the outstanding sign-gift ministers is able to draw on his wide experience for incidents which illustrate the working of the various gifts. If you are not yet enrolled in the World Correspondence Course write us at once. This month-to-month course which includes the great dynamic subjects of the Bible is sent without charge to all regular donors to the Winning the Nations Crusade.

During the period of the great persecutions of the second and third centuries, the gifts of the Spirit continued to be more or less manifest. But shortly after Constantine's Edict making Christianity the national religion, at which time the Church came into Imperial favor, the ministry of the gifts rapidly declined.

However, it is important to note that the operation of the gifts of the Spirit never altogether ceased. The story of St. Francis contains thrilling incidents of miracles of healing. When he sent his

preachers out, he gave them the same command that Jesus gave His disciples in Matt. 10:8. They were to preach that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand and to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils".

The history of the persecuted sects of the Waldenses and Albigenses, shows that the gifts of the Spirit were in manifestation even during the Middle Ages. John Wesley, in the 18th Century, records in his journals remarkable Pentecostal phenomena in the meetings of the early Methodists. The Moravians and other contemporary groups experienced many unusual supernatural manifestations. So, while the operation of the gifts greatly diminished during the ensuing centuries of the Church Age, they never did entirely disappear. And when at last, men began to earnestly pray for their restoration to the Church, the present latter-day outpouring of the Spirit resulted.

WERE THE GIFTS TO CEASE?

There is a passage of Scripture that has been commonly used as a proof-text by those who hold the position that the gifts of the Spirit have ceased from the Church. This is I Cor. 13:8-10:

"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

Here we are told that prophecies, and tongues, and knowledge shall cease, or pass away. *Just one glance at the Scripture shows however, that the period referred to is not this age at all, but the perfect age which is yet to come!* Even an unlearned person knows quite well that "that which is perfect", has not yet come.

THE SIGNS WERE TO FOLLOW

As we shall presently note, the Lord, in His Great Commission gave the promise of miraculous signs which would follow and confirm the preaching of the word. (Mark 16:15-18) These signs were to be the means of convincing the heathen of the genuineness of the gospel message. There was no hint that the terms of the Great Commission were to be changed in any way. In fact, Jesus implied that all generations to come, even to the end of the age, were to observe "all things whatsoever I have commanded you".

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-20)

The above are the very last words written by the Apostle Matthew. Who will deny that this Great Commission is not still in effect?

The need of supernatural signs to arrest the attention of the masses is illustrated in Elijah's challenge on Mt. Carmel, at the time he confronted the prophets of Baal. Elijah asked the people the question, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him... the people answered him not a word." (I Ki. 18:21) But when the fire fell miraculously from heaven in answer to Elijah's prayer, the people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord he is God, the Lord he is God." (Verse 39)

IS THE WORLD EVANGELIZED YET?

The assumption by some that the world is now evangelized, and therefore the signs are no longer needed, is so obviously far removed from the truth that it needs no refutation. The facts simply are that the population of the heathen nations is multiplying at such a fantastic rate that unless the dissemination of the Gospel is speeded by some means, the fulfillment of the Great Commission can never be accomplished. So far, the only successful means of mass evangelism that ever has been demonstrated is that of the ministry of healing and miracles. We would be the last to criticize any sincere effort to reach the heathen, such as the use of medical missionaries and the building of schools and hospitals. Such means however, are entirely too slow, if we are to reach the heathen in our generation. In view of the fearful increase of the destructiveness of war, he who predicts that the Church will have more time to evangelize, than the period of this generation, is indeed optimistic.

Shall we not face the truth? The real reason for which the gifts of the Spirit are missing from the Church is because the Church has been satisfied without them. The Church needs to realize that she is the Body of Christ, and without

the gifts of the Spirit manifest in her midst, she can never fulfill her destiny. As Paul admonished Timothy to stir up the gift that was in him, so we today need to awaken the Church to the fact that Christ has set certain gifts in His Body, and we do well to put them into action.

RETURN OF THE GIFTS HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED

It is interesting to note that discerning Bible scholars of the 19th Century, realizing that the disappearance of the gifts of the Spirit from the main body of the Church, was due to her lethargy and lukewarmness, looked forward to, and even predicted a last-day outpouring of the Spirit and with it a reappearance of the gifts.

Michael Baxter, founder of the CHRISTIAN HERALD, writing in the year 1866, in his famous book BAXTER'S FORTY WONDERS — many of whose predictions have been startlingly fulfilled — has this to say concerning the reappearance of the supernatural in the Church:

"Increased faith to work miracles... and unparalleled boldness in preaching the gospel, will characterize the coming Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit

—the various gifts of the Spirit were bestowed upon pastors, prophets, evangelists, teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, and the gathering and completing of a perfect Church. But this end is not yet attained, therefore these gifts cannot altogether have ceased, or been entirely withdrawn, although they have been suspended and temporarily withdrawn as mark of displeasure for the apostatizing of the church from her first love."

At the turn of this century, Michael Baxter's prediction came true. The great Pentecostal outpouring, beginning in America, spread out over the world, and with it a new manifestation of the gifts. Some of those who were most used in this outpouring, however, saw a greater move of the supernatural yet to come. In the book, NEW ZEALAND'S GREATEST REVIVAL by Roberts, a brother remarked to Smith Wigglesworth, "One is tempted to envy you when you have had such great success." He received the following reply:

"Young man, it is the other way around. I feel like envying you. I have had three visions — three only. The first two have already come to pass, but the third is yet to be fulfilled. I will most likely pass on to my reward, but you are a young man and will most likely be in what I saw.' He burst out, 'O, it was amazing.' He was asked what was amazing. 'O,' he said, 'I cannot tell God's secrets. But you remember what I say — this revival we have had is nothing to what God is yet going to do.' The one to whom Brother Wigglesworth addressed these words commented: 'It was quite evident that the evangelist had a special vision granted him of the coming outpouring of the Spirit in an unprecedented effusion in the days just before our Lord comes to snatch away the Church.'"

Dr. Charles S. Price, noted evangelist, said in a sermon he preached shortly before his death:

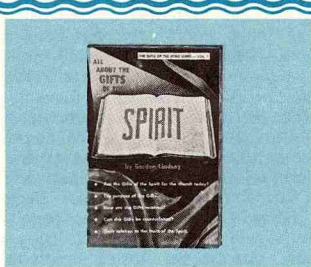
"Yesterday we sang, 'Showers of Blessing', but now we are waiting for the deluge! It is coming and nothing can stop it. Like every previous outpouring, this glorious experience which is about to burst upon the world will not be the product of any established system. Established systems may experience it and enjoy it and flow along in the clear stream of its beautiful, onward flowing. Even then they may not do it as systems, but only as the multiplied thousands within their borders, who are hungry for God and are spiritually conscious of the fact that there is more to follow."

