

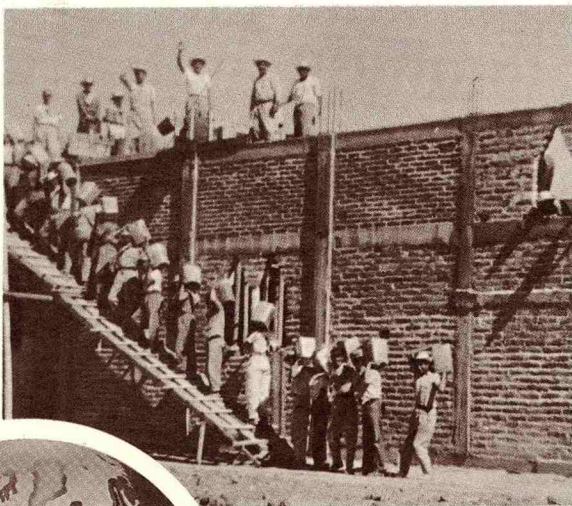
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CHRISTIANS MARTYRED IN MEXICO!

KILLED FOR TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST! MOB ARMED WITH MACHETES, GUNS, AND ROCKS! PASTOR AND FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN, CHAINED TOGETHER, BEATEN, AND IMPRISONED!



This report reads like the Spanish Inquisition! It is actually present day persecution here in North America!

In San Bartolo del Llano, Mexico, the Believers have suffered much persecution. Several of their members have been killed! Some of these pictured on this page, building their Native Church, have been stoned, beaten, and imprisoned for their faith in Christ!

A part of the group pictured here went recently to a nearby village to pass out gospel tracts, and to conduct services in the home of a Believer.

On their second visit, during the service, the house was surrounded by a fanatical mob. They dragged the Christians out of the service, beating and kicking them. The

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(It will be recalled that a court order 4 hours before time of execution, stayed the execution of Douglas Ashley and Carolyn Lima. Now the Federal Court has reversed the verdict of the jury and granted a new trial.)

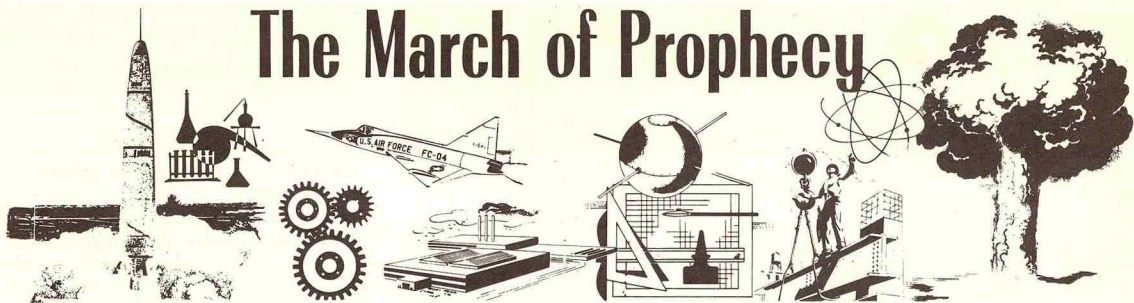
The following letter is from Mrs. Sylvia Ayers, mother of Douglas Ashley.

"I know you are rejoicing with us and praising the Lord for His mercy and goodness in behalf of Douglas. It is indeed a miracle as the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans *NOT ONLY* reversed the death sentence, but for the first time in its history granted a complete new trial. We know it was the plan and working of God and we give Him all the praise. We also praise Him for you, Brother Lindsay and your wonderful magazine, the Voice of Healing. You have played a major part in this fight for justice! You will never know how grateful we are to you. . . as we know God chose you to stand by us when we needed a friend, one that was so willing to do all they could to help! We know you to be a wonderful, sincere man of God and we are so thankful for you. And the Voice of Healing has been such a blessing to us. It is a paper filled with the blessed Word of God and the wonderful testimonies of its accomplishments. Thank God for wonderful Christian friends!

"Within the very near future Douglas will be brought back to Houston and placed in the Harris County Jail and there await his trial. Then Douglas will be able to correspond again with all his wonderful friends that he once corresponded with, and resume his writing for the glory of God! Douglas knows without a doubt that it was God that saved him.

"We realize that this new trial will not be easy as the District Attorney will once again attempt to prosecute Douglas to the fullest. And do all within his power to send him to the electric chair! But with much earnest prayer, hard work, and abundance of faith, and with Jesus on our side. . . with His wisdom, we shall gain a final victory! 'If God be for us, who can be against us?' (This is one of Douglas' favorite verses.)

"I have been invited to go to Albany, New York this month (September) and give my testimony, show movies of Douglas in the death cell, and issue a phonograph recording of Douglas giving his personal testimony from his cell on death row. God has opened the doors and made it possible for me to go. I will leave September the 8th, by the Eastern Airlines, and will be there through the month of September and as long as the Lord leads."



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

Time Magazine's Report on Speaking in Other Tongues

TIME MAGAZINE, March, 1963, gives the following report on speaking in other tongues in such churches as the Lutheran and the Episcopal.

"Glossolalia has come to Yale. The ability to 'speak in tongues,' possessed by the Apostles at the first Pentecost, has long been claimed by fundamentalist Protestant sects. In the last three years, glossolalia has also been tried out by a number of Lutheran and Episcopal churches in the Middle and Far West. Now 20 students in the secular, skeptical confines of Yale University report that they can pray in the spontaneous outpouring of syllables that sounds like utter babble to most listeners, but has a special meaning to the 'gifted.'

"The Glossolalia are far from being Holy Rollers. One is a Roman Catholic, and most of the others are Protestants who belong to the sobersided Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship—Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Methodists. Five have Phi Beta Kappa keys, and six plan to enter the ministry after graduation. They date their experience to two campus visits last October by the Rev. Harald Bredesen, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and a prominent advocate of glossolalia as a means of heightening the spiritual life of churches. His formula for speaking in tongues: put the vocal cords in motion, then prayerfully turn them over to God.

"The students regard their 'gift' as a sacrament and as a means of expressing their faith. They argue that any religious phenomenon approved in the New Testament—St. Paul, in *I Corinthians*, regards it as a special gift to Christians like prophecy—clearly has a place in the life of the modern church. In practicing glossolalia, the students do not fall into any mystical seizures or trances; instead, onlookers report, they seem fully in control as they mutter or chant sentences that sometimes sound like Hebrew, sometimes like unkempt Swedish. 'I don't care what language it is,' says one of the tongues-speaking students, 'so long as it helps me live a Christian life.'"

Red China and the A-Bomb

Red China is getting ready to explode its first Atom bomb. Experts see the explosion coming in the matter of a few months. While a few A-bombs will not change the balance of power, it will become a political and psychological weapon to terrorize the

rest of Asia and blackmail them into submission to her policy.

The weight of China's vast population is enough to cause the rest of the Orient to look at the future with apprehension. The thought of her having nuclear weapons is enough to add terror to fear. These developments will probably mean that these countries will ask the U.S. for nuclear protection.

Once Red China secures the atomic bomb, her prestige will sky-rocket among the undeveloped countries.

The Russians have withdrawn their technicians from China since the split. But too late, for now the Chinese have the know-how to produce the plutonium necessary. They have mapped out a plan for carving out a new Chinese empire. Truly the way of the Kings of the East is being prepared!

The Spectre of World Famine

Newsweek says, (June 17, 1963) that every day 10,000 people die of malnutrition or starvation—more than in any time in history. In India alone, 50 million will die of famine in the next ten years. More than half of the earth's population live in perpetual hunger.

The sign of malnutrition are characteristic of the stomach swelling, the skin cracking; and the person dies in misery.

Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland says, "If we were suddenly to join the less fortunate, our next meal . . . would be a bowl of rice and perhaps a piece of fish an inch square the day after tomorrow."

