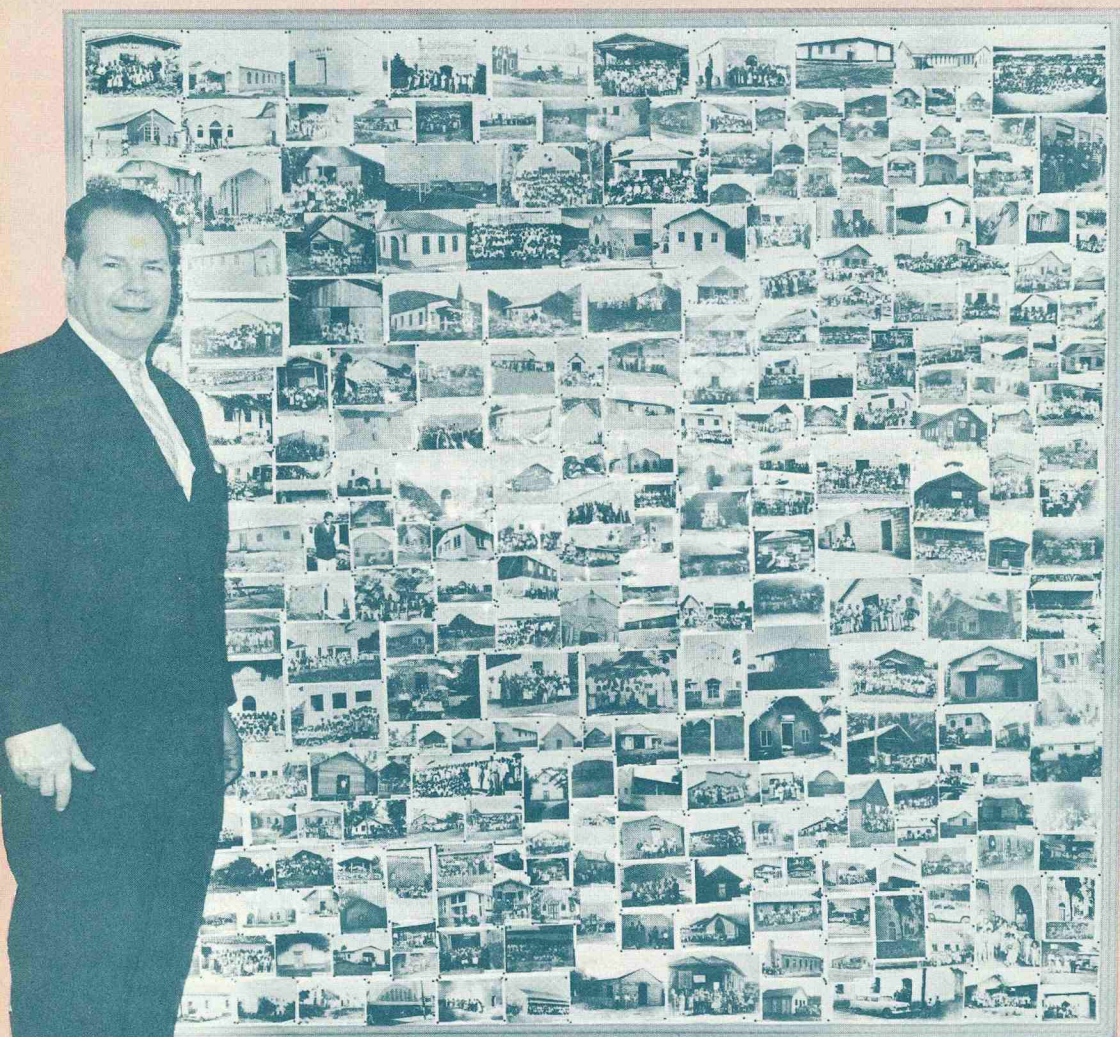


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Letters to the Editor

Another Jew In Israel Finds The Messiah

Dear Brother Lindsay:

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I am therefore taking this opportunity to ask you to help me to work for the Master. I know perfectly eight languages, and this is a great advantage here. Please be kind enough to send me at your earliest convenience your interesting tracts and books about the gospel and the prophecies of the Old Testament.

Victor Seidenberg
Israel

Strange Vision of the Soon Coming of Christ

Dear Brother Lindsay:

According to a late report, Sept. 1963, of PEDOMAN RAKJAT, (PEOPLE'S GUIDEPOST) at Poos in Central Celebes Indonesia, a queer thing has happened in the village of Solewana, 50 Kilometers north of Posso.

According to this report, one day, while the sun was shining, suddenly a big cloud moves before the sun, so that the entire village is darkened, as if a heavy rain is about to pour down. However, all of a sudden, a very bright beam of light appears amidst the big, dark cloud. At this sight the inhabitants hasten to come out of their abodes, to see whether or not this beam is coming from the sun, as this is very bright, even brighter than sunrises!

