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William Raiford has four hour session with Fidel Castro. Read story on page 4.



PROGRESS OF THE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

BY WILLIAM RAIFORD, SR., D. D.

The article that I have written in the magazine this month should be a challenge to each and every one of us. What we are going to do for the Lord, we must do quickly and we cannot take anything for granted. We have lost Cuba not only politically but at the present, spiritually. Maybe this could have been prevented had there been more of an organized, coordinated invasion of this little country with the Gospel. That is one reason I believe that this great fellowship is ordained of God to help bring about the unity of the Body of Christ. This fellowship can be a great blessing in breaking down middle walls of partition and bringing ministers together through the Holy Spirit and the bonds of the Love of God. Efforts can be co-ordinated in evangelizing the World, not only through the evangelists but through the churches. God is pleased when brethren dwell together in unity.

There is much that can be done through such a fellowship. We have already realized the lost opportunity in Cuba but there are still other countries in which the door is still open for the gospel. Some of these countries are not thousands of miles away but like Cuba, they are right at our back door. The Winning the Nations Crusade of The Voice of Healing is doing a tremendous job in building Native Churches but there is still much more to accomplish. The North American Indian is one minority group that I think has sorely been neglected by the Full Gospel effort. I have recently been made conscious of this when I discovered that on a reservation in Oklahoma there was not a single full gospel church to my knowledge. Not only the Indian in the United States but there are several little countries in shouting distance that need our united help in bringing them the gospel. This will do more than anything else to offset the propaganda of communism.

By the time our first convention rolls around the last week in June, this fellowship will be well established. The great international convention in St. Louis, Mo., should really give birth to a great fellowship of true believers in this last day.

We are expecting a great representation from all over the world to be at our

convention. A group of fifty ministers from England are planning on chartering a plane to fly across the Atlantic and be with us. Others from all over the country are making preparations now to attend this great event. You will certainly miss something if you fail to attend. Why not plan your vacation for this time and meet us there?

This past month was quite busy. We spent a few days in St. Louis with Rev. Alfred May, John Meares and A. C. Valdez, laying plans for the conventions. We then drove to Milwaukee, Wisc., and enjoyed a wonderful week of revival at the Evangelistic Temple where Rev. A. C. Valdez is the fine pastor. Our next revival was at Kansas City, Mo., where Rev. Kenny Foreman is the pastor of Calvary Temple. We enjoyed both of these meetings very much and the Lord moved wonderfully.

We are planning a great Area-Wide Revival, at the corner of Ward and English Sts., in High Point, No. Carolina at the Recreation Center Auditorium beginning April 26th. We hope to meet many ministers in this area during this meeting. God has been wonderfully anointing our ministry and we look forward with great anticipation to a great meeting in this city. Pray for us.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRUSADE IN BRAZIL GOES FORWARD

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Enclosed is the front page of one of our Rio newspapers which has done a very fine job of reporting on our crusade. This is another indication of the increasing influence of this evangelistic move.

Our national radio program is doing a great job. Since last September we have been on daily national radio, at 7:45 a.m. This month our mail will run over 600 letters from this one station.

Many doctors are now sending their "impossible cases" over to me for prayer. There was one Spiritist doctor who sent me a patient who was suffering from terrible fear. She was instantly healed and wonderfully saved and went back to testify to this spiritist about the power of God. Twice in the past three weeks it has been necessary to cast out demons in our public services and a great fear and respect for God has come on the people.

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The FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP of Churches and Ministers International is not a denomination but a fellowship which recognizes the whole Body of Christ. It has three main purposes:

To emphasize, encourage, and promote apostolic ministry, with the manifestation of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

To assist in the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the evangelization of the nations.

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- Hear outstanding pastors and evangelists of the nation!
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— THIS WILL BE THE EVENT OF THE YEAR —



Report of the Overseas Mission of Gordon Lindsay

Leaving Dallas for the West Coast on February 13, I stopped at Ashland, Oregon, to speak one night at the tabernacle of Leo Wine and to meet with a fine group of ministers and their wives concerning the Full Gospel Fellowship, for which great enthusiasm was manifest.

It was our pleasure to meet with Clyde Shields from the Philippines and several of his Filipino friends who had accompanied him. He explained to me the plans that he has for the country north of Manila, which is his particular field of labor. We are already helping him in the building of two churches and will also give him assistance in the Bible School and Center he is preparing to construct. We located a cement block machine in Seattle a few days later, which will be shipped to the Philippines. I was very much impressed with the energy and spirituality of this fine missionary and his Filipino musicians.

At Portland we met with another group of ministers and then went on to Seattle where we met with Rev. James Rasmussen and his wife at dinner in a very interesting conversation concerning the Full Gospel Fellowship. Incidentally, while in Seattle my brother, Charles, took me up to the top of The Space Needle, where a magnificent view of the city may be obtained.

SEOUL, KOREA

After stopping briefly at Anchorage, Alaska, that magic city which has suddenly grown to metropolitan size, six and a half hour's flight took us to Tokyo, Japan. Somewhere out in mid-Pacific, Tuesday was forever lost. Monday night suddenly became Wednesday morning. After conferring briefly with one of the missionaries concerning the work in Japan, we caught a plane to Korea where we were met by the Minceys, old friends of ours who are doing an amazing work among the soldiers. Brother Mincey could not praise the Seoul Evangelistic Center too highly — a cooperative project of The Voice of Healing and Sam Todd in the first major global project of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Mincey reported that this project has proved most successful in attaining its original purpose. Smaller churches in a large city as Seoul are poorly attended and not generally effective as they are in smaller communities. This great evangelistic center is now packed with Koreans and has proved to be tremen-

dously successful as a nerve center for the whole country. The pastor, Rev. Hurston, is now in the States raising further funds to complete the facade. Our Voice of Healing donors who contributed generously in the building of this center may rejoice in the knowledge that their giving is surely resulting in the conversion of multitudes of souls.

MANILA — THE PHILIPPINES

Our next stop was in the Philippines where memory reminds us of the historic campaign held by Morris Cerullo, Lester Sumrall, W. V. Grant, and others beside myself in 1959, resulting in thousands of conversions and many miracles of healing. One thousand souls were baptized in Manila Bay in one baptismal service! All offerings during the campaign were left in a bank for the building of a church in Caloocan (about 20,000 pesos). The old Caloocan property was sold and the proceeds, plus a major sum raised by Lester Sumrall, went into the new building — a wonderful modern plant that we trust will accomplish in North Manila what Bethel Temple has accomplished near the heart of the city. Credit for the completion of the Caloocan church is due largely to the untiring efforts of Brother Sumrall.

Our major concern in Manila, however, was the promotion of the Native Church Crusade and the appointment of Native Church Crusaders to superintend the work. Several have now been appointed and we have confidence that with the cooperation of our faith partners, the 25 churches now built, or in the process of construction in the Philippines will grow to number many hundreds. The missionaries on the field unanimously agree that the old outstation system, where services are held intermittently under the stars, is out-dated. Churches must be built, and built fast, to take care of the new congregations if we are to outstrip the ravages of Communism. To meet this need, the Native Church Crusade, which sponsors but does not completely underwrite the building, has come as a tremendous boon. Is this your month to sponsor a Native Church? (See pages 6-7).

From Manila I flew to Saigon to meet with Gordon Smith, one of the great missionaries of our time. He and his team are doing a tremendous work in this war-torn country. My telegram was held over two days and he thought

he had missed me. He stopped in at the Continental Hotel for some information, and was not even looking for me. At the very moment he was there, I came into the lobby and happened to mention his name to the clerk. I had not noticed the tall man standing there, but at the mention of his name he introduced himself! It was Gordon Smith! In less than one in a hundred shot, we had met in a city of two million.

We therefore spent a most profitable evening together in outlining plans for the Native Church program and the new Native Church Crusader plan that we are inaugurating. He is greatly enthused over the plan and promised me that the church building program would be accelerated during the coming months. Only by building churches can the congregations be held together and the work advanced.