The evidence is that the battle against hunger is not being won, principally because of the population explosion. Every second there are three more mouths to feed. In 17 years (1980) there will be 4 billion people on the earth. In 37 years there will be 6 billion.

There is an increase of food, but there is an increasing disparity between the haves and the have-nots. The average American consumes 4.66 pounds of food a day, while the average Indian eats 1.23 pounds of food a day.

FAO director, B. R. Sen reports: Widespread famine will sweep the world by the year 1980.

Are the Egyptians Using Poison Gas?

Gamel Nasser is in a campaign of extermination of the Yemeni royalists. Apparently Nasser is the first man since Mussolini to use a hideous and outlawed form of warfare against defenseless desert villages. The Daily Telegraph of London ran a

blazing headline, NASSER'S PLANES USE POISON GAS. (Continued on page 15)

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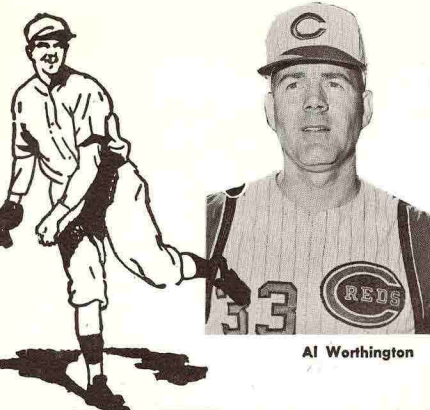
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Al Worthington

Al Worthington plays with the Cincinnati Reds. Last year while playing with the Indianapolis Club he had the phenomenally high average of .789, as pitcher.

I have had many wonderful experiences in athletics and have had the pleasure of seeing my name written in the newspapers, but the greatest experience that I have ever had was when I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. All other things are nothing without Christ. If we do not have Jesus Christ, we do not have anything. Christ is everything, when we come to know Him.

I would like to record my experience of coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. It happened five years ago when I was with the San Francisco Giants. I had been with the Giants in New York during 1956 and 1957, and went with them to San Francisco in 1958. I had always attended church and Sunday School. In fact, I grew up in the church. My mother and father carried me to church before I could walk. I used to say that I was just as good as anyone else. I was trying my best to do good, the best that I knew how to do. But our best is not good enough. The Lord says that we must be born again. I wanted to know that when I died, I was going to Heaven. I knew that Jesus said, "Seek and ye shall find." I often wondered what that meant. I knew that something was lacking in my life; that there was something that I did not have.

I thought also that God would mark our good deeds down on the right, and our bad deeds down on the left. I thought that whenever we died, we would go to Heaven if our good deeds outweighed our bad deeds. This sounds good, but this is man's way and not God's way. Another thing that I used to think, that it did not make any difference what you believe, just so long as you are sincere. It never

Major League Player Meets Christ

by Al Worthington

did occur to me that I could be sincerely wrong. I knew that Jesus said that "whoever shall save his life shall lose it, and whoever shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it." I knew that in some way I would have to lose my life that I might be able to find it, but did not know how.

I also knew that Jesus said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." I loved the world. I trusted in myself, in my employers, in the world. I didn't know how to make a break with this world, and put my trust in the Lord Jesus. I didn't know how to put all my trust in the Lord. I trusted in myself and in the world all these years.

When I went to San Francisco with the Giants in 1958, I learned that Billy Graham was there holding a crusade. My wife and I went to hear him one night. I had searched for peace all of my life. I knew that Jesus had promised it. I used to think that when I got in the Major Leagues, I would have this peace. To be a major league ball player and make more money must be the answer. When I got to be big league, I had less peace than ever before. I know that no matter in what position we are, or how much money we earn, we can never have true peace until we have Jesus. We have no peace until we come to know Him as our Lord and Saviour. People thought that I was very happy, but I knew in my heart that I really wasn't. Billy Graham preached this night, and when he finished he gave an invitation to the people there. He even gave an invitation to those who were singing in the choir. As I looked at those people and thought about how wonderfully they sang, I thought, "If those people aren't Christians, I wonder who is a Christian?" I wanted to make a decision for the Lord that night. My heart was beating very heavily; it was pounding. I took both my hands and placed them over my heart to keep the people around me from being disturbed by my pounding heart.

I wanted to get up and make a public profession of Jesus. But Satan said to me, "Al, you know you are a Christian. You know at home you sit on the third row at the church, you sing those church songs every Sunday, you never miss a Sunday when you go home in the winter time, you sing how Jesus died on the cross for you, you give your money to the church, you teach a Sunday School class. You are a Christian; you are better than most of these people here." And I said, "That's right. I'm a Christian. No use to go and give my heart to the Lord."

A few minutes later, I experienced this pounding in my heart again. I wanted to go and tell the Lord I was coming to live for Him. Then Satan said to me, "You know you are a big league ball player. If you were to walk down this aisle, someone might see you and say to you the next day, 'Al, where were you going?' and that would embarrass you." It would have embarrassed me. I sat in my seat, all the time knowing that I should give my heart to the Lord Jesus. I saw hundreds of people walking down the aisle. Many of them were crying. And I thought, "You people look like you are Americans. Don't you know Jesus? If you don't know Him, you should be going down front to give your heart to Him."

After this was over, I met a fellow ball-player at the front door. His name was Bob Speake, who had played with the Cubs. He was now with the Giants. He had a minister with him this night. Bob and his wife, the minister and his wife, and my wife and I went to Bob's home. As soon as we got there, the minister said, "I am a recruiter for Christ. Everywhere I go, I recruit for the Lord Jesus." I had never heard anyone talk about Jesus except in church, and here we were in Bob's home talking about Christ.

He gave me his own testimony and it blessed my heart. He advised me to commit my life to the Lord. I had never heard anyone talk like this man before. He came to my house three nights in a row, to talk to me and my wife about the Lord. For two nights I tried to tell him how good I had been, how I had taught a Sunday School class, how I had gone to church. I really didn't know that I was lost. He showed me Ephesians 2:8, 9 and showed me that salvation is free, and of grace only. This minister answered many of our questions directly from the scriptures and that third night he asked me to kneel and commit my life to God. This I did.

A few nights later, at the invitation of the minister, my wife and I went again to hear Billy Graham. And I was among the 1100 people who walked the aisle as I went to give my whole life to the Lord Jesus Christ and make a public profession of my faith. After I made my decision, I was counseled by a realtor who told me some ways of beginning my new life in Christ. I met others who had joy on their faces and peace in their eyes. I know now that the peace that comes from the Lord Jesus is a peace that passes understanding, and that His joy is unspeakable.

Immediately, my attitude began to change about many things. I started to wonder about some of the practices and habits that I had previously. I realized that I could not continue some of them, because I didn't want to do anything that would displease the Lord Jesus. Even such practices as obtaining tickets for friends in my wife's name had to be discontinued. No longer did I have the worries that had plagued me before; it seemed as if the Lord had taken all my problems and placed them on a high shelf where I couldn't reach them.

For the first time, I was able to leave on a road trip rejoicing in my heart. My wife and I were both amazed at the ways in which the Lord was working in my life and in the special encouragements that He gave in those early days of my life in Christ. I had so much joy and peace in my heart that I thought I must be ill.

On my first road trip as a born-again Christian, I realized that I was a new creation in Christ Jesus. On the plane that night, I began to read the Scriptures and for the first time in my life, they began to come to life for me. I had always carried my Bible on the road trips, but it had been a dead book on all previous trips. I was spiritually blind, but now my eyes had been opened by the Lord.

The next day I was in Pittsburg, and I shall never forget the great joy that I experienced there. No one told me that when I was saved, the Lord Jesus would come and live in my heart and push out every dirty, ugly, black thing and set up a big bundle of love, overflowing. Everything that I had ever wanted—security, fame, wealth, peace—was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. He and He alone was the end of my search. He is the answer to everything that my heart needs.

That day, when I was in the ball park, I knew that there were over 30,000 people in the stands. I wanted to tell everyone one of them that they needed to be saved. I told several of my team mates about the Lord Jesus, but to my amazement, they would not even listen! I thought everybody wanted peace, and the source of all peace is the Lord Jesus.