At this time, two hands become visible in the bright light, . . . two nail-scarred hands, which are bleeding! Beside these hands the words, "BE PREPARED! I'M COMING SOON," written in plain Indonesian.

Because of this vision, the inhabitants of above-mentioned village believe. This is a sign of the soon coming of Jesus Christ in this world. People in this village are in general Christians, who are living very simply. They are not buying goods, nor selling them. They just change things with their neighbour.

High School Teacher Quotes Scripture in School

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am a high school English teacher. I intend to quote a verse of Scripture each day. The law says we cannot read it, but it didn't say we cannot quote it from memory. Then we will have silent prayer and the flag sa-

lute. I will choose verses as John 5:24, 3:36, etc.

Please pray for me. I need the prayers of those who know how to pray and reach the Lord.

Teacher in Pennsylvania

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Dear Brother Lindsay:

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 am enclosing \$24.60 for the first payment. Thereafter I shall give 15 per cent of my earnings. I am attending Bible College but the Lord has helped me out so much in the past, that I would like to show my appreciation and "help Him out" by sponsoring a Native Church.

Yours in Him,
Herb Frisbie
Waxahachie, Texas

A Native Church a Memorial

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am happy to send you \$250.00 to help you build a church which I know is badly needed in the mission fields. If it is possible, I would like for this money to go on a church in the Philippines. I have a son that was killed in action June 28, 1945 on Luzon. His body lies in American Military cemetery in Manila. I would like a church in his memorial. His name is Carol Hite.

Sincerely yours

F. N.

New Straightsville, Ohio

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Missionaries give 5 years as the probable time before a Communist revolution.

When the Communists Take Over Central America

..... by Carole Lindsay

CAROLE LINDSAY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Carole Lindsay is at the time of writing in the Caribbean area on a trip to gather information for the Native Church program. She also will visit the nation of Haiti to see what assistance can be given to help congregations in the storm's path to rebuild their churches destroyed in the worst hurricane on record since Columbus discovered America. Due to the poverty of the people and the destructiveness of the storm, it is not likely that the ruined churches will be rebuilt without help. Fortunately, up until the present moment, we have received no report of any churches sponsored by the Native Church Crusade having suffered in the storm.

The report on this page concerns what Carole saw in Central America. Missionaries tell her that Communism is moving ahead fast in this area, and they expect a take-over in these countries within a few years. Carole writes: "Somehow, we must cover Central America and the West Indies with churches. It will be much more difficult for the Communists to take over many hundreds of churches in remote villages and scattered communities than a few large centers in the main cities."



What does this boy have to look forward to? Communists tell the poor people that they will divide the wealth when they come to power.

Will this little girl ever be a Christian? She will have to find a church to go to in order to be taught the story of Jesus.

Most Americans feel that the Communist take-over of Cuba was a freak accident caused by one man whom we mistakenly helped into power. Missionaries in Central America know differently. They know only too well that the Cubans were materially and culturally better off than the Central American countries. Thus, it is only a matter of time for the others. How long?

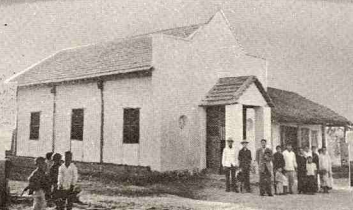
To my amazement, I was told that the various mission programs are on a five year plan—that is, they are working on the premise that they will be forced to leave in no longer than five years. The reason? The poor man is so desperately poor that he could not be worse. I took a bus ride around the city of San Salvador with the idea of taking pictures of stricken areas. The dust was such that I had to close the camera. To open the lens would have been comparable to rolling it in sand. Houses are made of grass, cardboard, and pieces of anything. Each year, conditions worsen as the population grows. Meanwhile, the Communist promises are preached in the streets and in the colleges.

Missionaries are almost killing themselves trying to evangelize every town and village so that there will be pockets of re-

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Carole writes: "These are all poor people with nothing to lose materially, in case of a Communist takeover."



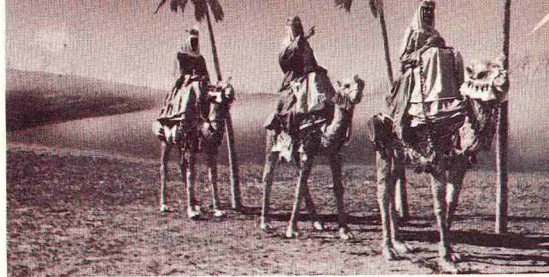
45 CHURCHES IN JAMAICA

What history and astronomy have to say about the events that occurred at Christ's birth.