"You have thought, have you not, that you have been in some glorious healing service? Perhaps you have and for them we praise the Lord. But wait a little while. I declare unto you that God is going to do better in your tomorrows than He has ever done in the past."

FEAR OF THE DEVIL'S POWER

One circumstance that holds back

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ALL ABOUT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

by Gordon Lindsay

Here is the book that is just what the title says. It is all about the gifts of the Spirit. It is the first of a series of books that will cover all nine gifts of the Spirit.

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But God told His people to do more than to evangelize. He told them to build the Church. One of the greatest illusions on the mission field is that we are fulfilling our duty by maintaining out-stations where a missionary or a worker speaks once a month under a tree or under the stars. The missionaries themselves repeatedly tell us that unless we get the new converts into buildings where they can worship regularly, the results are largely dissipated. God intended His Church to be members of one body regularly coming together, and maintaining regular worship services. The Church of Jesus Christ was born, not in a palace to be sure, but it did at least have the accommodations of the large upper room.

Our government has literally spent

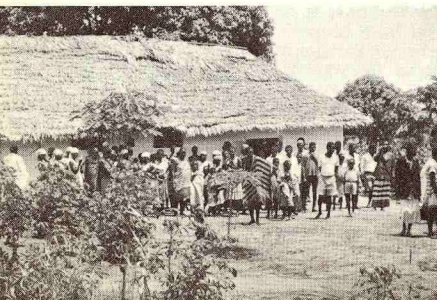
scores of billions of dollars helping the undeveloped nations to help themselves. Alas, that our missionary effort has been largely taking care of our own missionaries. This, of course, is all-important and we cannot over-estimate the need of sending missionaries. Nor can we minimize the value of training nationals. Thank God thousands of these young men are carrying the message to their people in the smaller towns and cities. But still if we do not provide shelter for the converts all these efforts are largely wasted.

It is tragic that the Church has not considered this need sooner. It just seems that with all the needs on the mission field, this has been last on the list. Although much good work has been lost because of this, nevertheless it is not too late to preserve the major results of the revival that God has sent to the nations. No time is to be lost, however; we need to build literally thousands of churches in the various countries of the world.

Here is where the missionary dollar goes further than anywhere else. Because the native gives his services free, because he will hew stone, make brick, cut timbers out of the forest, really nice churches can be built if they have about \$250 (sometimes more is needed) of assistance.

We thank God that the people of America are responding, making it possible to extend the Native Church Crusade to more and more nations of the world. If you have not yet sponsored a church, turn to the coupon on these pages and mail it to us at once. As quickly as possible we will assign you a church, and you can have a part in establishing a lighthouse that will be a soul saving station until Jesus comes.

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MISSIONARIES LEARNING OF THE NATIVE CHURCH PLAN AGREE THAT IT MEETS THE NEED OF THE HOUR

As more and more missionaries are learning of the NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE and its help to needy churches throughout the world, they too want to take advantage of this opportunity to establish permanent churches for their converts. Word came recently from a missionary in Nigeria who, together with a team of evangelists, is seeking to spread the Full Gospel message in the Afenmai district, which is largely pagan or Moslem. This district is undeveloped and conditions are primitive, but most villages are hungry for the gospel—except where the Moslems have taken hold first. In the last two years a dozen churches have been established, many have been healed, and the open air services continue to attract large crowds even in the Moslem towns.

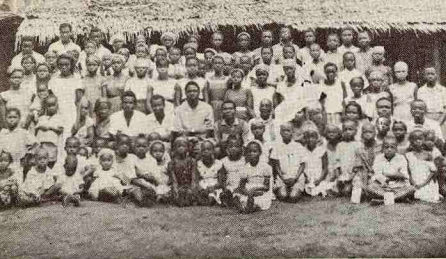
However, the new converts are very poor and must meet in thatched sheds. While there are twelve assemblies established, only one has a permanent building. They could be encouraged to build suitable churches if money for iron roofing sheets and other necessary materials could be provided. While the building standards are not of the highest quality, the usefulness of such buildings will be unsurpassed by many finer churches. This missionary is eager to help these precious converts establish permanent buildings and become firmly grounded in the faith that they might reach others in their nearby villages with the good news of salvation. Then he can go on to other unreached areas with the full gospel message.

From the country of France comes a cry for help. In the neglected village of St. Die in the Vosges mountains a faithful Irish missionary and his wife are laboring to establish a work of God. They are now holding meetings in a small rented hall which was formerly a cafe, and they ask us to help them to get a permanent church building large enough to accommodate the hungry hearts they come in contact with. When we wrote and told them of our desire to cooperate

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Here in Savanah-La-Mar, Jamaica the people are in a tent. They will have a building soon, thanks to the Native Church Crusade.

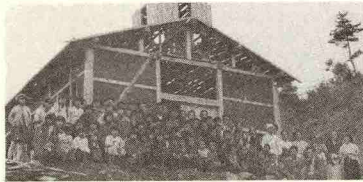




Native Church is finished in Efoi Eket, Nigeria.



Congregation begins building in Thessalia, Kenya.



Partially finished church in Unchilli, Korea (see letter below).



Perdagangan, Indonesia

CHURCH IN KOREA BEING RUSHED TO COMPLETION BEFORE SNOWS COME

In the December issue of THE VOICE OF HEALING, we carried a letter from a missionary in Korea telling of the need for assistance in building a village church. Our prompt response to their appeal was met with much rejoicing. The missionary, Jack Holm, writes of his recent visit to the church, which is now partially finished (see photo above): "We visited the church last week (two and one-half hours' walk over a mountain) and though the meeting was held in the church, some people had to leave due to the extreme cold and the snow blowing in. The walls are up but the roof is unfinished and there are no doors or windows. How we prayed with the pastor and the congregation that day that the building might be completed before the REAL cold and snow begins to blow.

"How I wish I could take your time to tell you what a boost a church building is to these rural areas. What an encouragement it is for people to come and hear the gospel and WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCE IT DOES NOT WEAKEN THE PEOPLE IN ANY WAY as some seem to think. Many times I have seen congregations, all on their knees, literally weeping tears, in thanks to God for Christian friends in America who have helped financially in the building of their church. I am convinced that if and when all support had to be withdrawn, the churches would continue on! But in the meantime, what an encouragement and help we can be to the Christians here as well as so quickly furthering the cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathen. We praise and magnify the Lord for the vision He has given you!"

WORDS OF THANKS . . .