Realizing that the Lord promised to come again, I wanted to tell everyone about the Lord, lest He should come before I had the chance to tell them. I wanted to leave the team and go home to Birmingham to tell my loved ones about the Lord Jesus. A few days later, I was in Cincinnati. Here, I saw the Lord Jesus hanging on the cross for me. I saw myself standing there, watching Him die for my sins. I began to reflect upon my past life. I had gone to the largest high school in Birmingham, then to the University of Alabama. I had played ball from New York to San Francisco, and from Miami almost to Canada. During all that time, no one had ever told me about the Lord Jesus. I had never met a single individual who told me that I was lost. No one had

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A PURPOSE IN LIFE



by Bobby

Richardson

Star of the New York Yankees

Keep the rules • Keep faith with your comrades • Keep a stout heart in defeat Keep your pride under in victory • Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

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When I graduated from high school I had an opportunity to fulfill an ambition of many young fellows—to enter professional baseball! I signed with the New York Yankees and reported to their farm club in Norfolk. I will never forget it. This was my first time away from home in a big city. The fact that I knew no one, nor even to whom I should report, was discouraging, and made me down-hearted and lonely. About this time I received a letter from a former coach in which he quoted Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." This renewed my faith, brought me closer to God, and things were well.

The following year we were in spring training and word came that there was a boy coming down from a higher classification club about whom I noticed there was much comment. I wondered why, and after I got to know him, I found out. He was a dedicated Christian, had devoted his life fully to God, and some of the things he stood for were resented by other team members, perhaps because of the way they wanted to live their lives. But inwardly they had a respect and admiration that I'm sure drew them closer to God, as I was drawn.

We must have a purpose in life, and that purpose should be to please God—to know

Him, to love Him, to walk with Him in our daily lives.

Baseball is a profession full of temptation, just as other professions, and it is a challenge to lead the Christian life, but a verse that has strengthened and challenged me, because I know to claim it means a completely surrendered life, is Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

I realize simply that it is God who has given me the ability, the opportunity and certainly any supposed earthly glory that might come through playing ball. I enjoy the sport I am in, but only because I feel that this is where God would have me serve Him.

Several years ago when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, I took John 3:16 at its word: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It was a wonderful day that I made this decision, and I am thankful that He sent His Son to die on the cross for me, that I, through His grace, might have everlasting life by simply trusting in His completed work of salvation at Calvary.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). As we count up we find—

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PERSECUTION IN MEXICO continued from cover story

mob was led by some of the officials of the village.

Four of the men, including the pastor, with two of the women were chained together and jailed. At one o'clock that night they were taken out and beaten in an attempt to force them to renounce their faith in Christ. The pastor was hit sixty times with a machete until he lost consciousness!

Then they hung him up in a tree, but God spared his life! The mob then planned to kill all of them at eight o'clock in the morning, but just before that hour, seven soldiers arrived from the county seat, and set the Christians free!

To this date the guilty have not been arrested nor punished. It is estimated that one thousand people of the village gave ten pesos each to an official so that he would not prosecute the guilty ones! Many can be bought off for less than

the ten thousand pesos this official required. A new official will take office soon, and the Christians are praying that then they will receive justice.

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Our Brethren in Mexico need not only our financial assistance in building their own Native Churches, but also our prayers, and our fasting and prayer!

No amount of money could help this situation at San Bartolo del Llano, but if everyone who reads this report will get hold of God and plead for these Christians, God can bring justice to those who are guilty of beating, wounding, and attempting to kill His Chosen Ones!

CHURCH BUILT IN TROUBLOUS TIMES

In spite of all these persecutions the Christians have nearly completed their church at San Bartolo del Llano. The Christian Sponsors in the United States who have assisted in this project can be proud of their Christian Partners below the border.

CHRISTIANS IN YOJOVI, OAXACA, BIRTHPLACE OF BENITO JUAREZ, FINISH NATIVE CHURCH

Benito Juarez, first Mexican Indian to become President of Mexico, was called the "Abraham Lincoln of Mexico." He was born in Yojoivi, a village of the Zapotec Indians. They still do not speak Spanish, but retain their Indian language.

Our crusader had to walk over mountain trails for ten hours to reach this village. There he learned the story of the persecutions that the Christians had suffered in the beginning of this evangelical church.

The first Evangelist who went into Yojoivi was given the choice of leaving town within twenty four hours, or being killed! He left town, but not for long.

He went directly to the county seat and asked that the people be given their rights of freedom of worship. The president of the county gave him a letter, addressed to the officials of Yojoivi, stating that the Evangelicals had every right to worship God as they felt best, and added that it was the responsibility of the village officials to guarantee them the necessary protection.

The evangelist started back to the village, and met the officials who also had set out for the county seat, planning to get authority to arrest the preacher. When he showed them the letter, they acknowledged its authority, and agreed to provide protection for the Evangelicals.

Now the Believers have peace. They are growing in numbers, and they have completed their church, pictured here under construction (right and left), and completed (above, right).

Mexican Government Helpful

Where the Central Government has been concerned, it has done much to bring freedom of religion to Mexico. They have cooperated in a number of Gospel endeavors and have done much to bring justice to those of all faiths. In a number of instances, the timely arrival of soldiers has prevented serious injuries to ministers and congregations. The Scriptures enjoin us to pray for those who have the responsibilities of government.

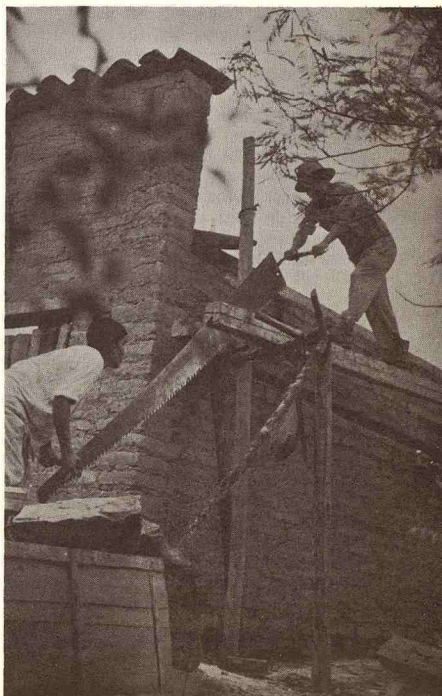
FORTY SEVEN CHURCHES COMPLETED IN MEXICO! NINETY-TWO CHURCHES APPROVED FOR ASSISTANCE!

Adversity, poverty, and persecution, have not been able to dampen the ardent spirits of the Mexican Christians as they suffer, sacrifice, and labor to build their own churches.

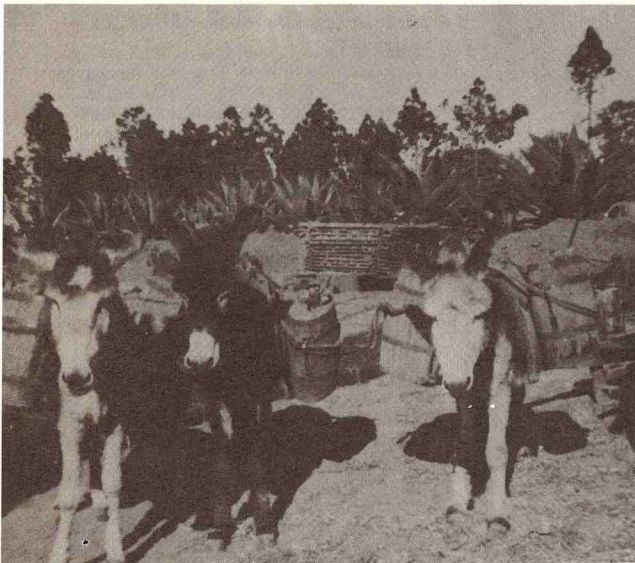
In most instances, the two hundred and fifty dollars in assistance that they receive from the sponsors of the Native Church Crusade represents only a small part of the full value of the completed church. But, this assistance is usually the difference between a church, or no church at all!