Brother Smith informed me that the Vietnam front had now been stabilized to a degree. Last year the situation was in extreme peril. A Communist victory

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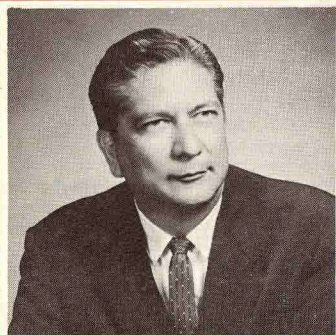
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William Raiford presents Indian head-dress to Fidel Castro.



obtain audience with Fidel Castro concerning the granting of some Cuban land for revolutionary war orphans in that country. This orphanage was to be operated by an independent Full Gospel missionary corporation headed by Rev. Mosqueda. We were going as a committee of ministers concerning this project. Brother Mosqueda had been a chaplain in Castro's revolutionary army and was personally acquainted with him. He was to obtain our personal audience with this bearded leader. As I traveled as Indian Evangelist "Chief Whitebird," I was asked to take my Indian costume and wear it in his presence as an American Indian minister. This all happened just before Dr. Castro turned completely Communistic.

We enjoyed our trip by air to Havana, Cuba. We arrived in the afternoon and it was the following morning before we were able to contact the right officials to request an audience with Castro. Rev. Mosqueda seemed to be having a little trouble gaining our interview until he told them that he had a North American Indian Chief with him. We were then immediately picked up at the Hilton Hotel in Havana by Castro's right hand men and taken to the National Bank of Cuba building. Our party was driven there in an Army Jeep by a bearded

THE OTHER EVENING on television a woman was asked to tell of an outstanding event that happened in her life. She told the audience that she had shaken hands with Castro. I thought, well, I am not a celebrity, but in July of 1959 I not only shook hands with Castro but was a guest of honor at his cabinet meeting. This included a special luncheon and personal interview with this controversial man. I believe it was ordained of God, as I had opportunity to witness to him concerning salvation through Jesus Christ.

WHY I WENT TO CUBA

In July, 1959, Ignacio Mosqueda, a Cuban Full Gospel minister, asked Rev. Harry Call, Salem, N.J., Rev. Vernon Miles, Williamsport, Md., and me to accompany him on a trip to Cuba. The purpose of the trip was to

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I WITNESSED TO CASTRO IN 1959

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

revolutionary captain and his aide. We were guided to a large room in one of the upper floors and told to wait there until Mr. Castro arrived. This turned out to be the office of the president of the National Bank of Cuba. We waited for quite some time, and one by one, various members of his cabinet came into the room to wait for Castro, with us. They made themselves known to us by one of them that could speak English. We were then served small sandwiches, cookies, and soda water as an appetizer before lunch.

They had told us that Castro was always late and never on time for an appointment. Sure enough, after having just about worn all of our patience threadbare, Mr. Castro made his entrance through the back door of the large office accompanied by an aide. He was dressed in his army green uniform, combat boots, army tam on his head, and plenty of beard on his face. He shook hands with each of his cabinet members but kept his eyes on me all the time as I was dressed in my full Indian costume, which is a beautiful colorful

thing to see. He came over to Brother Mosqueda, shook hands with him and they exchanged a few words in Spanish and then we were introduced to Fidel Castro.

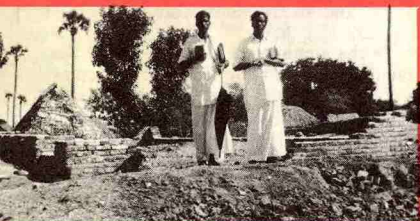
I ASK MR. CASTRO A QUESTION

I had been looking forward to this moment for quite some time now and prayed the Lord would give me the words to say. Mr. Castro had been under much controversy at this time; the entire world was wondering whether he would turn to Russia or America. Many things had been said about him pro and con. One of the things said was that he didn't believe in God. I was pastoring a church in Dayton, Ohio at this time and the Dayton Daily News had asked me to interview Castro and they would print the story. I began to question him about various things that people were saying about him in America. He was very polite and tried to answer all the questions that I asked him. He would try to talk in English but would refer to his interpreter before answering my ques-

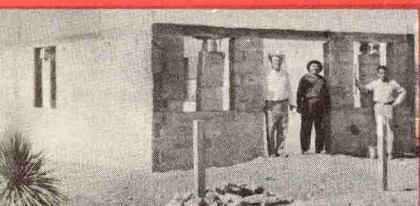
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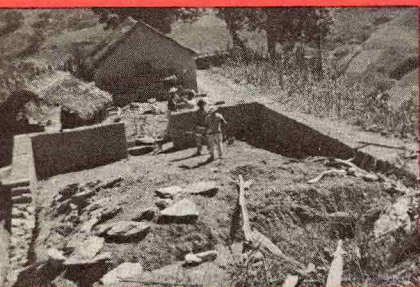
Preparing to plaster the outside of their new church in Nigeria.



Work is underway on the church at Tiruppur, India.



New church going up in Sabinas, Mexico.



Work has begun on the new church in the remote village of El Porvenir, Mexico, which has no roads leading into it and requires 12 hours on foot to reach.



This lovely church in Monterrey, Mexico, has just recently been completed.

NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE

The Native Church Crusader is taking another momentous step in its program to build churches throughout the world—the appointment of the Native Crusader.

Who and what is this Native Crusader? And what is his purpose? The appointment of the Native Crusader is the next logical step to take following the remarkable success of the Native Church Crusade. In some countries now as many as thirty, forty, or fifty churches, are being built, or have been built, as the result of the Crusade. Some of these are under responsible missionaries. However, this work is growing so fast that the missionaries who have their own local tasks to fulfill are quite unable to handle it.

Obviously, we need ministers who have a vision for their country, men who have special abilities and an unusual anointing from God, who are strong prayer warriors, men who have great faith, who will carry through from month to month on this program to reach a nation for God.

We call these ministers Native Crusaders rather than native evangelists, as they will fulfill a different and far more responsible position. This program does not envision the support of a large number of native evangelists, but the sponsorship of key individuals in countries throughout the world. The Native Crusaders are evangelists, but much more. They will direct a comprehensive plan to reach their nation. The Native Church Crusade, by providing the funds to build churches on a large scale, is changing the missionary picture. Instead of congregations worshipping in the open air or under brush arbors—which have long gone under the vague term of mission stations or outposts—they are now being established in church buildings. As a result of this development, we must have men who can not only superintend this great work of church building, but they themselves possess a powerful evangelistic ministry that can inspire others, and direct the various phases of the evangelization of the nation.

Now, we call these men Native Crusaders because they either have been born in that country or they have made that country their adopted nation. They can be black, white, brown, or yellow. In other words, the Crusader can be a national or he can be one that has adopted a particular country as his life's work and who feels that he is one of the people. Our commission of a Native Crusader will simply be our recognition of a choice

of native leadership that has been obviously made by God.

Each sponsor of a Native Crusader will be asked to pledge twenty dollars or more a month toward the partial support of the Crusader and to help provide the materials, etc., needed to carry out his nationwide Crusade.

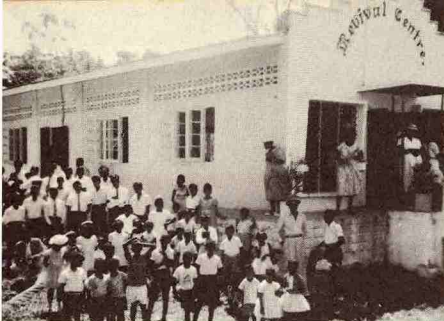
We wish to make this point clear. The basic rule of our entire missionary and Native Church plan is not to completely underwrite, but to encourage missionary work to be as self-supporting as possible. In case of war or should the doors of a nation be closed for any reason, the work must continue to go on! Therefore, whether it is for churches or for the minister's support, we are encouraging Christians in foreign lands to give sacrificially to God's work. Nevertheless, it is still true that the giving from America makes the difference between success and failure in missionary expansion. And it is amazing how that just the right amount of help stimulates the growth of missionary work in foreign lands.