(Taken from the book "The Days of Christ and the Apostles")

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM AND THE WISEMEN

By Gordon Lindsay



What Does History Tell Us About Herod The Great Who Slew the Babes of Bethlehem?

The last years of Herod's life were wretched beyond comparison. The story of his domestic tragedies has no parallel in the annals of history. Physical, mental, and moral deterioration set in. Josephus, the historian, gives the story in all its ugly and repulsive details. Brigands arose in his kingdom raiding villages and stirring up revolt. Herod, unable to capture them, murdered their families. Death by execution was his answer to anyone who roused his displeasure.

The aging Herod wanted to form a dynastic line and he planned to do this through Alexander and Aristobulus, sons by his wife Mariamne. They went to Rome where they were educated and groomed for their future duties. But the royal family was bitterly divided into two rival factions, each constantly intriguing against the other. Salome, the sister of Herod, was the evil genius working against the sons of Herod. The boys, no doubt, resented the fact that Herod had murdered their mother, and they talked too freely. Salome began to insinuate that her brother was in grave danger, that his sons were plotting against his life. An older son, Antipater, by another wife, joined the cabal, and finally Herod became convinced that his sons were trying to poison him.

At Rome, Herod took the matter up with Augustus, who did his best to reconcile the father and the sons. For a time there was a reconciliation. Back in Palestine, however, the family of Herod continued to be torn by accusations and counter accusations. Salome whispered that Alexander was plotting to kill his father. The young man was arrested and made a series of confessions, probably obtained under duress. Herod had the two young men brought to trial. Friends plead for the boys before the king, but for their pains, they too were tortured and condemned to death. In all, some 300 were stoned to death. The two sons of Herod were taken to Sebaste and strangled.

Disease was now rapidly wasting the mad king. Modern science declares it was a form of arterio-sclerosis. His physical decay expressed itself in frequent fits of violence. The older son, Antipater, now came under suspicion. He was called home by Herod with a promise that everything was well. When he met his father, he was accused of being a fratricide and a parricide.

Now Herod gave himself completely over to his madness. When word came of a minor infraction of the law at the Temple, forty persons were arrested and condemned to death. The ringleaders were burned alive. The king was now suffering agony from his disease and tried to commit suicide. Word went out that he had died. Antipater demanded release in order to assume authority. News of this was brought to the dying king who immediately ordered the guards to execute him.

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"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. . . Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men." (Matt. 2:9, 10, 16)

WHAT WAS this star of Bethlehem? A comparison of verses 1 and 9, of the above, indicates that the Wisemen saw the star at two different times. First in the East, and then again after they had left Jerusalem on their way to Bethlehem. Verse 16, implies that their first sighting of the star had been two years earlier, and for that reason, Herod had ordered the death of all children two years of age or younger. Since Christ was born 4 B.C., the Wisemen evidently first saw the star about 6 B.C., or perhaps late 7 B.C.

Origen, writing about 200 A.D., declared that he believed the star had nothing in common with the ordinary stars that appear in the firmament, but "belonged to the category of these heavenly fires which appear from time to time . . . either comets, or fiery beams, or starry hosts . . ."

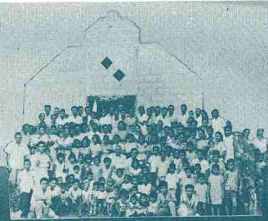
Comets, with their bright tails sweeping across the sky have always made a deep impression upon men's minds. They were believed to portend special events. It is not surprising that this most magnificent of all stellar spectacles should be associated in the minds of men with the Star of the East.

Modern astronomy has been able to calculate exact dates of astronomical events in past history. A brilliant comet was seen in 44 B.C., shortly after the Ides of March, when Julius Caesar was assassinated. Another dazzling comet appeared in the year 66 A.D., just before the Christians fled to Pella to escape the destruction that was to be visited on Jerusalem.

Halley's comet appeared in the year 12 B.C., and is described in great detail by Chinese astronomers. This, however, is too early to be associated with the birth of Christ in 4 B.C.

There are what astronomers call "novae" or new stars. These are actually gigantic internal reactions which cause the star to flame up in a catastrophic nuclear explosion which may increase its brightness ten thousand fold or even a million times. There were new stars reported in B.C. 134 and A.D. 173. There is no record of any such star in or near the year B.C. 4.

Astronomical calculations show however there was a conjunction of three planets in about the year B.C. 7. These were Saturn and Jupiter and Venus. At that time, these planets came



so close together that they practically appeared as one.

However, a planetary configuration lasts only a few days. Whether this conjunction of the planets would have caused the Wisemen to make the journey to Jerusalem is a matter of conjecture. Matthew 2:9, says that "the star which they saw in the East, went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was." This wording would indicate that the star actually moved its position as they travelled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. This would indicate that as the pillar of fire rose from the tabernacle and went before the children of Israel in the wilderness, even so the Star of the East went before the Wisemen and guided them to where the Christ-child lay. It was evidently a supernatural star.