Our Native Church Crusader does not ask for assistance for a Mexican Church until the local congregation has purchased a lot, made their own bricks, and have either well started, or completed the walls. Then assistance is provided for the roof, doors, and windows.

Many churches in Mexico are in need of sponsors. Is this your month to sponsor a Native Church? Three churches in desperate need of help are pictured on page seven.



DONKEYS!



DELIVERANCE!

At San Augustin de los Berros, Mexico, the Evangelical Christians have built their own Church with the assistance of the Native Church Crusade. Like Nehemiah, they built in troublous times, surrounded by relentless foes.

Most of the materials had to be carried to the building site on the backs of little donkeys. These same little beasts, like the one that carried Jesus into Jerusalem, bear many burdens in the building of the Native Churches in Mexico.

When the Christians completed the foundation, the enemies of the Gospel planted four sticks of dynamite in the foundation, and blew it sky high!

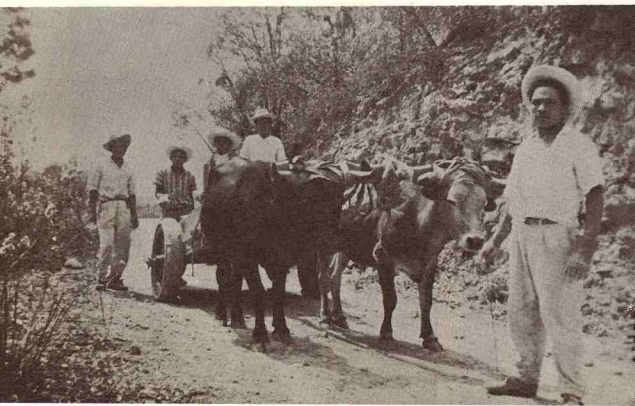
Several of the Christians have been shot at from close range! God has protected them, and blessed them, and their church is now completed!

PERSECUTED SAINTS OF LA TRINIDAD BUILD CHURCH AND EVANGELIZE AREA

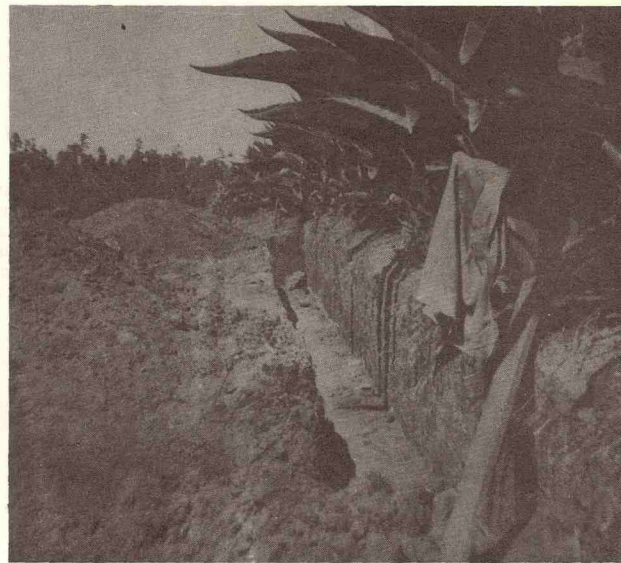
The church in La Trinidad was born in 1949, and the persecution was very severe for many years. Many of the Believers were jailed for no other reason except their faith in Christ!

They managed to build a little adobe church with a cardboard roof. They worshipped in this for years. From La Trinidad they spread the Gospel over a large area of the mountains of Oaxaca, including El Porvenir, Yojobi, and Taba, where Native Church Crusade is now assisting in building churches.

When the time came to build their own new church the local congregation gave \$310.16, a large amount for such poor people.



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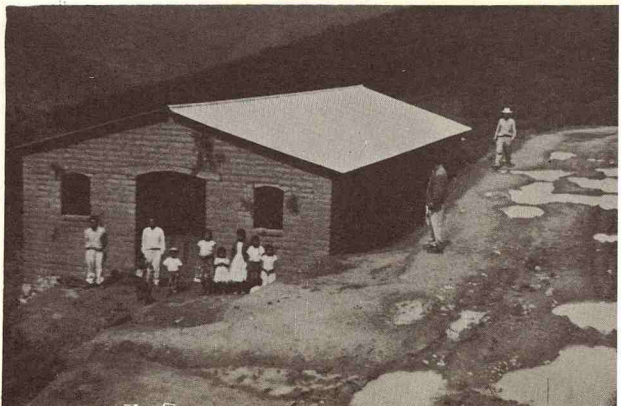


They bought a piece of ground for \$8.00. Then the Native Church Crusade assisted with \$250.00.

Materials were brought up mountain trails on horseback, and on oxcarts (lower left picture), and in due time the new church pictured below was completed!

From this one congregation at least fifteen villages have been evangelized, and churches established! What a wonderful privilege it is to be partners with such dedicated, loyal, effective Christians! We are very proud to call them "Brethren."

Many other groups like this one in Mexico need our help now. Is this your month to sponsor a Native Church? If you have any concern at all about the needs of our Brethren in Mexico, be sure to read carefully pages eight and nine, and then under God's guidance do what He directs you to do in this Native Church Crusade.





This Church in Mani, Yucatan can be completed for \$250.00.



Sacrificing Native Christians in Poza Rica, need our help. Below, Cantabria, Mexico, church needs roof, doors and windows.



MANI, YUCATAN, MEXICO

The Native Christians building the church pictured at left, live in a poverty stricken area. Due to drought the believers often eat only one small meal a day, yet within two months at great sacrifice, they gave two hundred and forty dollars and all the labor to get the walls up.

Our representative in Mexico highly commends this congregation, their labors and sacrifices.

Who will sponsor the completion of this church with a gift or pledge of \$250?

POZA RICA, MEXICO NATIVE CHURCH COMMENDED BY SUPERVISOR

"This work is less than four years old. The present church is made of wood. The Brethren had to pay a lot for the property, but it was a good investment, and the pastor and congregation are faithful and reliable.

"The Believers temporarily roofed the new church with oiled cardboard. It can hardly be called a roof. They need \$250 in assistance for wood beams and a permanent roof. Your grant of this amount would be a big boost toward a permanent building."

Who will volunteer to sponsor this church at Poza Rica?

CANTABRIA, MEXICO BELIEVERS BUILD ADOBE WALLS FOR NATIVE CHURCH

Our supervisor reports that the local Christians sacrificed over two hundred dollars, besides their donated labor, to build the walls of their own church.

Now they need \$250 in assistance for doors, windows, and roof. Here is a worthy project that can be finished in a short time. Who will sponsor this worthy work in Cantabria?

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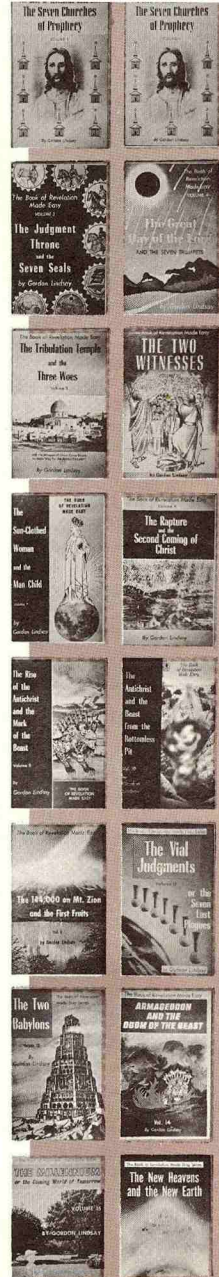


NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE

THE VOICE OF HEALING

P. O. Box 8658

Dallas, Texas 75216



Dear Friends:

May I share with you a letter, written to me by a young lady in Ontario, Canada after she sponsored a Native Church? She wrote:

I was so delighted to receive a certificate and the pictures of the new church and congregation in Mexico, which I helped a little to bring into being. Truly, I wept, and am continually thanking God for the wonderful work you and your helpers are doing, and I am sure multitudes will thank God for your vision to build these churches in so many needy places. Surely without a vision the people perish! Thank you for helping us realize this need.