As we have said, the Native Crusaders will be chosen from among those who have unusual ability and devotion to Christ. He must have sufficient education to be able to furnish us with monthly letters detailing the progress of the Crusade in his country. Copies of these letters will then be furnished to sponsors, together with a picture of the Crusader.

For example, one of our Native Crusaders will be Shlomo Hizak in Israel. This man was Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's guard. He became a Christian and is now our key man in that country. In Jordan we have an outstanding worker by the name of Ayoub Rihaney. Likewise, we have key men in other countries. These men have teams working under them in a plan to reach their nation for God—through the preaching of the gospel, through the training of nationals, through providing them with equipment, through distribution of literature and Bibles, and above all, the building or securing of places of worship for the new congregations.

We believe that a large number of our friends, including those who have already sponsored a church, will want to become a sponsor of a Native Crusader at \$20 or more a month. In return you will receive a photograph of the Native Crusader, a certificate of sponsorship, and a monthly letter from your Crusader telling of the progress of his work.

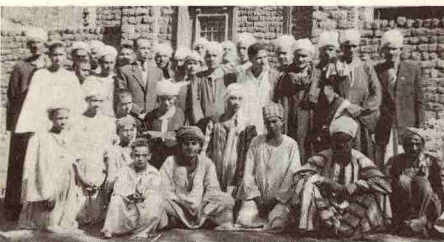
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This lovely church, with a seating capacity of 200, has now been completed in Jeffers, Trinidad.



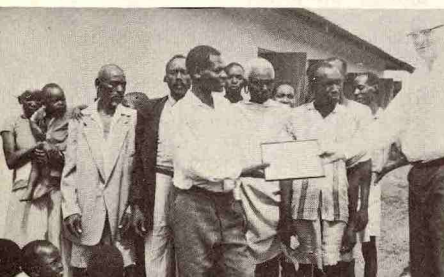
The happy Christians in front of their new church in Dadiangas, Philippines.



Dair Elgarnous, Egypt, where they are now worshipping in their new building.



The church in San Carlos, Mexico, now ready for the roof.



Missionary A. Bustgaard hands the certificate of completion, which bears the name of the sponsor, to the Christians at Kipkoror, Kenya.

Letters to the Native Church Crusade

TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES

"After we received your most gracious gift, the brethren were so thrilled and inspired that they decided to do their very best; and so the church at Jeffers has turned out to be one of the most beautiful churches in that community and has a seating capacity of 200. On Sunday we dedicated the church, when it was packed to capacity, and nine persons were baptized in water."

Rev. Peter H. Hosein

UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

"I would like to say how very grateful we are for the assistance of the Native Church Crusade for the building of these native churches here in Uganda. We have indeed seen a gracious moving of God during the past three years since we pioneered the Full Gospel in this country. We have trained and sent out into the field about 50 preachers in the last two years. Already as a result of the labors of these pioneer evangelists, congregations are being formed throughout the country. Consequently, we were faced with the problem of how to assist these young congregations in getting a place of worship built. So it was with much thanksgiving that we learned of your readiness to work with us to meet this need. I wish you could have seen the believers at Mityana when I announced to them that the Native Church Crusade was sending them assistance for their church. The people greatly rejoiced and are so appreciative for what is being done in their behalf. And this is just one example of the enthusiastic response of the African Christians to the assistance you are giving."

Hugh D. Layzell

EL PORVENIR, MEXICO

"This work has suffered much persecution. Their first little church of wood was burned to the ground by fanatics and the believers' lives were in constant danger. They are now building a larger church with a solid foundation. It is of adobe and will have a tin roof. The Christians gather at four o'clock in the morning, pray until daylight, and then begin working, both men and women, eating their meals on the church site. These precious people who live in a village so remote that it takes 12 hours on foot to reach them, are worthy of assistance."

W. W. Myers

DAIR ELGARNOUS, EGYPT

"In the mountain village of Dair Elgarnous on the edge of the western desert of Egypt, away from good communications, there now stands a little Full Gos-

pel church, completed through the help of the Native Church Crusade. Most of the 50 members of this church can neither read nor write, and live very poorly. They work in farming the land, and some in weaving cotton by hand. Their houses are built of mud brick which they make themselves. The streets of the village are sandy, and occasionally you will see a tree here and there.

"In the picture you will see part of the congregation standing outside the outer door. Inside of this door is a small space which leads to two doors to the inside of the church hall. The women go through one door and the men the other. There is a partition wall about one and a half yard high. The men and women are not allowed to sit together in church. There is a parsonage on top of the church, with three rooms and a hall.

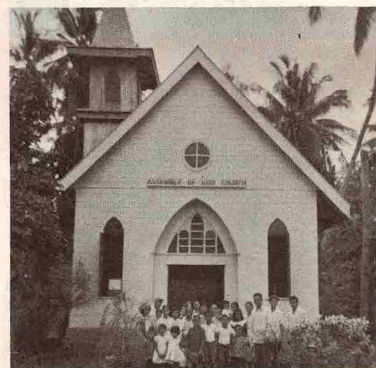
"The congregation sends their warm thanks to the sponsor who has helped them to build their church. It would have taken them several years to do what has now been accomplished in a short time."

Ghaly Ibrahim

GRENADA, WEST INDIES

"In the little village of Pomme Rose and the surrounding area, there are around 800 people. We are so happy to now have this lighthouse for the gospel to reach these souls for Christ. Our island is small and material and labor are extremely expensive. The people rallied and gave sacrificially to build their church and with the gift of the sponsor, we are able to bring it to completion. The joy comes from knowing that already souls are being saved and sick bodies healed by the power of the Lord. I cannot tell you how very grateful we are for your kind and generous help to us in this, our time of dire need. May the Lord return it to you one hundred fold!"

Bertha Honore



The finished church at Valencia, Philippines.

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 for God. 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 for doors and windows to keep out the weather. At least \$250 is required to make possible the building of a native church. Basic to the Native Church Crusade is our encouragement of the nationals to sacrifice and do everything possible to build their church. Therefore, although we given only \$250 \$500 on each project, these churches, when finished, are usually worth several thousand dollars.

Thus it 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.

Name _____
(please print)

Street _____

City _____

Zone _____ State _____

Your Church _____

REPORT OF THE OVERSEAS MISSION OF GORDON LINDSAY (Continued from page 3)

would have opened the dykes to Communism and the whole South East Pacific would have probably fallen. This retrieve gives us a new opportunity to reach these areas with the Gospel. Had I only time I could have visited some of the churches we are building to the North, and even entered the war area, but my tight schedule did not permit.

Arriving in Bangkok at noon, I went to the hotel. In the evening about a dozen missionaries and their wives were my guests to a dinner at the hotel. Here we discussed the problems of reaching the nation of Thailand with the Gospel. We already have several churches building in this country, but we trust and hope that many more can be started in the immediate future. This is a land of great opportunity, but the workers are few. In this city are over 300 Buddhist temples, and only one Full Gospel center — the one built by Don Price and L. D. Hall six years ago.

WORKING DOUBLE

"How much do you work for the Lord?" he was asked.

"How many hours in a day?"

"From sun to sun," was the strange reply, "Unceasingly I work and pray."

"Why, friend, you are mad," the other cried,

"We humans must rest now and then!"

"Ah, then, I will haste to explain my good plan,

That makes me the happiest of men.

My labor begins with the new morning dawn,

And then when the day is done,

My substitute brave, in a far heathen land,

Has only his work just begun.

And the money I earn, though not very much,

Is divided between him and me:

So I work for the Lord twelve hours at home,

And twelve hours over the sea.

And I think when I've entered the bright glory land

And all those dear heathen appear

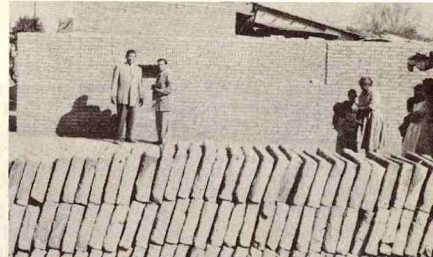
Redeemed now and saved through the Saviour's blood

I'll be glad I worked double down here."