THE WISEMEN OF THE EAST

Who were these Wisemen, or Magi? They were a priestly class that came from the region of Persia, who specialized in interpreting dreams and supernatural visitations. It is not likely they were Jews, for they did not seem to have an intimate knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures. When they reached Jerusalem, they had to inquire of the Temple priests where Christ the King was to be born. The Wisemen were typical of the great multitude of Gentiles who were to believe in Him.

Many of these Magi of the East were undoubtedly of the same kind as the wisemen of Nebuchadnezzar's courts. (Dan. 2:1-2) Most of these were heathen and steeped in the superstitions of their day. We may be certain, however, that these Wisemen of the East to whom the Star appeared guiding them to Bethlehem, were devout seekers of the truth. That they were kings, however, has no historical proof, although the prophet Isaiah, may well have referred to them:

"Arise shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . And the Gentiles shall come to light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." (Isaiah 60:1, 3)

The Magi appeared to know that the Christ-child was more than a man, for they worshipped Him. (Verse 11) Their presenting Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, no doubt provided Joseph and Mary with the necessary funds to make the trip to Egypt.

It is strange that these Wisemen from the East should travel all the way to Bethlehem to see the new-born babe, while the scribes and chief priests in Jerusalem, only five miles away, knew where he was to be born, but did not bother to investigate the reports of His birth. The Scriptures declare that they and Herod "were troubled" over these tidings. (Verse 3) Knowing Herod's vengeful spirit, they probably did not wish to incur the risk of his displeasure by getting involved in any way in this matter. Any interest on their part in the birth of a child-king might be considered by Herod as a challenge to his own dynastic line.

It is interesting to note what happened to the high priest, Joazar, and his cautious elders. The new king, Archelaus, upon the death of Herod went into the Temple and from a golden throne, addressed the people. The rabble, thinking him weak, broke out in a demonstration, demanding immediate concessions. Herod's high priest, Joazar, must be deposed. And deposed he was. Archelaus tried his best to appease the mob. The passover was approaching, and worshippers were pouring into the city from all over. A riot broke out in the Temple; but this time, Archelaus' patience was exhausted and he went into

action. His army was turned loose and the soldiers swept through the streets of Jerusalem, to the Temple. About 3,000 people were killed, which must have included many of the priests and elders who had told the Wisemen where they might find the Christ-child, but who did not dare go there themselves.

Archelaus proved to be a weak king and soon was in trouble with the people, even before he could get away to Rome. Playing on his weakness, some of the more fanatical of his subjects, staged demonstrations demanding special concessions from Archelaus. This occurred about the very time that Joseph and Mary were returning from Egypt. The ringleaders of the riots were captured and burned alive. Small wonder Joseph feared to settle in Judaea.

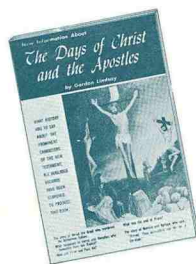
THE BOYHOOD OF CHRIST

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

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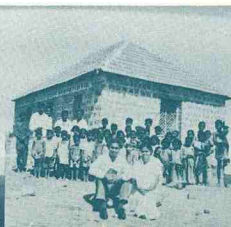
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Mrs. Bryan Nall
Festus, Missouri

Receives Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your wonderful letter which I received a few days ago. Since your letter came the Lord has greatly blessed my husband and me.

For six nights my husband prayed for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. On the third night I joined him and we both prayed for a greater power, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. At two o'clock in the morning May 31, God filled us both and we found ourselves talking in a heavenly language. It is wonderful. And now once again you can praise the Lord for answering your prayer.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Captain F. Roberts
Nfld, Canada

Healed of Blood Clot After 10 Years of Agony

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Praise the Lord, I want to tell you what the good Lord's done for me. Thank you for your prayers over the blest cloth. My contact was made, and God gave me the inner witness there and then that I had received divine healing. Praise the Lord.

I was gloriously healed after ten years of agony and pains in my body and legs, that left me weak and helpless on my sick bed, more out of work than in.

The offending blood clot completely disappeared. How wonderful to be able to run and walk (any distance now) and not find it untold agony.

God bless your labour of love.

M. J. T.
Portslade, Sussex, England

WHEN THE COMMUNISTS TAKE OVER CENTRAL AMERICA (Continued from page 3)

sistance in every crook and cranny when

the Communists move in. Only when a Latin-American has found Christ will he have something to lose and, therefore, something to fight for.