. . . From a Missionary in Kenya, East Africa

"God bless you and every sponsor. We send a hearty thank-you from the churches concerned and from all of the Coastal work. Your vision and endeavor is most timely and only Eternity will reveal the extent and blessing of its great fruitfulness." —Rev. George Lindsay

. . . From a Sponsor in Morgan Hill, California

"Thank you, Brother Lindsay, for this opportunity that enables us that cannot go into the harvest fields to have a little part in gathering in a few precious souls for our dear Lord." —Charles H. Duerner

. . . From a Missionary in the Philippines

"We rejoice over the project of THE VOICE OF HEALING. Churches that had been started two to five years ago are now able to finish and are greatly benefited. Those who were not able to start are now beginning to build and those who had no lot are now able to buy through this Crusade. Praise the Lord." —Lily Maureal

THE NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE (Continued from page 6)

with them in their efforts for God, they were overjoyed. The missionary writes:

"We were delighted to receive your wonderful letter three weeks ago, and I want you to know that when I announced your proposition in our church, our Christians were overjoyed and greatly encouraged in their faith. They were touched to discover that people who didn't know them and who lived in another country thousands of miles away cared enough for them as to make a sacrifice to help build their church. On behalf of these dear French children of God let me say many thanks, Brother Lindsay, to you and those who labor with you!"

EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY SHOULD SPONSOR AT LEAST ONE NATIVE CHURCH

Every Christian family wants to do their best for God. We know that time is running out, and all of us want to feel that we have done our best. How then can we get the most out of our missionary dollars?

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." But after the gospel is preached, what comes next? There has to be a church where people can worship. If no churches had been built in America, the gospel would have fought a losing battle.

We may truthfully say that the great need in the mission field is the building of native churches. Missionaries everywhere are emphasizing this need. The evangelist can live with the people that he preaches to, just as the American evangelist can live upon offerings from the people he ministers to. But in foreign lands that leaves little left with which to build a church.

Now the wonderful thing is, that not a great deal of money is needed. Often the people are able to secure a lot. They can build blocks and hew timbers out of the forest. They will donate all the labor. But all this is not enough. They must have nails, money for roofing, cement for the floor, and doors and windows to keep out the weather. At least \$250 is required to make possible the building of a native church. (Larger native churches require between \$300 and \$500.)

Thus it is possible for every American family to build at least one native church. Many will want to build more. When once they have experienced the joy of having sponsored a native church, many will want to build another. Be that as it may, every American family could sponsor at least one native church. For the cost of a refrigerator, a washer, a television set, they can sponsor a native church. Why not sit down this minute and fill out the coupon below and mail it to us at once?

Application for Sponsorship of a Native Church

THE VOICE OF HEALING
Box 8658, Dallas 16, Texas

I have read the story of the NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE. I see its great opportunities for winning multitudes for Christ. I want to sponsor the building of a NATIVE CHURCH.

☐ I would like to sponsor a NATIVE CHURCH costing \$250.00.

☐ I am enclosing \$_____

☐ I will pay the balance on the NATIVE CHURCH at the rate of \$_____ per month.

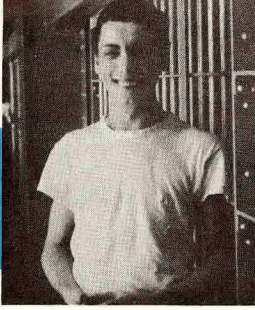
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Your Church _____



Douglas Ashley

Shall we let this young man who has been so wonderfully saved die in the electric chair? Let us pray for a commutation of his sentence that his testimony may go forth for God.

The Amazing Photograph (see below) Taken by the Stepfather of the Boy Now Condemned to Die

ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 24, 1950, one of the most amazing photographs in the history of all-time was taken in Houston, Texas. It occurred in the Branham meetings then being held in that city. From night to night God's power was revealed, and in the case of practically every person dealt with, Brother Branham was able to discern not only the affliction but anything that was interfering spiritually with the person seeking healing. Unconfessed sin was promptly called out. This action of the Spirit revealed to the audience how important it was for people seeking healing to surrender their lives completely to God.

During the campaign a hostile clergyman by the name of W. E. B.... raised a great hue and cry against the meetings, claiming that the days of miracles were passed. He said that those who prayed for the sick were fakers and challenged the evangelist to a debate, on the subject of Divine healing. Brother Branham refused the offer to debate, but the late F. F. Bosworth, who was with the party, accepted the challenge. So it was that on the night of January 24, some 8,000 people were in the Sam Houston auditorium to witness the proceedings. There never was any doubt that night as to whom the sympathies of the vast crowd were for. Dr. B.... had nothing to offer the people. He told the audience that God no longer was interested in healing the sick.

Nevertheless, Dr. B.... thought to capitalize on the meeting by having his picture taken as one of the speakers. Never before had he had an opportunity to speak before so large an audience. He hired a Mr. Ayres, a professional photographer, who worked with the Ted Kipperman Studios to take pictures of him.

Although Brother Branham refused to take part in the debate, he was however, prevailed upon, at the close of the service, to say a few words to the audience. Mr. Ayres although told not to take any pictures of Rev. Branham, nevertheless, slipped forward to get the shot. We could have stopped him, but decided to let him go ahead.

Back at the studios that night, Mr. Ayres tried to develop the photographs taken of Dr. B.... For some mysterious reason

the negatives all turned out blank! Rather surprised at this result since his camera was in perfect working condition, Mr. Ayres now tried to develop the shot taken of Rev. Branham, though naturally he expected it to be blank also. Imagine his surprise when he found that the film was not only good, but there appeared on the negative over the head of Brother Branham, a flame of fire in the form of a halo!

In the morning the astonished photographer came down to our hotel where we were staying to report on the strange result of the negative that had been taken on the night before. There could not be any doubt that the photograph was genuine, but to anticipate skepticism we had the negative taken to Mr. George Lacy, a professional examiner of questioned documents, who made a scientific examination of the film.

After giving it a careful analysis over a period of two days, Mr. Lacy gave a signed statement that in his opinion the photograph was absolutely genuine.