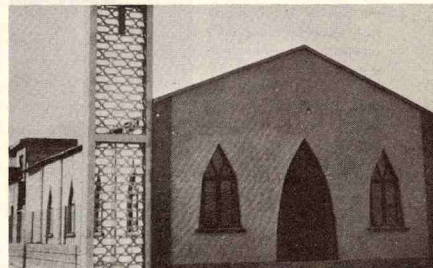
Opal L. Gibbs



The church at Carletonville, South Africa.



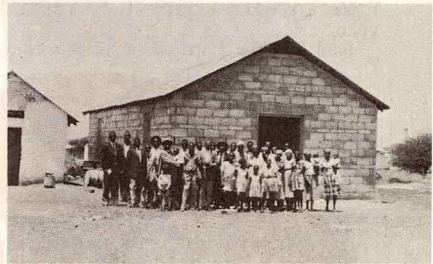
Work progresses on the church going up at Ciudad Obregon, Mexico.



This lovely new church in Monterrey, Mexico, will be a great lighthouse for the gospel in that area.



The finished church at San Augustin de los Berros, Mexico.



Dedication services were recently held for the new church at the Zwartkop Chrome Mine in South Africa.



The church now ready for worship in El Tene, Mexico.

THREE YEARS AGO, I was preaching in El Paso, when I fell and knocked my elbow out of place. I thought the elbow was broken at first. One of the ladies of the church, who was a divisional superintendent of the hospital, told me that about this time each night, a leading bone specialist of the city was at the hospital. I said, "Let's go over." As I was riding to the hospital, the Lord told me that the arm wasn't broken. I thought all in the car heard the Voice, but they said they didn't. But that is characteristic of a prophet. Did you ever notice the

(Kenneth Hagin was dying of heart trouble at the age of 17. Confined to his bed for many long months, he began reading his Bible. Faith grew in his heart until he was completely healed. Later, as a Southern Baptist preacher, Brother Hagin saw the Lord several times. The following is a part of the conversation the Lord had with him in a 1½ hour visit, recently.)



statement in the Old Testament, where it says, "And the word of the Lord came unto me saying"? Well, it couldn't have been audible, because if it had, there would not have been any need for the prophet to give it out. Everybody would have heard it.

The Lord said to me, "I'll talk to you

later about it. I'll prepare everything at the hospital, and I'll make everything right at the church where you are holding the meeting. Just don't bother about a thing. The devil did it, but, I'll make it rebound to my glory." I always learned long ago, not even to touch it in thought life, when God tells me not to.

They put me to sleep. That was the only time I was in the hospital or had anything physically wrong with me for twenty-five years. I was prophesying all the time when I went under, and also when I came out. Praise God! And it was a blessed time. Beautiful poems and psalms given by the Spirit! The accident didn't cost me a penny. Jesus had said, "I will provide and fix it all." The bone specialist said, "Reverend, I don't think there will be any complications, but I think we'll keep you here over night or a day or two."

HE SEES THE LORD

A little later, I heard footsteps coming down the hall, toward my room. Now, I thought it was a nurse. The door stood ajar, so I looked up, expecting a nurse to come through the door. I saw white all right, but instead of it being a white uniform, it was a WHITE ROBE! IT WAS JESUS! I had my eyes wide open.

Paul saw the Lord when he was converted. When his eyes

were opened, he was blind. So he didn't see the Lord with his physical eyes. When that bright light shined, he shut his physical eyes. He couldn't see physically, and it was three days later before he could. So therefore, he had to be seeing Jesus with his eyes shut. He saw Jesus in a spiritual vision; the eyes of his Spirit were seeing Jesus. But there is such a thing as an open vision, by which we see Jesus or an angel with the eyes wide open. Actually, that vision in the hospital was the first open vision I had ever had. Now, Jesus had appeared to me several times, but always I fell into a trance. When you are in a trance, your physical senses are suspended. You see into the Spirit realm. Four times I have seen the Lord in a spiritual vision.

Now, Jesus pushed the door open enough to come through, and then He pushed it back. I can remember the sensation I had. I was sort of amazed, shocked, or something. I know my eyes bugged. I didn't say a word. A chair was facing the head of the bed. He came around to it, moved it back just a little bit, then sat down in it. He started like this: "I told you in the car, the other night . . .," and He reiterated what He told me then. He said, "What I told you has come to pass. I prepared the way for you." I answered, "That's right, Lord." He talked to me for an hour and a half. The amazing thing is, that for an hour and a half, no one came to that room. Jesus added, "I told you not to think about it; not to bother about it." I replied, "I haven't even thought about it, have I?" He said, "No, you haven't."

Then He went on, "You got into trouble, because you got out of My perfect will. It was God's perfect will, for Israel not to have a king in the days of Saul. You know that. But they wanted one, and so He permitted them to have one. Well, they were in His permissive will, but not in His perfect will and they got into trouble. Didn't they? Paul tells us in I Cor. 10:11, 'And what is written aforetime is for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.' You have been in my permissive will for two years. I'm going to judge you out of your mouth. You knew you were a prophet and a teacher. This very year you preached two conventions. In both of those district conventions, you said to the ministers that that was your ministry. This is the third time that I have had to deal with you about this. For that reason I have permitted you to have this accident. You may say to me now, 'Did You cause that accident?' No, I didn't cause that accident. Everything that hurts and destroys, comes from the enemy. I permit some things, but I don't commission. Satan caused it. I merely permitted. You may say, 'Couldn't You have kept it from happening?' Yes, I could have kept it from happening. But I didn't want to. You had better be glad that you got off that lightly. It could have caused you your life. That is the reason many ministers die young." A lot of God's people die prematurely, because they will not function in their place, in the Body of Christ. Self-will never pays off. Now then He continued, "If you stay in My perfect will, I can keep you and will keep you from sickness. I kept you for a quarter of a century. If anyone walks in My perfect will, I'll keep them not only from sickness and disease, but I'll keep them from accidents. I will keep all of My people if they will let Me do it. I said to Israel that I'll take sickness away from the midst of you. Israel was My servants, but you are My sons and My daughters. If it wasn't My will for My servants to be sick, it certainly isn't My will for My sons and daughters to be sick."

"Many folk are like you. They have gotten out of My perfect will and there are things that have been permitted to happen to them. Always pray for people who go to the hospital. Always pray for folk who take medicine; always pray for people who are under a doctor's care. Some of them are not necessarily out of My perfect will from the standpoint of disobedience. They just don't know that the perfect will of God is that they be healed. And because of the lack of faith, they do not receive or cannot receive what rightfully belongs to them. They are still My children, just like you are, even though you are disobedient. I'm not going to forsake My children, under any circumstances. I'm going to do all I can for them, and all they will let Me do for them. When you pray for them, then that permits Me to

God Called Me to the Ministry of a Prophet

FROM A MESSAGE
PREACHED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

by Kenneth Hagin

speed up the healing process. That isn't Divine healing, but it's God working with them.

"I am not going to heal you instantly this time, and I'll tell you why. This is the third time I've had to talk to you about this. I'm going to let you wear that arm in a sling around your neck for a few days, so you won't forget so quickly. I am going to speed-up the healing process." The doctor had told me that I had a compound fracture, and also how many weeks it was going to be before the arm would be out of a cast, and then how many weeks it would take for those muscles and ligaments to be reactivated. He told my wife that I would never be able to touch my shoulder again with that arm. The specialist said, "I don't know how much use you will have of the arm. We'll just have to wait and see. Naturally, it is impaired, and you won't have the use of it that you had before." But Jesus now said to me, "I am going to restore to you, 99 per cent of the use of that arm. No one else will be able to tell it, but you will be able to tell it so that you won't ever forget anymore. The angel of the Lord touched Jacob and his thigh went out of place so that he went through life with his thigh out of place, as a reminder of how God had to deal with him. You put your teaching ministry first, and your prophet second. Every single place in My Word, the prophet is mentioned first and the teaching ministry, second. In Ephesians 4:11, 'And he (Christ) gave some apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors, and some teachers.' Second, in I Cor. 12:28, Paul said, in writing to the Church at Corinth, 'God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers.' The third witness is Acts 13:1, 'Now there were in the Church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers.'"