The dear Lord has abundantly blessed me since I sent that cheque over a year ago, and now I am so happy to be able once again to help a little. Please use the enclosed cheque for fifty dollars (\$50.00) wherever the need is greatest, preferably for some need in the Holy Land.

Thank you so much, Brother Lindsay, for all the booklets and studies in Revelation. I am enjoying them so much, also your magazine. I pray for your work daily. May God abundantly bless you in all your endeavours.

Sincerely yours,
Naomi Barrett

P.S. I will pray daily for the church, the dear people, and their leader. N.B.

Friends, I am sure this letter tells you the blessing that comes to any Christian who will sacrifice to sponsor a Native Church! You too can share in the blessing of helping others in desperate need.

Our suffering, sacrificing, persecuted brethren in Mexico need our prayers and our support in their heroic efforts to build churches for the preaching of the Gospel and the worship of our Lord.

Will you prayerfully consider their needs? Pray for them daily, and as God guides you, will you fill out the coupon below, and share in this Native Church Crusade that is filling such a great need in many lands?

Gratefully and sincerely,

P.S. To receive the books at the right, mark reply form below.

Gordon Lindsay

CLIP AND MAIL

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I wish to sponsor the church at MANI ☐, POZA RICA ☐, CANTABRIA ☐, OTHER ☐.

I am enclosing full amount of two hundred and fifty dollars \$..... I cannot send entire amount now, but am enclosing \$....., and I will send \$..... each month until \$250.00 has been paid.

(If the church I chose has already been sponsored, choose another for me.)

These books free with your gift of \$10.00 or more.

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CLIP AND MAIL



The Miracle That Happened in a Jewish Orphanage

by GORDON LINDSAY

(The falling away of the Jews from the Covenant promise, and their restoration is one of the cardinal truths of the New Testament. For centuries, the Church has looked for signs of a move among the Jewish people—signs that the scales that have long blinded them would fall from their eyes, and that they should recognize Jesus as their Messiah.)

Recent events in the Holy Land indicate that this hour is at hand. Jews are now accepting Christ and being baptized—not in large numbers, but a few at a time. Beyond that, there is a great interest developing in the Bible. Literally thousands have written our Jerusalem office asking for Bibles with

the New Testament.

The conversion and call to the ministry of Morris Cerullo, is a stirring chapter in present day evangelism. His conversion and God's subsequent dealing with him is a thrilling story. In these pages we will give a portion of it which we think will be of special interest at this time. Several years ago, Morris Cerullo and Gordon Lindsay were together in a series of campaigns in a number of cities of America. Several new meetings have been scheduled at this time. Gordon Lindsay will co-operate with Clair Hutchins in the conducting of a deliverance school on the Gifts of the Spirit and the Book of Revelation.)

While yet a small child, Morris Cerullo and his brother and sisters experienced one of the saddest events that ever falls the lot of any child—the loss of their mother. To make matters worse, the father was an habitual drunkard and had little interest in his family.

At the tender age of four Morris was moved to a foster home in Teaneck, New Jersey, together with his brother and three sisters. Though only a small lad, he was fast becoming a "problem child." When he entered school, the principal secured a paddle just for him. Often he was called into the principal's office for misbehaving, but the more he was disciplined, the more he rebelled.

On such occasion, he was called to the principal's office and given a trouncing. He left the room cursing the woman under his breath, determined to run away. Believing that no one could find him in the swamps, he walked down by the railroad tracks and through the marshes. It was not long before an alarm was sent out, and the police were on his trail. Caught, he was brought back to the house. The woman took a shoe and beat the lad until he fell to the floor. Then he was sent to bed without any supper.

Shortly after this, the family was broken up and he was sent to the orphanage in Passaic, New Jersey. There were repeated escapes, but each time he was hunted down by squad cars and returned to the orphanage. Slowly a spirit of hatred and vengeance developed in his heart. The devil was surely bidding for the soul of this lad.

While in bed one night, overwhelmed and depressed, the suggestion came to this

lad to end it all—commit suicide. Rising from bed, he was determined to commit the act. How would he do it? He would jump out of the window. Below, two stories down, was the cement roadway. The little boy was not scared for he felt that was the best way out. He threw open the window and then got on the window sill. Getting set, he took one last breath.

But at that very moment, he thought someone had entered the room. Thinking someone was there, he turned around. There was no one there, yet he seemed to feel a strange presence. A sensation went through his whole body that seemed to strangely calm him. Unconsciously, he found himself getting back into the washroom. What was this Presence that had come into that room? He did not know it then, but later he was to realize that this Presence was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ!

About this time a Christian Lady, a Mrs. Kerr, went to the orphanage and applied for a job. She was accepted and was moved into the Nurses' quarters. It was not long before she met Morris. Trying to win his confidence, she offered him a candy bar. He took the candy and threw it on the floor saying, "I don't want your candy." This was something new to the boy. No one had given him anything like that before. He thought that all people were cruel and selfish. Yet the woman kept doing nice things for the lad. There was always a smile on her face as she went about doing her work.

One night the little boy decided that he had to find out why this lady was being so nice to him. The thought came to him that he could go out the window and he could scale the brick wall. This



Cooperating ministers in the London Crusade. (Note Church of England members.)

he did, and in a moment he grabbed the window sill and knocked on the window. But although he knocked several times, no one responded. This puzzled him for he thought surely there must be someone in the room at this late hour. Inside the room the lady almost had a heart attack, yet she did not see how anyone would want to break into an orphanage. Finally, she summoned up courage to go over to the window and look. When she saw the little boy, she opened the window wide and pulled him in.

Now the little Jewish lad began asking questions. Why was she always smiling? Why did she always appear calm? What was her secret? Why did she take an interest in him? The woman began to talk to him about the Bible. She talked about the heroes of the Old Testament, about the Passover and the Day of Atonement. He listened eagerly. He came again to the lady's room and heard her talk about the Bible. Before he knew it, there was a change taking place in his life. He was not getting into trouble as he had before. His heart was being melted and the cold outward veneer was melting away.

Finally, she gave the lad a New Testament that he could read for himself. A great thrill came over him when he received the New Testament. But he knew that if he were caught with it in his possession, it would result in dire consequences. So with the aid of a little penlight he read the book at night under the covers of the bed. Never before had he read anything so wonderful. Later the lady gave him a religious magazine. But alas! One day when the nurse inspected the lockers, there was the magazine. She ran with it to the Superintendent. The officer after taking one look, instantly guessed who was responsible for bringing it into the orphanage. Mrs. Kerr was called to the office and immediately discharged.

Morris was called also and was told that what he had been reading was trash, and that he must never read it again. He was also informed that the woman who had given it to him had been dismissed and he would never see her again. With that, the young boy replied: "Sir, I don't understand what it is that I have read; all I know is that it is real. Yes, it is real!" And with that he broke down and cried as he had never done before.

After Mrs. Kerr's dismissal, a great loneliness came over him. The trials and



An afternoon crowd.



Those that could not get in.

testings that he was experiencing were almost too great to bear. Time after time he was punished by the superintendent. Yet, this was partly compensated by the fact that he had come in touch with something that he knew was real.

Then one day, after he had been severely punished, he said to the superintendent, "I have not fought back all this time, but if you lay hands on me once again, I shall walk out that front door and you are not going to stop me." He started walking down the hallway with that official following him. Then he started to the street. Strange as it may seem, not a finger was raised to stop him. Little did the lad know the experience that he was in for. He had no money in his pocket. He had nothing but the clothes that he wore. Outside it was pouring rain. The thunder was crashing and the lightning was flashing. He had nowhere to turn. What would happen to him now? Would God take notice of a little Jewish lad who was friendless in the world, and all alone?