THE EXPERT'S REPORT OF THE NEGATIVE

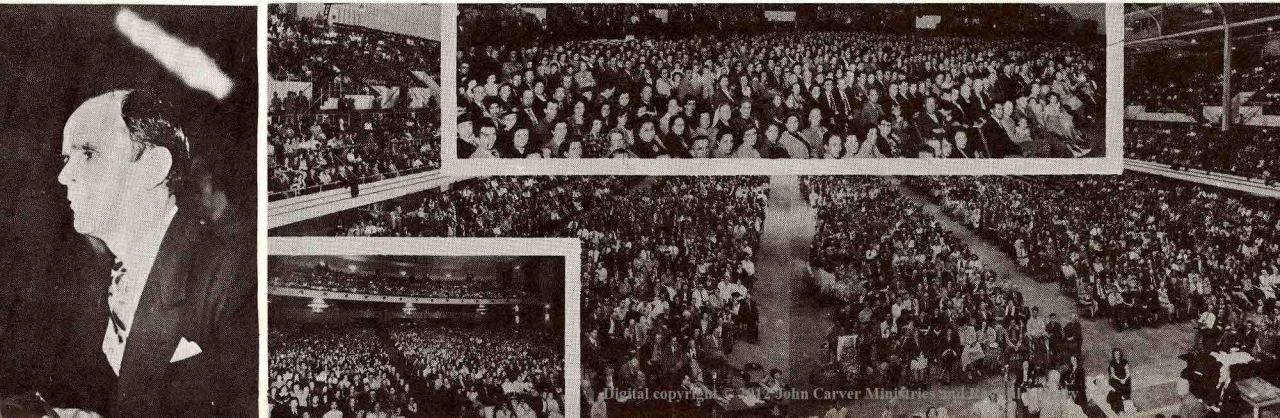
A part of Mr. Lacy's written report was as follows: "Rev. Lindsay requested that I make a scientific examination of the aforesaid negative. He requested that I determine, if possible, whether or not in my opinion the negative had been retouched or 'doctored' in any way, subsequent to the developing of the film, that would cause a streak of light to appear in the position of a halo above the head of Rev. Branham." (Then followed his scientific analysis and concluding he said, "... Based upon the above described examination and study I am of the definite opinion that the negative submitted for examination was not retouched, nor was it a composite or double exposed negative. Further I am of the definite opinion that the light streak appearing above the head in a halo position was caused by the light striking the negative.")

The appearance of this remarkable phenomenon on the negative was, of course, a startling confirmation of the authenticity of Brother Branham's ministry. The fact that the shots taken of Dr. B...., turned out blank could only be interpreted that

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The remarkable photograph taken of William Branham with the halo.

Scenes from the meeting in Houston where the amazing photograph at left was taken. The lower photograph was the audience that attended in the Sam Houston Auditorium.



WORD FROM DOUGLAS ASHLEY THE CONDEMNED BOY

Douglas explains in a personal letter to the editor telling what actually took place at the fatal shooting. He freely confesses that he was deep in sin, and did utterly wrong in being present on the occasion. But he never dreamed that it would end up in a death of a man even if it resulted from self defense. He writes:

"The man a pervert, and a machoist made sadistic advances which were repulsed. A fight started because we refused to do this deed. Then he really raged and started inflicting much pain on the girl, claiming to ruin her for life. Then I attacked him, but he was like a wild animal and I couldn't handle him. He got the best of me and he tried to kill me. He was cursing and choking me to near unconsciousness. Then the girl kept begging him to stop. The next thing I knew shots were firing and he fell to the floor dead. It was unavoidable for he was like a roaring lion. The girl and I were both in deep shock and really looked like we had been through a windmill. We went into panic and feared the law would not believe what had happened. I knew I was not guilty and she only fired to save my life and hers. Without thinking we fled and were arrested February 26, in New York. This flight gave the appearance we were guilty and we were both charged with first degree murder and the trial started May 15, 1961."

We do not believe that Douglas and the girl should be electrocuted. We ask our readers to pray for this boy that the sentence be at least commuted. If there is something else you can do, we will inform you in next month's issue. (The mother, Sylvia Ayers, now wonderfully saved and has received the Holy Ghost, is open for speaking engagements in churches. You can contact her at Box 8084, Houston, Texas.)

Douglas Ashley's Story of His Conversion

ON THE 24th OF MAY, 1961, I was found guilty of murder after a nineteen-day trial here in Houston. Following the verdict I was transferred from the hospital to death row to a very lonely cold cell here in the county jail. At once my attorney filed a motion for a new trial. (This has been denied thus far. Ed.) All during my first night in this death cell, I thought, "No, not a verdict of guilty when I am innocent of premeditation and malice!" My body was torn with fright, knowing that I was to die in Huntsville State Prison chair. I could not sleep, as all I saw were the words, "guilty" and "death" spelled out in steel that surrounded me. I did not have the slightest idea of whom to turn to for comfort. Finally the night passed and a new day dawned.

During that day I received a call from Rev. Pemberton and he asked me if I knew who Jesus was. My reply was, "Who is he?" He explained to me in detail as I listened and then afterwards he led in prayer. Upon his departure he presented me with a Bible with certain verses underlined. A lady also sent me a New Testament at about the same time. I thought to myself, "I have nothing else to read, so I'll see what this is." In curiosity I read the last book, which is Revelation. I saw the extreme importance of it and the future began to unfold that very day for me.

I pondered what the pastor had told me. He said that Jesus gives comfort, and if I would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, I would be saved. That Jesus came to save ones like me that were lost. He had underlined Romans 10:13, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved."

THE VISION IN THE PRISON

One morning a few days later, I looked out of the window towards what the Bible described as heaven, and I saw an arrow with words on one side which said that I, Douglas Ashley, was under God's jurisdiction and rule. On the other side of the arrow that pointed at me were the words, "The Messiah, Jesus Christ, has come, died, and rose again to save sinners like myself." At the tip of the golden arrow I saw "Believest thou this?" And I believed.

I then saw the three crosses unfold, Jesus and two thieves were crucified. I saw one on the left and one on the right, and my most adorable Lord's heart bleeding for me as He hung there in the middle. I saw the thief on the left side, sneering at Him saying, "If you are the Son of God, deliver yourself from these nine-inch spikes which are driven into your feet and hands, and also save me." I saw the other on the right, come to repentance and ask Jesus to remember him when He went to heaven where His kingdom awaited. Jesus forgave him and assured him after his confession he would be in paradise. One thief died in sin, while the other died with his sin taken from him. I saw his cross bring about a last-minute conversion. I was in the same kind of situation, except my fate was to be

in an electric chair. I asked myself, "Will I be in grace and glory by and by?" I still did not have the answer. It was focusing in slowly but surely. Jesus gave His life, a dying Saviour, with my sin upon Him. He suffered the agonies of hell so I would have deliverance from eternal damnation.

Then as if a gush of wind came into my cell and parted the pages, I looked and watched. I thought I was in a trance, but it was very real. Suddenly there was the answer to my question. "Fear not I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and hell." (Rev. 1:18)

At that moment God's voice told me that if I rejected His Word, I would spend eternity in the pits of hell. To accept His Word and receive atonement from sin I would gain the right to live again when He comes to claim His own. I answered saying, "I want with all my heart, body, and soul to be able to reign with Jesus Christ my Lord when He comes." I was convinced, without a doubt, that God is everywhere and He could be found anywhere He was sought, even here in death row.