Jesus added, "You put your teaching ministry first, because you love to teach. Second, you see the great need of teaching, and it is tremendous. Third, the pastors encourage you to teach. Now, I gave you a teaching ministry and I want you to teach alright, but don't put the teaching ministry first. You reversed the order and put the teaching ministry first, and the prophet's ministry second, and finally, just let it off altogether. You are going to have to reverse the order, and you'll not be able to do it overnight. Go ahead and teach in the daytime, and use your prophet's ministry primarily in the night-time."

Many times I look out across a congregation when I minister, and see what certain individuals were doing a couple of days before. A pastor came into my service, and suddenly I saw that pastor standing by his desk, weeping and crying in desperation. I had never seen the minister before in my life. I told him what I saw. He said, "You are right, brother. That happened just like you said it did." Now, I look over the crowd very often, right while I am preaching and see some things, but I don't say anything about it because you can't say anything about some things, for there are some people you can't help no matter what you see. And so I just leave them alone and go on and help those who can be helped.

You see, to constitute the office of a prophet, he has operating in his life a ministry, not just an occasional revelation. The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits, plus prophecy are manifested in his ministry. It takes two gifts of revelation, plus the gift of prophecy to constitute the office of a prophet. There are pastors that are scared to death of me. They would like to have me in their church, but it scares them. They say, "I don't know; he is so mystical. He's so far out. He is out in left field." Well, I don't know which field it is, but one thing about it, it's a spiritual field. Praise God! It's the field of God! Hallelujah! I smile and pray that God will bless their dear hearts; I have such a love for them, and I want to help them so badly.

The Lord went on, "Some say that we don't need a prophet's ministry. We've all got the Holy Ghost in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, the king was anointed by the Holy Ghost to stand in his office. The priest had the Holy Ghost. But they still didn't have revelation gifts. They would still go to a prophet and ask him certain things when they wanted a revelation. Wouldn't they? And they had the Holy Ghost. I didn't say in My Word, that I will lead My children by revelation or visions.

My Word says that as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Believers are led by an inward witness of the Spirit. They haven't been taught how to be led and that's one thing I want you to teach them. Many times you will have a vision or a revelation about a certain thing, and you will tell the people. They are not getting a leading from you. You are not guiding their life; the Spirit is. They'll say, 'Well, I knew all the time that was what I was to do, but I wasn't sure.' It will corroborate the inward witness they already have."

I thought and even preached it for years that the whole church at Antioch was waiting and fasting and praying, because the Sunday School literature had said so. And they weren't at all. Jesus pointed it out to me that night. It mentioned five men and then it says as "they", not "the church"; they, five men, waited on God in prayer and fasting. The Holy Ghost said to them, not to the church, "Separate unto me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." In Acts 14:14, both Barnabas and Saul were called an "apostle." They were apostles to the Gentiles. The Greek word for "apostle" means "sent ones." They weren't apostles in the sense that the original Twelve were. Do we have apostles today? Certainly. The word, "missionary" is not found in the New Testament. What we call a "missionary", the Word calls "apostle." "A sent one." Now notice that the Holy Ghost did not call Paul and Barnabas that day. He said, "Separate me Barnabas and Paul for the work whereunto I have called them." He had already called them. They already had the witness in their hearts, but they hadn't done anything about it. And so the Holy Ghost corroborated it, and they moved out. Praise the Lord!

The Lord said to me on another occasion concerning a minister of the Gospel, whom I had known several years, "You go and tell him he's not going to live much longer, unless he corrects himself on three things. First, his diet." It does make God much difference as to what you eat, folk. It does make God some difference how you look. I'm talking about your bodies which are the temples of the Holy Ghost. He wants you to eat right. You are maybe not going to miss heaven, but you are going to shorten your life, if you don't watch out. "Second, money—unless he corrects himself about money. Third, love—walk in love toward his fellow minister and his brother." He was not going to live much longer. Well, I didn't deliver the message. I talked myself out of it. But he died just like God said he would. The Lord said to me, "Now, you can't get by with that anymore. From now on, unless you tell them, whether it is an individual or a pastor, or a church, when the revelation comes, if you don't tell them, judgment will come upon you. If you do tell them, then you are free. If they don't accept it, then judgment will come upon them. The time is short. There is a work that has to be done. There are some churches that I am going to remove their candlestick from them, and what little power they do have left. There are going to be preachers who are going to fall dead in their pulpits in these last days. There are going to be lay-members that are going to fall dead in the church, in the last days, like Ananias and Sapphira. They lied to God."

Interpretation of a message in tongues, then given by Brother Hagin: "Now, it is time for you to prepare your hearts. And now it is time for you to look unto me, saith the Lord, with a single eye. Not an eye that is turned toward other things and to me at the same time, for you cannot serve two masters. You will love the one and hate the other. Therefore, give yourself wholeheartedly unto me, and separate yourself from that which is unclean and I will surely bless thee, and cause thee to be a witness in this dark hour. 'Oh,' you say, 'An hour of darkness?' You don't know anything about darkness yet. You'll see darkness come upon your nation such as has not been seen before. And you'll see things come to pass that will chill your heart. Yea, things that will cause thee almost to be paralyzed with fear. But saith the Lord of hosts, ere that day come and ere the cities shall burn, the bombs shall fall and the blood shall flow, there shall be an ingathering. Yea, an ingathering. An ingathering of souls. Yea, equipped by the power of God, and they shall go out to do a quick work. And the hearts of many shall be turned toward the Lord."

I WITNESSED TO CASTRO IN 1959 (Continued from page 4)

tions. In the course of the interview I told him that I was a full gospel preacher and preached Jesus Christ in all His power, His love, and His fullness. He was very interested in my testimony and listened very attentively. I asked him directly if he believed in God, because I had heard that he didn't. He answered in these words, "Yes, I believe in God. What kind of man would it be that didn't believe in God?"

We continued to converse concerning the Lord and our work in the ministry. I asked him if he planned on allowing American Protestant evangelists and ministers to continue to come to Cuba. He answered and said, "I certainly want them to come 'any time and as often as they like. Anyone that helps my people in Cuba is welcome here."

This has proven to be untrue as many doors have been closed in Cuba in regard to evangelizing in this country.

THE PROMISE OF LAND TO AN ORPHANAGE

After we had conversed a while longer concerning Gospel work in Cuba, we asked him if he would grant us land on which to build the planned orphanage. He spoke through his interpreter and told Brother Mosqueda that he could have a small island in the Santiago Bay where there were already a few buildings suitable for such a project. This promise never came to pass, as this man turned into a bitter dictator a short time after this interview.

The revolution in Cuba had certainly been the main item of news at that time throughout the world as people were wondering if Castro would really bring democracy to Cuba. I new this was a great question in the minds of people everywhere, including myself. I had talked to the folks on the streets of Havana and they all seemed to love America and our people. They were also in great hope that Dr. Castro would bring them freedom after having been under the ruthless rule of Batista. My heart had gone out to these people so I asked Fidel Castro during this interview what he intended to do concerning the welfare of the Cuban's who had been long under the iron rule of the former president. He told me that as soon as the country was able to come to an understanding of his revolution, he intended to bring democracy to Cuba. He said he was going to give Cuba back to the people and allow them to have free elections. This of course has never happened.

Pray for these Cuban people. They seemed so confused and were all so hopeful that America and Cuba could remain friends. I do not believe the present status of Cuba is the wishes of the majority of the people of this little Latin American country. This is my personal viewpoint after having been there at that particular time, and seeing the situation as it is now. As I talked with Fidel

Castro, I thought, "What an opportunity for God to move in this country and what an opportunity this man has of really helping these people." But this hope never became a reality.