He walked down toward town until he had reached Main Street. He stood on the street corner wondering what to do. He never knew what it was to really pray, but that night he lifted his voice to God in prayer. There, as the rain beat upon his face, as his clothes were being drenched, he lifted his heart up to God. What could he pray? He lifted up his hands and began to pray "Dear God, if there be such a person as Jesus up there in the heavens, please dear God: let him be with me right now."

At that very instant it seemed as if the light of heaven came down upon him. All over his body, he began to feel the mighty presence of God. The little lad believed that God had answered his prayer and that Jesus was truly in the heavens. Although the thunder and lightning was still flashing, all fear had left him.

And then something happened. Two angels took a hold of his hands—one on the right side and one on the left side—and they took charge of this little 14 year old Jewish boy. He did not know any church hymns, but as the joy welled up in his heart, he began singing the songs of the angels. And then he and the angels began walking, singing as he went. Human words could never express the

The Morris Cerullo Crusade in London

by Selwyn Hughes

There is little doubt that the Morris Cerullo Crusade held in London July, 1963 was planned and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Although crusades may be planned in heaven, they have to be conducted on earth, and when we come to the details of where the crusade was to be held, we hit against the problems. London being the educational and cultural capital of the United Kingdom, the public halls are often booked up for periods of two to three years. However, the Holy Spirit pointed to a site in the shadow of Spurgeon's Tabernacle which had been bombed during the second World War, and had not yet been redeveloped by authorities. The vision of a tent crusade grew until at last permission was given by authorities to use the site for this purpose.

The task of levelling a bombed site, pitted by craters and girted by bombs, is not one that faces a crusade committee every day. So we brought earth-moving machinery and worked from morning until night, until we had erected upon it a tent complete with chairs, public

experience that the little Jewish boy had.

There he was walking down Main Street with his eyes closed, his hands in the hands of the angels. He never once had his eyes opened from the moment he prayed that prayer to God. For almost three miles he walked. He knew not where. At last when he had reached a certain place, a strange thing happened. He did not know where he was for he had not opened his eyes as yet. Then the presence left, first on one side, and then the other. He stopped singing and began to tremble with fear. He began to cry, "O please God, don't leave me."

Then the little lad opened his eyes and found he was in Passaic, New Jersey, on the same Main Street. He was standing there in front of a theater called Montauk Theater. Looking up, he was startled to see someone he knew. We will let him tell it:

"There under the lights, your mind

address equipment and lights.

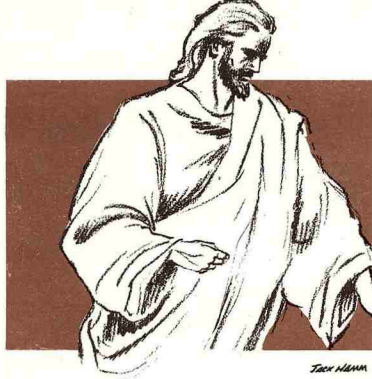
Then came the meeting when Brother Cerullo preached in the power of the Holy Spirit with the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon him. Whatever may be said of the British reserve, there was little seen of it in the services. Church of England ministers rejoiced with their Pentecostal brethren at the miracles of salvation and healing that took place. Night after night we saw goiters disappear, short legs lengthen, deaf ears open and scores of other miracles. Hundreds and hundreds of souls surrendered to Christ. Cooperating ministers are now busy following up converts and directing them to local churches.

Englishmen are reputed to be fastidious where preaching is concerned, especially in the shadow of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, where Spurgeon the Prince of Preachers once proclaimed the Word. Our opinion was that could he have heard this modern prophet, he would have been well satisfied that great preaching can still be found today.

Rev. Clair Hutchins took the afternoon instruction services and played a great part in elevating faith to the point where it could be released. His anointed singing took London by storm and we were greatly blessed by the ministry in song.

will never imagine what I saw. Standing in the rain under an umbrella, for several hours, at an arms length away from me, was none other than Mrs. Kerr, the woman that brought me the message of Jesus Christ in the orphanage. The only Christian soul I knew in the world, and God led me right to her. Oh, beloved, praise God! Only a few hours before, I was cold, lonely, hungry and in despair, and shortly after meeting Mrs. Kerr, I was in a warm Christian home with dry clothes on and a warm meal under my belt."

And thus was the beginning of a Christian life that was to be the means of leading thousands to Christ. Many other thousands have been healed in the campaigns in America and abroad which reached audiences as large as 50,000. All because of the faithfulness of a Christian lady who testified to a little Jewish boy.



The Raising of the Dead

by Gordon Lindsay

(Taken from the book "All About the Gift of Working of Miracles")

THE MIRACLE OF TOM WELCH WHO FELL 55 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Compassion was certainly the factor in the raising of Thomas Welch from death, after he had suffered a fatal accident while working on a trestle in a mountain village. There was no cause on his part, for which he should have received mercy. Raised an infidel, he had before the accident heard the gospel message, but according to his own testimony, "I just couldn't believe it."

At the age of eighteen, he went to work at a lumber mill at Bridal Veil, Oregon. Working one day on a high trestle, 55 feet above the ground, he lost his footing and fell over backward, striking the jutting cross-members on the way down. His body was battered, bones were broken, and his skull fractured. For a period of 20 minutes he lay still, in a pool of dirty engine water. His story of what happened during that time is enough to give pause for reflection to anyone, who believes death ends everything. Swept along by the dark currents of the nether world, he felt himself irresistibly gravitating into a hell in which he had never believed. He cried to God for mercy, but it seemed the day of mercy was past. He could see no way of escape. The moments passed. Then to his unspeakable relief, he saw Christ passing his way. But even then it didn't appear that the Lord would notice him. At the last moment, just before the Lord had completely disappeared from view, He turned, and His compassionate gaze fell upon him. It was at that moment that Tom came back to life.

What had happened? A Christian lady, Mrs. Finn Brocke, whose husband was an engineer at the lumber camp, had taken a deep interest in the orphan boy. She was like a mother to him. When the news of the accident went through the camp, she hurried to him. All she could think of was to call on God, and to pray that the Lord would not let him go out of the world in his unsaved condition. The great compassion that flooded her heart gave her a bold faith—faith for a mighty miracle.

They took Tom to the hospital, more as a matter of routine than anything else. But as he says, "I didn't die. I had already been dead." During those days he talked with God. When finally the Lord asked him if he would preach the gospel, he answered, "Yes."

At the end of the four days the miracle was complete. It was of such a nature and so completely documented that it amazed the physicians, as well as hundreds of others who knew about the accident. Every broken bone had been healed, and the young man went to church to testify to what God had done for him.

Tom kept his word to preach the Gospel. I know this incident to be absolutely true, for he and I started out in the ministry together and preached our first sermons under the same tent.

men, and although he was in the prime of life at the time of his death, it was evidently not the Divine will that the prophet should be raised from the dead.

The act of the raising of the dead is related to, but is distinct from the operation of the gift of healing. In the restoration of life to one who has died, more than a healing miracle is required. The spirit of the departed must return to the body. As God determines who comes into the world, so also, it is His prerogative and concern, when the spirit has departed, to decide whether it is to return. Admittedly, the occasions when the dead return to life are rare.

In the matter of Divine healing, God has given many promises of deliverances to His people. Healing is almost as universal in its application as the promise of salvation. "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; and healeth all thy diseases." (Psa. 103:2-3) On the other hand, no such inclusive promise has been given for the raising of the dead. Jesus promised that His disciples should raise the dead, but there is nothing to indicate that they were to do this in the same way that they were to heal the sick.