I visited these countries to see what the Native Church Crusade could do to help. A missionary's wife and I, made a tour today to observe conditions. I watched the old people carrying their pitiful wares to market and the young going to school or playing in the streets. I wondered what their ambitions and hopes were, and, if they did have hopes, how could they possibly reach above their great poverty? Meanwhile, there are always the scattered beautiful mansions of the wealthy to constantly remind the poor that there are those with too much to eat, with vicious dogs at the gate to remind him that it can never be his.

Finally, we reached another poor town and turned right to visit a pastor who was building a church. His "parsonage" next door was a one-room shed. As we drove up, the wife was sweeping the dirt off the dirt floor, and the grandmother was cooking a pot of corn outside. As we got out, one of them hurried off and came back a few minutes later with two soft drinks. I knew they could not afford this, but they wanted so badly to show us kindness.

The walls of the church were up. Bit by bit, they had bought the blocks and put them up. But, now they needed a roof. The roofing materials must be bought all at once. By themselves, they might succeed some day, and they might not.

This need is multiplied hundreds of times. The different missionaries react in various ways. Some are passive, and are reconciled that it will be only a short time there for them. Others are frantic. Some are broken in health and heart. They need to rest, but they cannot leave this closing door. Others vow to stay even though the Communists come. This, of course, would sooner or later, be almost certain death.

What can we do now? Somehow, we must cover Central America and the West Indies with churches. It will be much more difficult for the Communists to take over many hundreds of churches in remote villages and scattered communities than a few large centers in the main cities.

This is a sad story... it is worthy of your weeping and travail before God.

NOTE ABOUT THE NATIVE CHURCH CRUSADE

We are thankful for the almost unanimous voice of approval from the mission field for the Native Church Crusade. Missionaries who have studied the plan are agreed that the program adopted by the Crusade is fundamentally sound in every respect. But although we publish the details of the plan month by month, there are always those who do not fully understand it. Please Note: the Native Church Crusade does not underwrite the building of churches—it sponsors them with the sum of \$250-\$500. We firmly believe that each congregation should do everything they possibly can to build their own church. Then, they will really appreciate it. They should make the bricks, prepare the blocks, hew the timbers, supply all the labor, secure the lot, and certainly they are expected to give whatever they can. In many cases the completed church is worth ten times or more than the amount given by the Crusade. But often the Crusader's gift provides the difference between having a church and not having one.

The gift given by the sponsor provides money for the cement, for nails, hardware, windows, doors, and above all, the roof. Occasionally, we get letters from the field which ask us to underwrite a church completely. We are now getting a vast flood of applications from the field, and most of these applications are being accepted. However, we request that no one send in an application until they have carefully studied the whole Native Church plan.



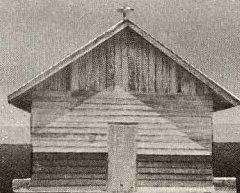
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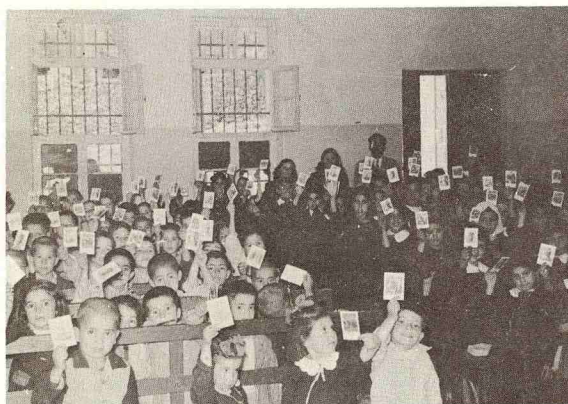
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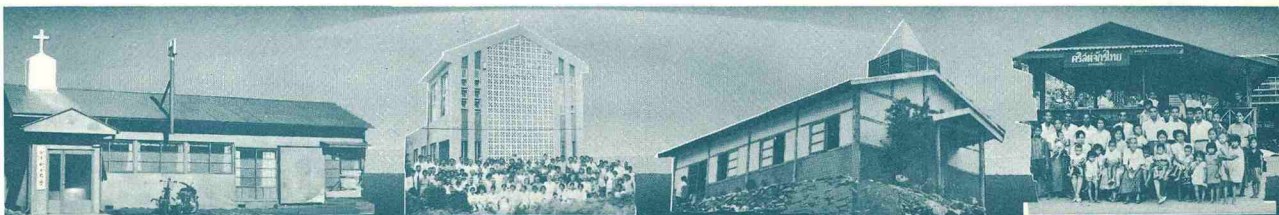
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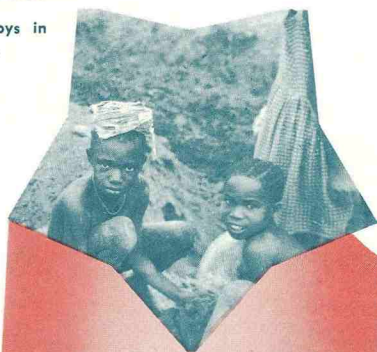


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Right: Two little shining stars! Native boys in
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His Name At The Top

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town.
Til daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But daddy said, "His name's not there.
That Friend Who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him Who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord will be the FIRST, because,
HIS NAME'S NOW AT THE TOP!
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WHAT DOES HISTORY TELL US ABOUT HEROD THE GREAT?