MY POINT BLANK QUESTION CONCERNING COMMUNISM

I then asked him a pointblank question that millions would have liked to have asked him at that time. I said, "Dr. Castro, are you leaning towards Communism? Are you really a Communist or do you believe in democracy as America does?" He paused for a moment and rolled his dark eyes around and said, "No, I am not a Communist. Everybody in America, especially the newspapers seem to think that I am, but I am not. I will not have a government exactly like America, because I have a few programs that I will put into effect in our government that will differ from yours. However, they will help Cuba and my people. These plans will distribute the wealth and give the land back to the poor man. I do believe in democracy and will have a democratic country that wants America's friendship."

This was the essence of his answer concerning his plans for Cuba and America. We know now that most of this was a prevarication, as he has not sought the friendship of America, but of Russia. May the Lord have mercy on his soul. During the visit with this chief of Cuba's revolution he personally introduced us to his brother Raoul. He seemed to be very fond of his brother and listened to him above all the others.

I truly believe this was Fidel Castro's opportunity to hear the testimony of Jesus Christ. Remember King Pharaoh had his opportunity but hardened his heart, finally dying in the raging Red Sea. Mr. Castro began to turn definitely toward Russia and Communism after our visit with him. In fact, it was the next day after this visit, that he resigned temporarily to get rid of the president of Cuba. He said that he believed in God. There was a spark of belief in God in this man's heart; however, that could have been ignited to a flame if real revival could have swept Cuba at this critical time. In the course of our conversation, I told him that I would like to come back to Havana the following November for a city-wide revival and I asked him if he would attend. He said that it would be a good thing for me to come back and that if I did he would do his best to attend one night of the revival and appear on the platform with me. The devil certainly hindered, because this did not come to pass. But I wonder if Cuba could not have been salvaged if there had been a concentrated effort of evangelizing this country with the preaching of the Gospel and the building of more churches and Bible schools.

It is a comforting thought to be backed by a powerful nation with atomic armies and navies, but this isn't the an-

swer to Castro and Khrushchev and the people they have blinded by their anti-God and anti-Christ propaganda. The only antidote, the only answer, the only power to set free and liberate, is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." I wonder if Cuba would have been lost to the free world if we had stepped up our efforts to evangelize this little country right at our back door. We must and cannot take anything or anybody for granted in these days of satanic power and the fast pace the world is taking. I still have in my possession a letter from his personal secretary stating that they would be expecting me to come back to Cuba in November. I was, however, unable to go when November came. When the Lord opens the doors we must be ready to move then. The devil doesn't wait on anybody. After our personal interview, we were asked to go into another room where there was a long table prepared for serving dinner. Fidel Castro led the way and asked me to follow him as his special guest. He sat at the head of the table and I sat to his left. He held his cabinet meeting during the course of the dinner. We were served a very delicious and tasty meal consisting of filet mignon steak and all the trimmings. I enjoyed the dinner and the experience of the occasion very much. During the dinner Mr. Castro had his personal photographer take several pictures of the occasion and also pictures of the ceremonies following. He later sent me copies of these pictures.

MR. CASTRO HOLDS THE AIRPLANE TILL WE WERE READY TO GO

After the dinner and the business of his cabinet meeting we went back into the large office. I talked a few more minutes with Mr. Castro and others of his cabinet and then presented Fidel Castro with an Indian head-dress and a peace pipe. (The Indian peace-pipe must have not done too much good for it wasn't long after this, that Fidel Castro went on the war-path.) I had spent about four hours with Mr. Castro and we were about to miss our plane but the bearded chief had his secretary call the airlines. They held up the plane about one hour until we arrived at the airport. This is the first time I had ever had a plane held until I could get on board.

My heart was so hungry to return to Cuba and hold the planned revival but the door was closed. Have we missed our opportunity to win Cuba by preaching the Gospel? Could we have done more in giving, in praying, in doing? Did we take this little country for granted? Maybe we would have never won Castro to Jesus but we may have been instrumental in bringing revival to Cuba that would have liberated the masses from anti-Christ rule. I witnessed to Castro

at one time; he might have been won at the right time. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." He said in another place to occupy until He came. This is why I believe that what we do, we must do quickly. Let us win the heathen nations, not by armed power, or the lying propaganda, of this world but by evangelism and building native churches. That is why I am a firm believer in the Native Church Program. This will establish beachheads in this warfare against satanic forces and doctrines of devils. These beachheads can grow into a full scale invasion of every country and continent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ until He comes not as a revolution chief, not as a dictator, or a president, or premier, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah.



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The heart of every one of our activities remains the radio ministry. We use this to advertise our public services. For example, Brother Sumrall preached for me last Sunday on his way to Brasilia and we had to close the doors because so many people were already standing. We also use our radio as the means of literature distribution. Literally hundreds of people have accepted Christ in this way.

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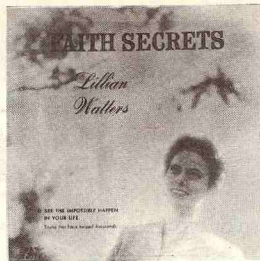
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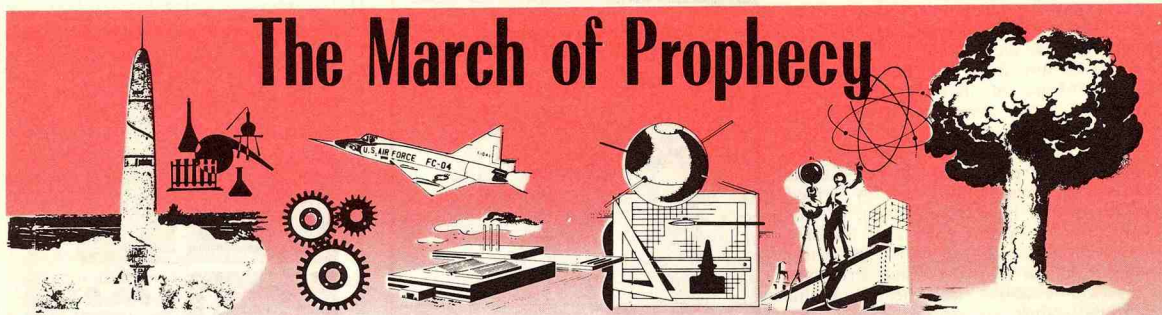


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(A FEATURE TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF WORLD EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNUSUAL PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE.)

IS THE CUBA THREAT STILL THERE?

In this issue is an article of exceptional interest by William Raiford, in which he relates his four-hour interview with Fidel Castro. And how America lost its opportunity to reach this man with the Gospel. Now he has become a threat to the free world.

Our present administration hopefully assures us that the danger is over, but that is not what many of our military men as well as our statesmen say. A sober evaluation leads them to believe that Cuba is stronger than it was before the October Crisis.

Latest estimates place Soviet military personnel at not less than 17,000 men and some set it much higher. These Russians are locked into the Cuban military system. Over 100 MIG jet fighters are being flown, by Soviet pilots. The Russians control over 500 surface-to-air missiles which are capable of shooting down U. S. photo planes. The Reds have brought in 3,000 anti-aircraft guns and other artillery as well as 350 medium and heavy tanks.

Whether the Russians have taken out all their A-missiles is also open to question. Cuban refugees claim that a considerable number of these have been stored in caves, and were never removed.

Certainly Cuba is the strongest military nation in Latin America. United States News and World Report asks (Jan. 21, 1963): Why are mysterious tunnels being bored deep into the sand stone cliffs near Havana? And why are natural caves being sealed off as military zones? A hope of an early overthrow of the Castro regime does not seem to be in the cards. The Soviet threat is still undiminished. The day is coming that America with all her armed might will have to throw herself on the mercy of God rather than on her A-bomb arsenal.

EPISCOPALIANS PREACH DIVINE HEALING

TIME MAGAZINE SAYS: "Episcopalian Alfred Price has been holding weekly services since 1942. He is warden of the Order of St. Luke's Physician, a group of clergy and laymen, including physicians, who literally take St. James injunction: 'Is any among you sick? Let him call for the leaders of the church and let them pray over him.' The Order insists that 'spir-

itual healing' should be included in the ministry of established Protestant churches, traditionally chary of faith cures . . .

Explains St. Stephen's Price: The balance of body, mind and soul is upset and sickness follows. We can pray and with God's help we can restore the proper balance." (Sept. 28, 1962)

IS IT GOOD NEWS IN SPAIN?