News had come to Jesus that John the Baptist had been shut up in prison. Two of John's disciples had arrived to ask Jesus the question, "Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?" (Matt. 11:3) Instead of immediately answering their question, John's disciples were requested to tarry and observe His ministry, and to judge for themselves whether it possessed the signs of the Messiah or not:

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." (Matt. 11:4-5)

Nevertheless, although Jesus had told John's disciples that one of the signs of His ministry was that "the dead are raised up," yet when the news came to the apostolic party that John the Baptist had been executed, Christ made no effort whatever to restore him to life (Matt. 14:12), even though there were rumors that he would rise from the dead—rumors which reached the ears of King Herod. (Matt. 14:2) So although Jesus spoke of John as among the greatest born of wo-

Nevertheless, it is true that God has promised that in certain cases, even in this time, it is His will for the dead to be restored to life. In such instances, however, the person who has died, usually has been dead only for a comparatively brief time. Where corruption of the body has already set in, a high type of miracle would be necessary. Jesus raised Lazarus who had been dead four days. Decay was already so far advanced (Jn. 11:39) that the miracle required was in reality a type of the resurrection. (Jn. 11:23-26)

There are two other things we might add at this point, which concerns the raising of the dead. When God intends such a miracle to take place, there is usually a strong witness on the part of the one who prays, that God will restore the person to life. The other circumstance that we might mention, is that those who are raised from death are in most cases, though not all, comparatively young persons.

With these introductory remarks, we shall now begin the study of the various accounts in the Scriptures of persons who died and were restored to life.

I. The raising of the Widow's Son by Elijah.

The first instance of the raising of the dead, to be described in detail in the Scriptures, is the case of Elijah raising the widow's child.

How did it happen that the first miracle of this nature occurred at the home of the widow of Zarepheth? In the first place, the fact that the Prophet Elijah had been sent there, indicated she was a woman with an unusual faith. Elijah's unceremonious request for her to give him the last bit of food she possessed, and her willingness to comply, certainly shows this. She and her son had only this last morsel of food between them and starvation, when the prophet appeared on the scene. Yet she was asked to risk what little she had, on the strength of the promise of Elijah, that there would be more meal in the barrel! The widow was not disappointed. She and her son lived for many days on the meal that was in the barrel.

Yet though the great Elijah was in the house, death somehow succeeded in securing entrance and struck down the mother's only son.

Men mightily used of God do not always escape embarrassing situations in which people may raise the question, "If the preacher has so much faith, how did

this happen in his household?"

It was indeed embarrassing to Elijah. The widow, under the strain of her grief, hinted that the disaster was occasioned in some way by Elijah's presence. Apparently, she had committed some sin in her earlier years, which weighed upon her conscience. Elijah's austere and holy life no doubt called it especially to her mind.

"And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?" (I Kings 17:18)

Elijah found himself in a rather uncomfortable position. He was a guest in a home, in which he was being made indirectly responsible for the death of the son. What was he to do? Never before, had the grim reaper been forced to disgorge and yield its prey. But Elijah saw only one way that situation could be fully redeemed, and he determined to seek that solution—remote as it seemed of fulfillment. The child must be restored to life! Let us see how the prophet went about the task.

1. He took the lad apart from his mother; though she had faith, it was not faith to raise the dead. Moreover, overwhelming grief hinders the very faith one has. Hysterical attempts to get prayers answered are rarely effective. We do not invoke Divine power through frantic desperation. Elijah conscious of this, wanted to get alone with God.

2. Elijah began to reason with God. Why did He allow this to happen? The prophet made a mistake not uncommon even in our day—he concluded that *God had slain her son*. He apparently did not realize that the devil has the power of death, a fact that has been made clear in the New Testament Age.

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." (Hebrews 2:14)

3. Elijah was a man of action. Having delivered himself of his complaint to God, he now stretched himself on the child and prayed, "O Lord my God, I pray thee let this child's soul come into him again." (I Ki. 17:21) Elijah knew that a peculiar anointing rested upon him. He knew that this power, if it could be released was able to bring the boy back to life. God did not disappoint the prophet's great faith. In answer to his prayer, the spirit returned to the boy and he lived again. This miracle proved to the widow that Elijah was a man of God, indeed.

"And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is true." (I Kings 17:24)

The Raising of the Shunammite

It is remarkable, the points of similarity between Elijah's raising to life the son of the widow of Zarepheth, and Elisha's raising of the Shunammite woman's son. This is not surprising, however; Elisha, who had taken up Elijah's mantle, re-

CHILD RESTORED TO LIFE IN MEXICO

A personal experience of the writer with the restoration of a small child to life, occurred in Mexico. My wife and I had made the trip to that country in the spring of 1949. Our purpose had been to personally test out the reaction to the deliverance ministry in a foreign country. To our amazement, the effect of this ministry was far beyond our expectations. Churches were packed, and the faith of the people was such that startling miracles of every kind took place.

While we were in Monterrey, a family brought a seriously ill child to the meeting. However, the crowd was pressed in so tightly, that it did not seem possible that they could get the child to the front to be prayed for. Because its condition became so serious, they decided to return home. When they had nearly reached the house, the child gave a final gasp and quit breathing. They then realized that their baby was dead.

In a desperate hope that God would do something, they returned to the auditorium. If Jesus could perform miracles, why could He not restore their child to life? And return they did. When the congregation learned that the baby was dead they made a way for the parents, so that they were able to get it to the front. At the moment I was praying for a long line of people. My interpreter seeing the people excited, interrupted to tell me that a serious case had just been brought in and would I pray for it. I did not understand that the child was dead. But I noticed that when I prayed, the child which had been very still, suddenly began to show movement. I did not learn until a few moments later, why such excitement followed in the congregation. Then I learned that the Lord had brought back to life a child that was dead.

ceived a double portion of his spirit, and was now carrying on his ministry in undiminished vigor.

The Shunammite woman is spoken of by the Scriptures as a "great woman." She merited this description, not because she was famous or had worldly ambitions. Indeed, when Elisha asked if he could speak to the king for her, she replied, "I dwell among mine own people." There was no desire on her part to be great as the world calls great, or to be numbered among those in high places.

Nevertheless, there had been a deep desire in her heart to do something for the cause of Jehovah. And how better

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could she do it than to provide a prophet's chamber for Elisha? She asked nothing in return for her services. God grant that there might be more who are willing to labor for the cause of Christ, and not to look for payment for everything they do. The Shunammite woman saw an opportunity to perform a service for Jehovah's prophet, and availed herself of it.

But Elisha did learn of something that the woman had long desired—she wanted a child, although by this time, that hope had faded. The birth of a child would necessarily be a miracle, for her husband as well as she was up in years. Nevertheless, the prophet told her she would bear a son the following year.

The child was born as Elisha had promised. It grew, and the mother's heart was happy. Yet, all the time she had unexplainable presentiment, that some evil loomed ahead for the child. (II Ki. 4:16, 28) Then one day, while the boy was watching the reapers, he was struck with a sudden paroxysm of pain. Carried immediately to his mother, he rested in her arms until noon; then he died.

The mother was a woman of action. She had her animal saddled and rode posthaste to the man of God to tell him what had happened. Here her great faith shows forth. Her husband, a good man, but unimaginative and conventional in his thinking, tried to dissuade her and to discourage her trip by saying, "Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? It is neither the new moon nor the Sabbath." (II Ki. 4:23) The woman was not to be deterred, however; when she found the man of God, she poured out her story. But now that the child was dead, actually what could Elisha do more than express his sympathy?

1. First, he sent Gehazi ahead with his staff. Here is the suggestion that a material object might absorb and retain a tangible part of the Divine anointing. The staff, being in contact with a man of God, might carry with it sufficient of the healing virtue to restore the lad to life. (See Acts 19:11-12)

It is interesting to note that years later, after Elisha had died, the bones of this man of faith still retained a degree of Divine power as to cause a dead man that touched them, to be restored to life!

"And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet." (II Kings 13:21)

Nevertheless, although Elisha's staff may have contained a measure of healing power, it was not sufficient to restore the child to life.

2. Elisha, upon arriving at the house, went at once to the lad's room and closed the door. As Elijah had done before, so Elisha shut himself away from the mothers' grief. Then he prayed unto the

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DELIVERANCE, Past, Present and Future

by Evangelist William Raiford, Sr.