On the 5th of June, I came into contact with the lady who had sent me a New Testament. Her church held services in the prison each Tuesday, preaching to men the Word of God. I was taken out of my cell in the outer hall where we got acquainted. She prayed for me and her prayer did wonders. The devils shook loose from me that held me in bondage. Tears formed in my eyes as she turned away. But she said, "Douglas, you are not alone, Jesus is with you." The lady wrote me letters and her visits at the prison were regular.

I now realized that I was climbing up the tree of life and I had to cleanse myself of all sin, so I would be pure when I reached the top. Now my next step was water baptism. A friend joined me in prayer that I could find a way to be baptized. At this time I joined the church of Rev. H. G. Weathers. On June 27, I wrote a note requesting water baptism, and that my mother Sylvia Ayers and my friend might attend. The request was granted and Lt. Harry Smith made the arrangements and I was furnished with white clothing and was taken to the chapel. Rev. Weathers preached a powerful sermon on going forward with God. We sang a number of songs including, "God can do anything." Then I was baptized in a tank of water.

My baptism spoke to me that I was not to be bewildered or disappointed over the circumstances of my confinement. Though I had lost my freedom I was now born in the Spirit. Only a few months before I had watched the television and the movies and saw the workshop of the devil in action. I realized now how one can easily fall into these pits of sin by not knowing the Creator. Now I am coming forth with my testimony to help other wayward ones that are lost. (Douglas Ashley, Box 8084, Houston, Texas.)

ARE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE CHURCH TODAY?

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some in seeking the gifts of the Spirit is an almost morbid fear of the devil. They see demon-power and delusion everywhere. Of course, we know that there are many deceiving spirits in the land. However, the Scriptures give us means to test the spirits and discern which is not from God. (1 John 4:1-3) Moreover, one of the gifts is the discerning of spirits, a gift designed to detect the presence of evil powers.

Those who fear that if they sought the gifts of the Spirit, they might receive something from the devil, should remember Christ's words in Luke 11:11-13:

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Here, Jesus points out that if earthly fathers give good gifts unto their children, certainly the Heavenly Father will not do worse by His children!

It is significant to note also, the incident that followed this statement of Christ. It involved His healing of a dumb man. After the man was healed, opposers charged the miracle was performed by the power of Beelzebub. But Jesus pointed out that if Satan cast out Satan, then his kingdom was divided and would not stand.

"If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you." (Luke 11:18-20)

What is the conclusion of the matter? Surely, on the basis of Christ's words, we need not fear to press forward and claim this ministry. Fear kept the children of Israel from going forward and possessing the land that had been given them. The ten spies cautioned them to play it safe, that the inhabitants of the land were giants, and that the risks and hazards were too great. Because of their fear, that generation never entered into the land of promise. They were doomed to wander and die in the wilderness. God grant that we shall not repeat their foolish error.

Actually, we need the spiritual gifts to give us power in the battle. We need these tools in our warfare. Only thus equipped may the Church accomplish her appointed purpose.

PURPOSE OF THE SPIRIT

Having shown that the gifts of the

Spirit are still in the Church, and that they are manifested wherever faith is, we shall consider something of their purpose and what God intended that they should accomplish. The gifts of the Spirit are not toys; they are God's love-gifts to the Church. Any attempt therefore, to use them for selfish or frivolous purposes, would be a tragic mistake.

What then were the purposes that God had in mind when He ordained these special gifts of the Spirit to be bestowed upon the Church? As we shall see, the paramount purpose was that through the operation of these gifts, the Church should become the functioning Body of Christ on earth.

1. To manifest the Body of Christ on earth.

In the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, Paul considers the Church as the Body of Christ.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many... Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (I Cor. 12:12-14, 27)

Here is a vital truth which is not as fully understood as it should be. Here we are told that the Church is the Body of Christ, and each of us are members in particular. The point is this, that as long as Christ was on earth, He could only be in one location at a time. He could only minister to a few at a time. However, after the Spirit was poured out, it became possible for Him to manifest Himself through an unlimited number of believers. These members of His mystical Body could go forth into all parts of the world and minister to the people, even as He ministered when He was on earth. "As he is, so are ye in the world." So was the ministry of Christ multiplied many-fold.

Thus, by means of these supernatural gifts, Christ, through the Holy Spirit, may manifest Himself and His ministry in any part of the earth. The Church thus becomes indeed the Body of Christ, doing His works, and ministering His love and compassion to the needy. In a real way the Church is His eyes, His ears, His feet, His hands, to carry on His work on earth.

This truth also shows us, that when the Church loses the manifestation of her gifts, she becomes weak, ineffective, and something altogether different from what God intended.

2. To assist in the Evangelization of the World.

In Mark 16:15-18, the Lord gives the Great Commission as a command to believers for the evangelization of the world.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

How was this evangelization to be done? Not through the use of gimmicks or gadgets, but through certain miraculous signs which are manifest through the gifts of the Spirit.

It has not been easy to evangelize the heathen. William Carey, the first missionary of modern times, toiled six years to win a single convert. The evangelization of the nations has been a slow and tedious process. Missionaries have labored all their lives to win a few souls. Contrast this with the results of the great mass revivals conducted by those with sign-gift ministries.

THE AMAZING PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY THE STEPFATHER OF THE BOY NOW CONDEMNED TO DIE

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God was rebuking and discrediting this presumptuous minister.

The incident had a powerful effect upon everybody including the photographers. Mr. Kipperman, convinced that the photograph indicated God's hand upon Rev. Branham, travelled with the party for a season. We believe that it was God's call to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers and her ten year old son Douglas Ashley. However, the family were Jews, and as we all know it is a very difficult thing for a Jew to suddenly accept Christ.

Alas, if they had only known what they know now they would surely have given themselves to God at that time.

II. THE TRAGEDY

Over ten years passed by and Mrs. Ayer's son, Douglas Ashley, had grown to manhood. Like many boys he yielded to the temptations that confront the youth of today, and his feet took him into dark paths that were to lead to tragedy.

Then came the fateful day of February 6, 1961. We do not intend to go into details since the newspapers carried the story for many weeks. The three principals in the tragedy met and one was killed. The man who died, according to testimony produced at court, was a seducer of young girls and a pervert. The girl involved in the quarrel resulting, had purchased a gun some time before and the testimony in the court by the girl was that she fired five of the six shots; later she said she had fired all of the six shots in self defense. With a man dead, the frightened young people panicked and did everything they should not have done. For three weeks the fugitives drove around

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Grant's Faith Clinic

WHAT CAN I DO IN THIS LAST DAY MOVE OF GOD?