In recent months there has been a campaign on the part of the Vatican to draw Protestants closer to the Roman Catholic Church. Protestant delegates were given unusual courtesy at the Council in Rome. However, the supreme embarrassment for the Catholics has always been Spain. Protestant critics always point to Spain as an example of the real Catholicism. In that country non-Catholic churches have no legal standing and must operate as "foreign commercial firms." Missionaries have been fined and jailed for distributing the Bible, their churches shut down for supposed violation of obscure laws.

TIME MAGAZINE February 8th, says, "The real Catholicism, say most wary Protestant critics, is not found in the democratically co-existing church in the United States, but in 99.7% Catholic Spain. There, arch-conservative church leaders have for years treated Protestants with something of hostility, though not the violence, that pagan Rome displayed toward the early Christians."

This glaring example of Catholicism in Europe has at last awakened Spanish authorities. Spain's foreign minister, Fernando Castiella, has suspected that a major cause of the anti-Spanish feeling in the world is the Spanish church's attitude. He went to the Pope and in a private audience reviewed the situation. Pope John XXIII, agreed with Castiella and prepared a draft urging the Spanish bishops to mend their ways. In a secret meeting the prelates approved a "statute for non-Catholic religions." Major Protestant groups will now receive recognition as religious groups and can run their own schools and print and distribute Bibles.

The real joker is that non-Catholics must not "proselytize." In other words they still do not have the right to preach the Gospel to Spanish people.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

What is the status of religion in Russia? America hears varying reports. Some 32 evangelical Christians a few weeks ago sought refuge from Soviet religious persecution in the United States embassy. The embassy could not help them and when released to the Russian authorities the evangelicals were shipped off to Siberia. The Soviet government pledged that they would be treated humanely. But since then the Russians have published reports of their "investigation," and they claim that these people are "fanatics" who cruelly mistreated their children. One can imagine the fate they have suffered.

In the documents the peasants left behind in the embassy, they described the persecutions they had experience. Children had been forcibly taken away from the parents in a campaign to eradicate religion. Although Russians are content to let older members attend church, they wish to stamp Christianity out by preventing any religious instruction of the youth.

One little twelve year old girl, Valya Vashchenko, wrote her father, "Dear Papa, when I feel sad and bitter, I write to you and sing Psalms. When we go to eat, everybody stands around me and won't let me say grace. I tell them I won't eat until I ask God's blessing. If they don't let us emigrate, then let them kill us."

THE NEW BOOK "THE DEATH OF JESUS"

A new book has been just published under the title "The Death of Jesus." The author, one Joel Carmichael, advances the view that Jesus was killed because He led an armed insurrection against the Romans.

He accuses the Gospels as carrying a fictitious account of the trial and execution of Christ. He says that Jesus must have had a force powerful enough to seize the Temple. That this was a violent movement, and this violence contributed to its failure.

Since the Gospels furnished the only material available on the life of Jesus, this writer must get his information from the Gospels. He accuses the very source from which he receives all that is to be known about the life of Christ and after he discredits the Word of God, he has the blatant impudence to ask people to believe his absurd speculations.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Have I Committed the Unpardonable Sin?

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am obsessed with the thought that I have sinned against the Holy Ghost, and have committed the unpardonable sin. Brother Lindsay, what I did that makes me think so, happened during the 1930's. Since then I have come to Jesus, have repented, have had a born-again experience; yet this thought sticks in my mind, and drives me into paroxysms of fear. It struck me a little over a week ago. At times I suffer torments emotionally and mentally.

To explain. Back in those days I was associated with a very forceful strong minded individual, and he and I somehow got interested in the Bible, although neither one of us was saved. We worked out a very bizarre interpretation of the Bible based on symbolism. For instance we argued that the Jehovah of Moses was the devil, because he manifested at the burning bush burning with unquenchable fire, a symbol of hell fire. Also when he cast down a rod it became a serpent, symbol of Satan. Also with leprosy, symbol of sin. We made many other symbolical interpretations. My associate worked out the interpretations, and I was a sort of scribe.

We exalted Jesus, and contended that His teachings alone were true, as presented to the gospels.

Later, I came into the true light of Pentecost, gave my heart to Jesus, became filled with the Holy Ghost, became a minister and missionary. I attended your meetings along with the others, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, some years ago, and received wonderful blessings there, and have contributed to your missionary funds. Also have received miraculous healings in my body.

But some nine days ago this obsession has seized me that this interpretation of Pentecost constituted the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Jesus said: "Whosoever shall speak against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven either in this world nor in the world to come." This thought has seized me after all these years, and sticks in my brain. It won't listen to reason. I have terrible emotional disturbances which are tortuous. At

times it seems I am insane.

I know God forgave me and gave me past spiritual victories, but the thought persists: "You did speak against the Holy Ghost." This thought doesn't listen to rational reason. Nothing registers against it. Brother Lindsay, how can I convince this obsessing thought that is a lie? I try to forget it and supplant it with other thoughts, but it persists in obtruding itself.

W. H. S.

ANSWER:

Dear Brother:

Have faith in God! Everything in your letter proves you have not committed the sin against the Holy Ghost. You are, however, the victim of an obsession which is nothing more nor less than the work of a seducing spirit. As you say, reason doesn't drive a demon away. You must rebuke it in the Name of Jesus.

Many Christians have had to wrestle against a Satanic attack of evil thoughts and even blasphemies. As a result, sometimes they are overcome with a guilt complex because they suppose that the thoughts originate with them rather than Satan.

This suggestion that you have sinned against the Holy Ghost is a favorite trick of the devil to make people believe that they have committed the unpardonable sin. It often causes them the greatest agony and distress. Actually, those who have committed the unpardonable sin are the ones who do not care. They are smug in their own arrogance. Pharaoh was such a one, given over to his delusions. To the very end, he hardened his heart against God.

Reason, however, does enter into the picture. The devil says, "You have blasphemed against the Holy Ghost and this shall not be forgiven in this world nor in the world to come." Jesus spoke these words to the Pharisees who saw His mighty works, and miracles, and yet because of their insane jealousy, they attributed these works done by the Holy Ghost, to the devil.

Certainly, the apostle Paul was more guilty than you. Stephen preached on the works of God, and told his hearers that they were resisting the Holy Ghost (Acts 7:51-52), yet Paul held the coats of those who murdered him. Nevertheless, Paul was converted and became the greatest apostle of all.

In your letter you say that when you heard the message of Pentecost, you accepted it, were converted and filled with the Holy Ghost, and became a minister and a missionary. Yet you speak of feeling you are going insane. The only insane thing would be to say you have received the Holy Ghost, and that at the same time you had already grieved the Holy Ghost away!

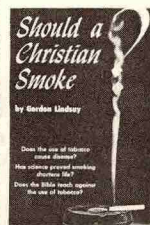
Don't be anxious about having committed the sin against the Holy Ghost which you have not done. Be anxious

about the fact that you are almost believing to be true what you know to be an absolute falsehood.

Many people have been tormented by the devil's lies about having committed the unpardonable sin. Yet, in every case I have ever known, such people were innocent of that sin. God is a loving, compassionate God. He has a great investment in you and is not like a District Attorney trying to get a verdict against you on some technicality. The very fact that a person is repentant and has a tender heart is proof that he has not committed that sin.

It may surprise you to know that I had a similar experience when I was first converted many years ago. I was with a young man who had a familiar spirit, which because of my inexperience, I did not discern! The evil spirit pretended to be the Spirit of God, and he told us that certain people who had gifts of the Spirit were of the devil. When I later discovered I had been hoaxed by the evil spirit, I too supposed I had committed the unpardonable sin, and I went through several days of torment. However, God showed me the actual truth, and that He had let me go through that experience so I could reassure others.

Do not accuse yourself over the sins of the past that are under the blood. You are only to be blamed if you give credence to the deliberate lies of this seducing spirit. When such suggestions come, rebuke the devil sharply. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."