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Misled by the opinion prevalent that the Messiah was to be a military prince who would rule in regal power, Herod pretended to have a worshipful interest in the Child, and asked the Wisemen to report back to him. But being warned of God, they returned home another way.

From what we have seen of Herod's demented state, it is not surprising that he should order the massacre of the infants of Bethlehem. Despite the fact that Herod had murdered several of his own family, he still had plans to establish a Herodian dynasty. He did not want another king to arise and endanger it, and so just before his death, he committed the crowning act of infamy of his reign by his dastardly attempt to destroy the Child Jesus, and failing that, gave the order to slaughter the innocent at Bethlehem. To the cry of the mothers of Rama, he paid no heed. The regions of darkness were now calling for their own.

"Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." (Matt. 2:17-18)

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM AND THE WISE MEN

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And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Luke 2:41-47)

This brief passage and its context represents the total knowledge that we have of the boyhood of Jesus. The family went back to Nazareth, and the eighteen years that elapsed until Christ's appearance at the Jordan, are silent years.

There is a number of events that were supposed to have happened during the youth of Jesus, recorded in the so-called Gospel of Thomas. These are certainly

apocryphal, and the accounts when compared with the canonical gospels readily betray their mythical character. Not a single historian considers them anything but fiction. Based on imagination, they represent an attempt to fill in the hidden years. The Child Jesus is represented as a superhuman, able to perform all sorts of magical feats.

For example, Jesus is supposed to have made twelve clay sparrows. A child ran and told Joseph that Jesus was playing by the brook, making clay sparrows which was not lawful on the Sabbath. When Jesus was questioned, He answered by commanding the birds to rise and fly away. "And at his word they took flight and rose up in the air." (Greek Text 13, Gospel of Thomas)

On another occasion, Jesus is supposed to have been playing with some other boys on top of a house of two stories. One boy pushed another one off the roof, so that he died from the fall. The other boys seeing what had happened, fled, leaving Jesus alone standing on the roof. The parents of the dead child came weeping and accused Jesus of the act. Jesus then leaped to the ground and said to the boy, "Zeno, did I cast thee down? Arise and tell." Then the boy rose and worshipped Jesus and said, "Lord, thou didst not cast me down, but when I was dead thou didst make me alive."

Actually, the Bible shows Jesus spending His years quietly at the carpenter's trade. Returning to Nazareth from Jerusalem, He was subject to Joseph and Mary. He increased in knowledge and wisdom the same as other children.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." (Luke 2:52)

Apparently, there was nothing about the youth of Jesus that especially attracted the attention of the people of Nazareth, as Mark 6:3 shows:

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and of Joseph, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him." (Mark 6:3)

As for the supposed miracles performed during His boyhood, the Gospel of John shows us that the *first miracle of Christ* was that of turning the water into wine. (Jn. 2:11)

A tourist visiting Nazareth will be shown many things that are supposed to be associated with Jesus during His

years in Nazareth. The Church of the Annunciation, the workshop of Joseph, articles of His carpentry, such as a table. There is no solid evidence that any of these are genuine.

The one thing that is authentic in Nazareth, is the spring to which Jesus and His mother came to fill their pitchers with water. It is the only spring in the village.

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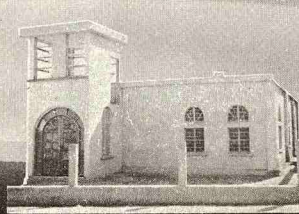
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This photo was taken just seconds before the bullets were fired into the president. Governor Connolly is at right. —Wide World Photo

THE STRANGE DEATH OF

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

A hideous, terrible, and unbelievable crime has occurred in our city of Dallas. We weep that such a thing could happen here. A wild, human beast, taking deadly aim with a high powered rifle, shot to death the president from the sixth floor of a building, which we pass almost every day. Every man, woman, and child in Dallas recoils in horror before this dastardly, diabolical and senseless deed, perpetrated in our city. How could a man perform such a vicious act? We are told that he spent three years in godless, atheistic Russia.