I

The Lord tells you to, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to EVERYONE grass in the field" (Zech. 10:1).

You may think you cannot do anything, but you are commanded to pray that the Lord send laborers into the harvest. Elijah told Elisha that he could have whatever he asked. He asked a double portion. Since Elijah was a real intercessor, Elijah received of the same spirit. The Lord is looking for an intercessor to make up the hedge and stand in the gap. It is the trick of the devil to get you to become so busy that you will neglect the ministry of intercession. God said in the last day that people would love themselves (II Tim. 3). Many people spend more time on themselves than they do with God. They will be drunken on the cares of this world. As it was in the days of Noah and Lot they are busy buying, selling, eating, drinking, and building.

Elijah prayed until God sent the rain. We need some people today that will spend their time praying until the cloud appears. He will give us grass in the field. We are looking for a general rain. Mercy precedes judgment in every country. Bright clouds always precede the storm clouds.

II

The Lord tells you to: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Ps. 2:8). We are to be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth.

God told Abraham that he could have all that he would put his foot on. He is offering you the same. If we ask anything according to His will, we will receive it (I John 5:14). We receive not because we ask not (Jas. 4:2).

While we are asking we must not fail to ask for the old paths (Jer. 6:16). If we win the world for the Lord we cannot afford to let down the standard and stop preaching holiness, repentance, and the same message that brought a revival in days gone by. We must pray always if we are to be counted worthy to escape these judgments that are to come on the world.

III

He said that if you would ask of Him He would open the doors of heaven for you; if you will obey His Word at the same time (Mal. 3:8-10). "Ask, and it shall be given you . . . Knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9).

I was riding along the road the other day in Texas when there came a cloud burst! The rain was so strong that the car would not go over thirty miles per hour with the throttle down. The car drowned out while going. God can send a cloud burst. During Noah's flood the fountains of the deep were broken up.

God said in the last days He would send the floods upon the dry grounds, and make streams in the desert. We will receive both the early and the latter rain in the same month (harvest month). I believe we will see five thousand receive the Holy Ghost in one day before long. A whole nation was healed at one time (Ps. 105:37). I believe that we shall see that again. The mass miracle is coming! The Lord said, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." The power that worketh in us is the intercessory power. The Spirit makes intercessions for us. But many people are so busy with pleasure that they will not give Him a chance.

The audience shouted me down last week, when a blind woman arose and testified that she could see after being blind fifty-two years. During that meeting I walked into a restaurant. The manager, whom I had never seen before came around and told me to pray for her mother, who was eighty-six years old. She was suffering in the hospital. I joined hands with the manager and agreed that the Lord would heal her mother and take her on to heaven. The next morning the lady looked up, smiled, and went to heaven without suffering!

We can ask a lot. We can think a lot. He is able to do above all we ask or think. In time of harvest we need to spend more of our time asking. That is a great ministry. We can't do that and keep up with Hollywood. There is a sign of an abundance of rain. The clouds are bright. Great things are coming if you will not neglect the ministry God has given to you.

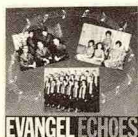
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By the 24-voice Evangel College Concert Choir

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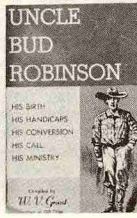
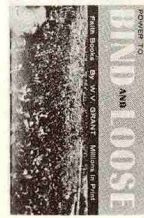
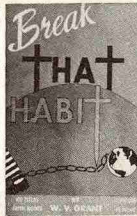
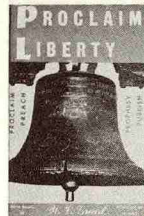
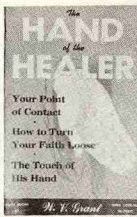
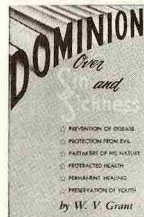
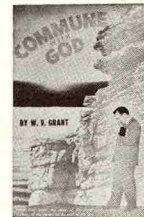
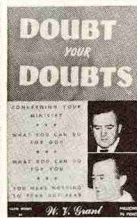
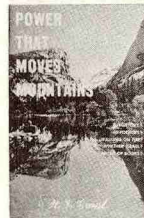
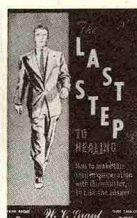
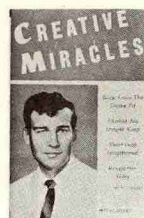


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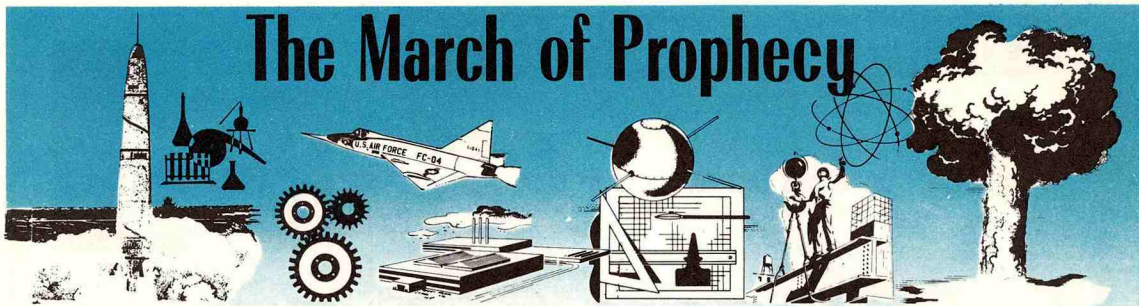
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(A FEATURE TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF WORLD EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNUSUAL PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE.)

A CLOSE CALL — A 24 MILLION-TON HYDROGEN BOMB NEARLY GOES OFF!

A nuclear scientist in his new book, "Kill and Over-kill" says: "There have been about a dozen accidents involving U. S. bombers carrying nuclear weapons. In one a 24-megaton bomb was jettisoned over North Carolina. The warhead was equipped with six interlocking safety devices. When the warhead was examined experts found that five of the six interlocks had been set off by the fall! The Air Force would not affirm nor deny what Dr. Lapp has said. Evidently this statement is true.

TIME MAGAZINE SAYS: PENTECOSTAL — "FASTEST GROWING CHURCH IN THE HEMISPHERE"

(TIME November 2, 1962)

"Pentecostals have won converts almost faster than they can be totally immersed. Booming throughout the world, the Pentecostal movement has attracted the nominally Roman Catholic people of Latin America with a missionary effort that makes it the fastest growing Protestant church in the Western Hemisphere.