"But we had the sentence of death ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: *Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver:* in whom we trust that *he will deliver us.*" (II Cor. 1:9-10)

Paul writing to the saints at Corinth admonished them in the above scriptures to trust in a God of deliverance. This is the message of the hour to the world today. Let us not trust in ourselves or the devices of man for deliverance from the dilemmas of this modern age, the threatening dangers of nuclear war nor the ever increasing surge of evil powers that compass us about. But let us look unto God for our complete deliverance, regardless of what it might be. He is the deliverer. Oh hallelujah.

Paul reminds us of the Lord's delivering power of raising the dead by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He that hath power to bring one from the prison walls of a sarcophagus by a great and triumphant resurrection from the shackles of death, hell and the grave, has so delivered us. This speaks of a past deliverance that has already taken place through the death and resurrection of our saviour. He is the Lord that has delivered in the past as a testimony to us. Every Bible saint and hero experienced this great delivering power. Paul said, "Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me." (II Tim. 3:11) There have been many sermons preached and multitudes have shouted over the past deliverances of the patriarchs, prophets and Apostles but deliverance doesn't stop here. We can also think back and I am sure can remember great deliverances that have been wrought for us through Christ. Yes, He is the Lord that has delivered in the past and praise God, He is the Lord that doth deliver us NOW. The

Lord spoke to Jeremiah and said, "I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." (Jer. 1:8). The Psalmist wrote, "God is our refuge and strength, a very *present* help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1). In my text Paul emphasized the fact that he doth deliver. Oh thank God, He can and will deliver you from the prison walls of your despair, your sickness or your troubles right now. Believe in Him and call upon Him as your present deliverer.

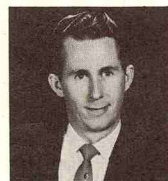
Then the Apostle states in the last part of my text, "In whom we trust that *he will yet deliver us.*" Oh glory to God He is our deliverer in the future. Paul was speaking primarily of our deliverance out of this world by the rapture or the final victory over death. This ought to make any Christian shout, but doesn't limit our future deliverance to this one last great event. He will deliver you from all your future troubles and trials and from every snare of the fowler. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." (Psalms 91:1-4)

Not only is he a deliverer of the past, present and future, but he is a complete deliverer. Job said, "He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." Paul said in a preceding scripture, "He delivered me out of them all." Both of these scriptures speak of a complete deliverance. Job said he will deliver you from seven troubles. Seven is a number of completeness. Oh praise his name, let us not trust in ourselves or the implements of man, but in God. He has delivered, He is delivering men and women today and He shall de-

liver. He will bring complete deliverance to you right now if you will say with David, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Call upon Him now as your deliverer.

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Report of the Raiford Mobile, Alabama Meeting



"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Thank God the days of revival are not over. It was my joyful privilege to be a part of the great city-wide salvation and healing revival which was conducted in the

Prichard Armory by Rev. W. A. Raiford, Sr. of the Voice of Healing in Dallas, Tex. Brother Raiford did some real straight forward preaching. He was anointed by the Holy Ghost to bring deliverance to the sick and suffering. A number of people from our local fellowship received definite experiences of salvation, baptism in the Holy Ghost, and healing for their bodies. Brother Raiford did a marvelous job in promoting fellowship among the ministers and churches. He had a very unselfish attitude in promoting the meeting. He sought to help the cooperating ministers and churches all he could. It is my sincere conviction that the meeting in all respects was conducted in such a manner that it can be truthfully said it was in keeping with good Christian ethics and a real credit to the deliverance ministry.

By Virgil Stone, Chairman

TESTIMONIES

Brother Raiford, after you prayed for me I felt nothing at the time. When I got home and went to bed on that Friday night, however, a big lump came into my stomach. It gave me such pain that I couldn't turn over. Then I had the sensation of a knife cutting all around that lump, and suddenly it was cut out! I certainly do praise God for His healing touch.

—Erma Kreider, Omaha, Nebraska



Brother Raiford, 7 years ago a doctor found 3 small tumors in my stomach. I've not been to a doctor since until 5 months ago. I started having real bad pains in my stomach, so I started going to a doctor. He began to run tests on

me and told me that he was sure I had cancer.

Brother Raiford, on Aug. 6, 1963, I was in your prayer and healing services and came up in the healing line for you and Sister Raiford to pray for me. You laid your hands on me and asked Jesus to heal me.

I had gained weight in my stomach but now my stomach is back to normal and I feel better than I have felt in such a long time. I thank God for sending you to our city.

—Pauline Steen, Ft. Worth, Texas

THE MARCH OF PROPHECY (Continued from page 3)

The Telegraph's correspondent, Richard Beeston visited the area, and found that the gassed villagers were coughing almost constantly. Some had deep open wounds caused by gas blisters. The headman of the village explained that when the bomb fell it gave off a cloud of brown smoke and a dirty smell. Six villagers including children died in agony within the next few days.

Gas is a cheap form of mass extermination. When first used against the British by the Germans, it produced more than 14,000 casualties within three weeks. What actually happens is that one suffocates in the water from the lung blisters.

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYER MEETS CHRIST

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even told me about being born again. I had never heard any person say that he or she was saved. I could not understand how a Christian could keep from telling others about the Lord.

I wrote to my relatives in Birmingham to tell them that I had been born again. My parents, my sisters and three brothers now learned about the great peace that the Lord Jesus had given me. I knew they had never heard anything like this before. On my return to San Francisco, I learned that my wife had also received the Lord Jesus as her Saviour as the result of the continued testimony of the faithful minister and his wife in San Francisco. It was a great source of re-joicing to know that she also was a child of the Lord.

After the baseball season, I went home to tell my family about the Lord. I had written them earlier, but now I was able to tell them in person. My younger sister was the first one of my family to be saved. At first she had thought I was

crazy, but I kept witnessing to her about the Lord. My young brother thought I was in need of help and he wanted to help me if he could. But instead, the Lord saved him. Later, an older brother who had been a faithful church member for seven years, realized that he was not really saved and later was born again. An older sister was also saved before I went to play the following year. And NOW MY OLDEST DAUGHTER HAS ACCEPTED THE LORD as her Saviour. What great joy this has brought me.

You too can have this joy and peace, if right now you will take Christ as your own Saviour

In His Grace,
Al Worthington

THE RAISING OF THE DEAD (Continued from page 13)

Lord. Since no promise has been given for the general raising of the dead in this age, it would seem that in this, as other cases, the mind of God must be ascertained before attempting a miracle of this nature.

3. Again as did Elijah, so Elisha did. He lay upon the dead child. "His mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands." (II Ki. 4: 34) Here again is seen the demonstration of the impartation of Divine power through direct physical contact. Elisha prayed unto the Lord, that the Child's spirit might return to him. Here it is probable that the gift of faith and the gift of miracles were working in unison. "The flesh of the child waxed warm." Life had returned to the boy!

This miracle naturally had tremendous effect upon the woman. She came in "and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son and went out." (Verse 37)

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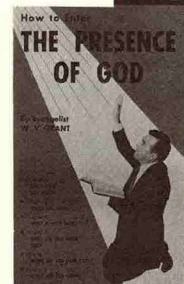
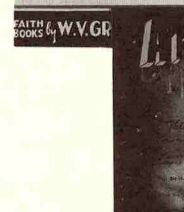
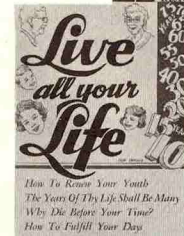
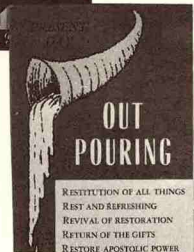
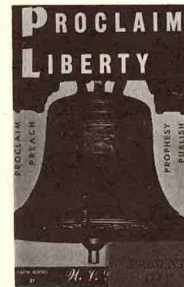
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