Even as we write, we are shocked by another act of violence in which the suspect, Lee Oswald, is shot and killed by a night club operator. Surely we are in a repetition of the days of Noah, of which the Scriptures speak. "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." (Gen. 6:11)

My own son Dennis, with other high school children, was dismissed from classes that he might join the thousands who were welcoming the president. No other city in America gave a more enthusiastic response to President Kennedy, until that awful moment came. . . . Dennis having parked his car at the airport, watched the president laughing and responding to the cheers of the crowd, pass a few feet from him on his way to down town Dallas. My boy then drove his car down near the Trade Mart, to await the president who was scheduled to come there to deliver an address.

Suddenly, as Dennis and his friends waited, the president's car followed by a number of motorcycle policemen, moved up the Stemmons expressway at race-track speed toward the Parkland Hospital, which was a short distance away. The boys followed in their car. At the hospital, they learned the dreadful news of the assassin's attack. Minutes later the president of the United States was dead!

WHY DID THE PRESIDENT DIE?

In the year 1960, we published a book entitled, *American Presidents and Destiny*. In this book, we showed that the president who was elected in 1960 should die in office.

We cannot reproduce the whole article here, but we give excerpts from it, as we feel that it will be of unusual interest to our readers.

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"At the time of writing, a new president will soon be elected to fill the office of the highest position of our land. Our purpose in this particular article is not to discuss the qualifications of the one who is to be elected to that office. Rather, it is to show that for good or for ill, Divine providence has a hand in controlling the destinies of whoever is elected. This being true, our nation should use great care, and much prayer in deciding who God's man is for office.

Otherwise, disaster can result. . . .

"There is an old saying, 'Man proposes, but God disposes.'

"... For, as the Bible teaches, there is a Divine Architect who rules and overrules the affairs of men. The Christian believes this, but how can we prove it? Do not world events happen by chance and random? This has long been assumed by the skeptic. But we deny it is true. The fact is, investigation shows events occur in definite mathematical patterns. In demonstrating this, we prove the fact of design in history beyond the possibility of contradiction. It is an unerring test, that shows that a God in heaven rules and overrules the society of men, even as the Prophet Daniel declared when warning King Nebuchadnezzar of his arrogance and pride:

"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the Holy one: to the intent that the living may

know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.' (Daniel 4:17)

"The fact of design in world history is a story that would require a very large volume, indeed. In the present case, we propose only to demonstrate design in the lives of the presidents of the United States—a matter which involves the subject of our book.

"Let us begin by calling to the reader's attention a remarkable fact, previously noted by students of American history, but usually only as a historical curiosity. This phenomenon is a strange one, but has happened so often, that it is obvious that it has not happened as the result of chance. The remarkable circumstance is this: From the time of William Harrison on down to the present time, at every interval of 20 years, the president who was elected, or re-elected has died in office!

In 1840 Harrison was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1860 Lincoln was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1880 Garfield was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1900 McKinley was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1920 Harding was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1940 Roosevelt was elected president. . . . He died in office

In 1960 ?

"Thus at 20-year intervals, the chief executives of our nation, at the respective time, have all been stricken down, either by fatal illness, or by the hand of an assassin, while executing the prerogatives of their office. These circumstances have been noted before, but as we have said, no explanation has been attempted, as to the significance of the mystery. Could these singular occurrences have happened merely as the result of chance? Hardly. For such a series of coincidences would have happened only once in a number of astronomical proportions.

"If this cycle of the presidents continues, then the president elected in 1960 will die sometime between 1961 and 1969.

"If this occurs, we may ask ourselves:

"Will he die of natural causes?

"Will he die by the hand of an assassin?

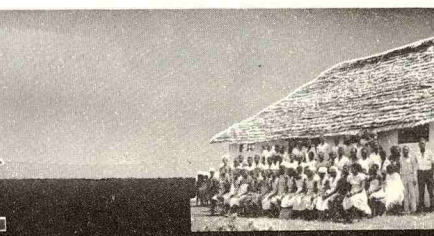
"Will he die as the result of some great tragedy?

"Time alone will tell the story."

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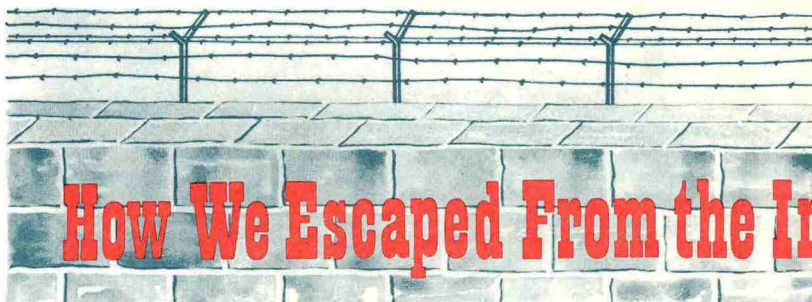
As we know, John Kennedy became the next president of the United States. Many times the thought has occurred to us, how and when will John Kennedy die—as the strange time-measures indicate? Certainly, we had little thought that this man would die by an assassin's bullet, only a few minutes' drive from our Voice of Healing office! But this is what happened. Tonight, as America mourns the passing of our chief magistrate, the thought comes to my mind, "Are not all our days numbered?" May God teach us all in this terrible event, to number our days. What we do, we must do quickly. For one moment after the grim reaper strikes, our time of opportunity to do good in this world is gone, forever. Friend, have you done your part to reach the unsaved masses in other lands?