"Although the Pentecostals are not as adept at head counting as at soul saving, there is little doubt that they outnumber traditional Protestants by at least four to one in most Latin American countries. Pentecostals claim a million and a half members in Brazil. In Chile 700,000 of the country's 835,000 Protestants belong to Pentecostal churches. One out of two Puerto Rican Protestants is a Pentecostal. There are 112 Pentecostal churches in Greater Buenos Aires, 1,200 in Mexico, including Mexico City's 10,000-member Templo Central de Pentecostes. Spanish-speaking migrants have founded 250 Pentecostal churches in New York, 25 in Chicago, 39 in Houston . . .

"Whether he calls his church Pentecostal or Holiness or Church of God, he emphasizes an event usually glossed over by mainstream Protestants: the Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's apostles.

"The Pentecostal minister preaches a simple theology: a fundamentalist belief in the Bible and in salvation through repentance and prayer; a fervent, emotional attachment to baptism of the Holy Spirit —

the belief that the worshiper, like the apostles, can be instilled with a holiness that will meet the test of the Second Coming. Most of all, notes Henry P. Van Dusen, president of New York's Union Theological Seminary, the Pentecostals maintain 'a life-commanding, life-transforming, seven-days-a-week devotion, however limited in outlook, to a living Lord of all life.'

"Many Pentecostals attend church every night for a two-hour service that would make the average Southern Baptist feel uncomfortably High Church . . .

"Rejecting the social gospel, Pentecostals concentrate instead on a puritanical personal morality. Members shun cigarettes and whiskey; women wear no makeup.

"But more and more traditional Protestants and Catholics are acknowledging a similarity between the unsophisticated, unfashionable Pentecostals and the unsophisticated, unfashionable early Christians. Says Jesuit Scholar Daniel J. O'Hanlon: 'We can learn from the Pentecostals that the central Christian message must be proclaimed in all its clarity and simplicity.'

JURY HOLDS LUNG CANCER CAUSED BY CIGARETTES

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Otto Pritchard sued the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company for damages, resulting from smoking their cigarettes, between 1920 and 1953. Pritchard contracted lung cancer and had to have his right lung removed. The jury of eight women and four men ruled that cigarette smoking was the "cause or one of the causes" of Pritchard's lung cancer, but said that in smoking the cigarettes Pritchard assumed the risk of injury. The trial lasted for six weeks and a host of medical experts were presented by both sides, as witnesses.

So now at last the court has acted and has brought in a judgment of guilty as to tobacco's responsibility for the deadly lung cancer. Perhaps the jury was right, however, in not awarding cash damages to the plaintiff. The evidence has long been in, that the use of tobacco is extremely harmful to the human system. Knowing this if people insist in smoking they should be prepared to suffer the consequences, terrible as they sometimes are. However, we do believe that the tobacco companies should be brought to book for the nefarious practice of hiring women shills who go about surreptitiously giving away packages

of cigarettes free to young people with the reasonable anticipation that they will contract the habit. The writer recently saw a woman performing this clandestine and shameful act inside a drugstore without the knowledge of the proprietor, thus enticing young girls to take up smoking.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ACT AGAINST MODERNISM

The Southern Baptists still stand for the inspiration of the Scriptures. Last June their convention, alarmed at the publication of a book "The Message of Genesis" by one of their professors, Ralph Elliot, which undermines the authenticity of the Genesis account of creation, and of the historical accuracy of the Bible, reaffirmed the church's faith in "the entire Bible as the authentic, authoritative, infallible word of God." In carrying out this mandate, the trustees of Kansas City's Midwest Baptist Theological seminary, fired Ralph Elliot from the professorship there.

PAT BOONE AND THE MOVIES

Worldly Christians who defend the movies as being acceptable Christian entertainment, have often pointed to Pat Boone as an illustration of a clean young man who is one of the stars of the silver screen. But they have reckoned without host of the power of the movie business to degrade and corrupt those engaged in it. Time Magazine, Nov. 9, 1962, quotes young Boone in his new role to portray evil as saying, "This is a radical step in what I hope is the right direction." In the recent film THE MAIN ATTRACTION Boone is knocked silly in a barroom brawl. He stabs a woman's husband, and is seduced by a bareback ride. TIME MAGAZINE asks, "Where on earth went all of Pat's on-screen morality?" Boone answered, "I have stepped out of the groove. In my first six movies I played myself. From now on I don't care if I play a derelict or a drug addict . . ."

While it is true that motion pictures can be an excellent means of promoting education, and certain Christian enterprises are using this medium to good effect, nevertheless, the theater is under such control of the forces of evil, that those involved with it, have one way to go, and that is down.



DAVID NUNN'S SERMON OF THE MONTH

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"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." (Heb. 4:14)

I felt in my heart that God wanted this message on "word confession" to go out to His people now. Thousands of God's choice saints are being harassed and frustrated by the attack of the devil. Their lives have been defeated because they have not known how to fight their enemy or how to build their faith in God.

I want to say this to you now: your faith never rises any higher than your confession and, in a real sense, you are what you confess. The word rendered profession, in Hebrews 3:1 is rendered *confession* in numerous other places in the New Testament and actually means *acknowledgement*, or saying the same thing. In other words, it means making your confession be the Word of God or lining your testimony up with God's Word. Say what God says about any subject or thing.

I have found that when people begin to put this principle into action in their lives, more than their healing comes. Peace, joy, and the assurance of their salvation, put them into a new dimension of faith and power.

Confession is vital to salvation. Healing is a part of your redemption. God's Word states in Romans: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If you have a Scofield Bible, look on page 1192 of his notes and read these words: "The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness." This reveals that the original Hebrew and Greek text taught healing as a part of redemption. We have already seen that we must believe with the heart and make confession with the mouth unto salvation or healing, since they are the same.

"The prayer of faith will save the sick," James declared, so we see that healing and salvation are synonymous terms. Therefore, with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation or healing.

Begin to believe that you are what God declares you to be, and start now confessing His Word of revelation about you and what He has provided for you.

Make God's Word your confession: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." "With His stripes we are healed." Believe that, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus." Believe it with your heart, and confess it with your mouth until complete victory is manifest.

Our Lord Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me, Him will I confess also before my Father . . . whosoever shall deny me . . . Him will I also deny." Christ is the high priest of our confession. He can only confess what we confess. If we confess symptoms rather than His Word, we defeat ourselves and bind the confession of our High Priest. If we confess His Word, God watches over His Word to perform it. (Jer. 1:12)

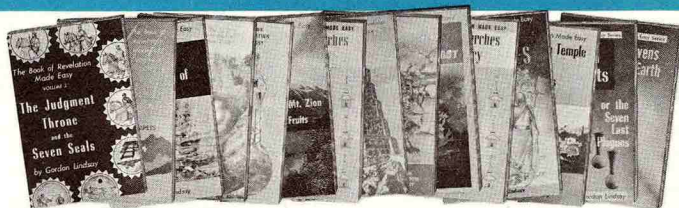
E. W. Kenyon made this statement: "Confession builds the road over which

faith hauls its mighty cargo."