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QUEENS PARK, JANUARY 20th, 1963

By John Meares

To feel the mighty power of God grip a whole nation is a strange and wonderful experience. This was my privilege during the month of January when Brother Morris Cerullo, Brother Clair Hutchins and I were in Barbados, B. W. I. Many pre-crusade preparations were made. Thousands of hand bills were given out over the entire island. The large, beautiful Queens Park was secured and at one end of the park a large platform was built and a ramp where thousands who received from God came and gave testimonies of the wonderful power of God.

It is always a thrilling adventure, after having made preparations, prayed and believed God, for the first night of the crusade to come. Every moment of prayer and faith was gloriously rewarded as we saw 10,000 people gather to hear the Word and experience God's miracle working power the very first night. There was a hunger written upon the faces of the people as they stood reverently and silently throughout the service. At the close of the sermon one could sense the power of the Spirit of God as it enveloped the multitude with conviction and determination. Thousands of hands were raised signifying a desire to accept Christ. With a sound of many voices they prayed the sinners prayer. Thanksgivings, mingled with tears was given for the beginning of the greatest harvest of souls that Barbados had ever witnessed.

The response was overwhelming. With such a mighty visitation of conviction and forgiveness, this throng of people stood ready to believe God for any miracle of healing. Now prayer was about to be offered for the sick and infirmed. Again instructions were simple and direct as they put their hands upon their afflicted bodies and believed God for their healing. As Brother Cerullo prayed a mass prayer for healing, a commotion would start in one section of the great audience as the ears of a deaf person

suddenly opened or those born totally blind began to cry out, "I can see, I can see." Or as those who were invalided by palsy were made whole and little children who had never walked took their first step. The healing Christ moved the great multitude. Those healed made their way through the throng, and came to give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many were the testimonies that caused one to stand in awe and praise as the marvelous works of Christ were made known.

More than 60,000 came and stood in Queens Park to hear this simple Word preached with power. On the fourth night the service had progressed and now the Word was being preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A sprinkle of rain began to come and the first reaction of many of the people was that of restlessness and a desire to seek cover, but as Reverend Cerullo assured them that God could protect them even in the rain, they seemed to gain a new confidence. The rain subsided only for a few minutes to return with a down-pour, but now they were so intent in the Words of Life and with confidence in God that there was hardly a movement among them other than coats, papers and umbrellas being lifted over their heads. The service concluded with a vigorous response to salvation and healings of every manner.

Each service gained in number, conviction, salvation and faith for the miraculous until the last Sunday night of the crusade, thousands gathered hours before the service began, and even as the meeting was closing they were still coming in. They came by every means of conveyance — walking, bicycles, cars, trucks and busses. Queens Park became a sea of humanity hungry for God. Again the rains came pouring down, but none of the 60,000 present seemed to move to take shelter. They lifted whatever was available over their heads and remained in the drenching rain.

The afternoon services for the new converts was attended by hundreds who were eager to learn how to become a disciple and follower after the Lord Jesus Christ. As I preached to them, it seemed they would literally take hold of every word and plant it within their heart.

On closing of the crusade in Queens Park, a large building (the same building that was used for the afternoon services) was made available to establish a great Evangelistic Center. On the Monday night following the closing of the crusade, this building was dedicated and a young Barbadian who was an officer in the local bank, Rev. Williams, was installed to carry on this work. At least 2500 people crowded into the building while thousands more completely filled the yard and surrounding streets.

That Brother Cerullo is called as a prophet of God to awaken the multitudes of a nation, I have no doubt. Months after the crusades, we are told by many of the ministers and missionaries that the heart of the nation is open to the preaching of the Word. One missionary in South America (five months after the close of a crusade) told how that before Brother Cerullo's meeting he would go into the interior to preach in a village and only ten to twenty people would come to the meetings and only two or three accept the Lord. But now he states he can go into the interior or any remote village, travelling by boat or foot, and ninety-five percent of the whole village will turn out to hear the gospel, and one-half of them will express their desire to give their hearts to God and serve Him. He declares that this is the result of God's Spirit moving throughout the nation after the crusade. There is no question that this is the beginning of the end of God pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh, and in the providence of God He has chosen Brother Cerullo to be one of the vessels used in this end time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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your wonderful book, "Satan, Demons and How to Have Power Over Them." Shortly after that, I travelled to Hungary where I often have evangelistic campaigns and there I gave the book to the director of the Baptist Seminary. He was thrilled to receive it and began straitway to use it as a textbook in the seminary. Is not that wonderful?

The message of the book was entirely unknown in those circles and it was grand to have the opportunity to speak in many churches on this theme. Then the pastors came with the sick and others to be prayed for. Oh, it was truly wonderful. God did many miracles and healings, and deliverances, and the fire is still spreading. Hallelujah!

I now beg of you to send me some more books, that I can take them to the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

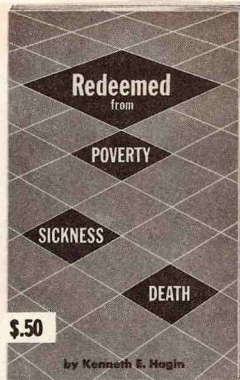
A. B.

St. Pancras, Holland

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I wish to thank you for the course on the Book of Revelation Made Easy. Praise God for the course which certainly inspires my heart with a deeper love for my Lord Jesus Christ, and also equips me in the service of the Lord. The course on the Book of Revelation Made Easy is truly anointed of the Holy Spirit, and as I study along with my Bible, the Lord stirs my heart to a deeper consecration; and also gave me a heart-searching message from the Book of Revelation to preach on the missionary prayer band day which was only two days ago. Praise God! I have been greatly blessed and I thank God for the renewed vision to win as many souls to Christ before the great tribulation falls upon them. I have certainly received much spiritual help from your course.

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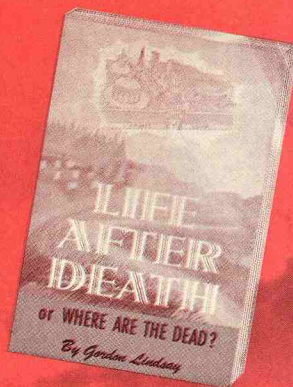
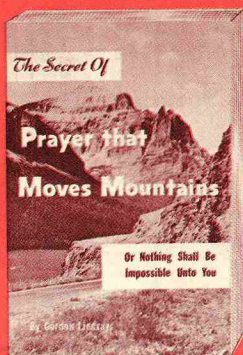
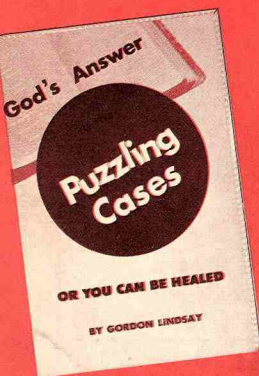
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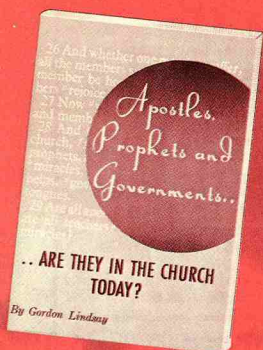
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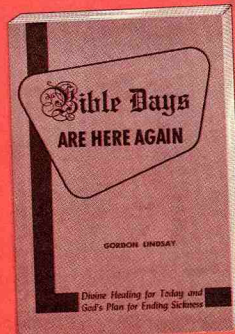
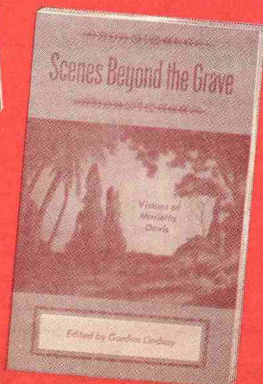
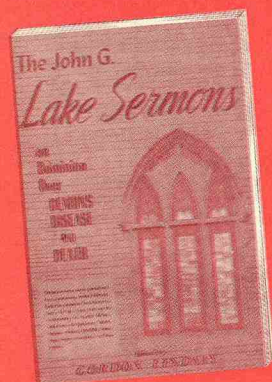
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