The truth of word confession has meant more to me than any, God has ever brought to my attention. It was this truth that Christ revealed to me when He appeared to me and delivered me from mental oppression. I had come to an almost complete mental and nervous collapse when Christ walked into my room and set me free. One of the first things God spoke to me was, "Believe you are what I have declared you to be." Then came the birth of the truth of word confession, which brought me out of the valley of mental oppression and spiritual frustration. I entered into a new dimension of faith and power greater than anything that I had ever known.

Begin to believe that you are what God's Word declares you to be. Start now making God's Word your confession. Boldly confess: "With His stripes we are healed." Confess that Christ is made unto us wisdom and knowledge, sanctification and righteousness, and that we have been translated out of the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of God's love, in whom we have our redemption. Believe in your heart, and confess God's Word with your mouth until the victory is manifest. What you believe will come to pass because your confession is the eternal truth of God.

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by W. A. Raiford, Sr., D.D., Executive Secretary

The entire constituency of The Full Gospel Fellowship, wishes you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year. Should Jesus tarry, may each one of you have a very blessed and prosperous year in 1963.

We believe that this year will see a tremendous growth in our fellowship. The inquiries are coming in from several denominations as well as independents. Our office is also receiving letters from England, Jamaica, the West Indies, Hawaii, and other places around the world. This is definitely a great and tremendous move of God in this last day. There is a definite need for such a fellowship. Our aim is for this to be a broad fellowship that will see ministers affiliate that have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in other denominations. You can affiliate with this fellowship and remain in your own church, denomination or faith. We have missed so much fellowship because of various barriers that we are hungry to see such a fellowship. This seems to be the desire of many ministers and laymembers as we travel across the country from one church to another. As another Full Gospel group has come together in fellowship and leading many of various denominations together, we pray that our fellowship can bring ministers of various denominations and groups together for a great fellowship and move of God in this day in which we live. Hallelujah! Jesus is coming, let us prepare to meet the bridegroom.

We have traveled many miles and visited many churches and ministers since this fellowship became a reality last September. God has marvelously moved in every rally that we have ministered. The crowds have been very good, above the average by far. The Holy Spirit has met with us and given us a tremendous anointing every where that we have preached. People have been saved, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. There has been a revival spirit in every meeting. Surely the Lord is confirming His word and placing His approval upon this fellowship. We have received an invitation to come back and hold revivals everywhere that we have been. The spirit of true fellowship is spreading like a prairie fire.

We had a wonderful time in Houston with Brother Jim Johnson. A fellowship was formed there and Brother Johnson was elected as chairman. We went from there to Vidor, Texas, and enjoyed two wonderful services with Sister Petty on a Sunday. Our schedule then took us to Williamsport, Maryland, where we met with a group of ministers headed by Rev. Vernon Miles of

the Calvary Temple Evangelistic Association. They are affiliating with this fellowship. Rev. Lester Myers from Hagerstown, Pennsylvania, also had a group of his ministers at this meeting and they are very interested in this fellowship.

We were then invited to speak at a rally in Salem, New Jersey, at the Calvary Temple where Rev. Harry Call is the pastor. We had a wonderful rally there and met with the ministers. They are going to be affiliated with us. Brother Luther Carroll, pastor of Life Temple in Baltimore, Maryland, invited us to speak at a rally and God met with us once again in a stirring service. We also met with the ministers there who were very interested. From there we went to Evangel Temple in Washington, D.C., where Rev. John Meares is the pastor. Another great rally and a fine group of ministers. We then traveled to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to the Harrisburg Revival Center where Rev. Joe Johns is the pastor. The Lord gave us another great rally there. A fellowship was formed and Brother Johns was voted in as chairman. We then went to Dayton, Ohio, to attend our first area wide convention.

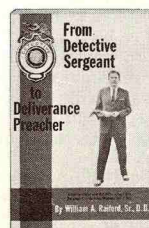
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From Nov. 28th through Dec. 1st, we had our first area-wide fellowship convention. Rev. Billy Raiford, pastor of St. Paul Tabernacle, was the host pastor. Rev. (Mrs.) Beulah Gaver, pastor of The Dayton Revival Center, and Rev. R. L. Wilson, pastor of The United Holiness Church in Springfield, Ohio, cooperated with Brother Billy in this very successful endeavor. Rev. A. C. Valdez of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the evening speaker and he did a tremendous job. Various visiting ministers spoke in the morning and afternoon services. Rev. Gordon Lindsay spoke at the ordination service on the last night. There were several that we licensed and ordained in this service. (Ordination in the Fellowship is always given by the local churches.) Some of the outstanding ministers that were present include Rev. Gordon Lindsay, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. John Meares, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Alfred May, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Leon Baker, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Joe Johns, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. Jerry Bacher, Akron, Ohio; Rev. C. B. Roberts, St. Joseph, Mo.; and many others. There were approximately one hundred ministers that attended. The states that were represented are Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Washington, D.C. The convention was such a tremendous success that they plan on making this an annual affair.

We urge other states and areas to plan regional conventions. They produce wonderful fellowships, which we all need. We are all looking forward to our great international convention that is being planned for the last week in June, 1963. Be sure and clear your calendar for this great convention. We are looking for a thousand ministers to be in attendance besides the church people that will come. Be making your plans now to attend and watching for further advertising concerning this convention.

OUR SCHEDULE

At the time of this writing, our schedule will take us to Kansas, Louisiana, southern Texas, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and many others too numerous to list. If you would desire us to come to your church or area for a ministers' meeting, a fellowship rally or help you plan a convention, we stand ready to help you in any way that we can. Write me at P. O. Box 8990, Dallas 16, Texas.



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the country until finally they were apprehended, and brought back to Houston. They testified to the officers that the death of the man occurred in self-defense. Their testimonies taken separately showed remarkable unanimity. It seems certain that the element of self-defense was present in the shooting. Nevertheless, their panic-stricken actions that followed the shooting were to go against them. Both Douglas and the girl who was only eighteen years old, were condemned to die by electrocution.

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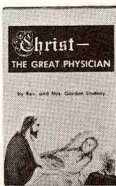
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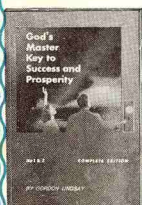
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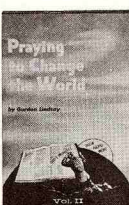
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