The assassin's bullet came we are told from an avowed Marxist, who spent three years in Russia. In this issue, Carole Lindsay tells in her meeting with the missionaries during her recent trip in Central America, that they give only 5 years before Communism strikes there, as it has in Cuba, and takes over these countries. (Note: The book, *"American President and Destiny,"* can be obtained at our office. Price is 50 cents).





Rev. and Mrs. George Ozdinec and family.
Elizabeth Faith (standing), Jeanetta Mary (standing at right), LaDonna Ruth (seated).



George Ozdinec

George Ozdinec was a politician in a country behind the Iron Curtain. After the Communist takeover, he knew he must escape to West Germany. The dramatic story of his escape and how he found God is told in the following article.

In 1956, he came to Chicago and started several missions. Three years ago God led him to a Bohemian section of the city to open a Full Gospel work. The Lord through a series of miracles enabled them to secure a building that had been used as a funeral chapel.

Brother George Ozdinec writes: "I might add that The Voice of Healing magazine was a tremendous inspiration to me since 1949, when we came to this country. It has been a source of faith in God for the miraculous, after reading the marvelous stories of healing and seeing the pictures. It is something I never dreamed about in my country, nor did I think that such a thing could exist. I still have many old issues that I value highly."

I WILL NEVER forget that heart-rending cry of our then two-year old, curly-haired boy as he stretched forth his two tiny hands trying to take hold of us. With our own hearts breaking, we got into the horse-driven carriage with my brother-in-law. He struck the horses with a whip and they went like a whirlwind.

Behind us was my mother-in-law holding our son in her arms crying his heart out. Oh! the desperate look on his little face and his two outstretched arms. That was fourteen years ago and he has never seen us since. My wife and I cry every time we think of him.

We were on our way to escape. I was politically engaged, and Communists were after me as they took power in our country almost overnight. I was in jeopardy and afraid to die. No matter how brave you are, facing death you are afraid. I didn't know God then.

I PLAN TO ESCAPE ALONE

At first I had planned to escape all alone, telling no man about my plans. For two weeks I went up and down the country looking for a way to cross the border. At the capital city,

I met a friend. He didn't know I was to escape, but what he said in conversation put me in fear to attempt to cross the border in that area.

I travelled a long way from there, looking for a safe location. Finally, I came to a river which was the state border. I went up into the mountains above the river, and there for a day and a night I watched the guards, waiting for the right time. I was waiting for night to fall so I could swim across the river to the other side. When it got dark, I went down to the river, took off some of my clothes preparing to make the escape attempt. And then something happened. A supernatural power took hold of me.

I had not thought of my wife until that moment. I was a sinner, and I thought I would just go alone. We had not agreed, and I had even tried to get a divorce. But now at this moment, just as I was to give my last goodbye to my country, never to see my wife again, a supernatural thing happened. All of a sudden I felt an irresistible love for my wife that I had never felt before.

This feeling turned all my plans upside down. I put my clothes back on and rushed to the nearest depot to board the first train back home to my wife. Then I told her what I was planning to do. She was not sure that she wanted to go with me. She said she would ask her mother.

Thank God for a mother-in-law like her. She told her in answer, "Honey, I know you did not have a good life together; nevertheless, he is still your husband and I believe you should go with him." So it was decided that we should escape together. I can look back and see God in it now.

MY WIFE JOINS ME IN THE ESCAPE ATTEMPT

We started out for the capital of our country. It was election day and everybody was supposed to be at home except those who had special permission to travel, so we didn't talk together. After we left the capital we headed for the state border, taking the train to the farthest point possible.

We arrived all right without any trouble, but when we were coming out of the train, there was a police patrol checking and identifying every person. We had no identification cards, and the situation looked pretty bad for us. In fact, it seemed hopeless. It would not take them long to find out we were escapers, as so many were escaping in those days.

A miracle had to happen, if we were to come out of this. And a miracle did happen. There was a little lady in front of us with a large baggage on her back, and as the police were taking a look into her baggage, we somehow slipped behind their backs unnoticed. A great feeling of relief swept over me





on Curtain To Find God

as I thought we were so lucky. But God was in it as I see it now.

We took a hotel in the town, which was famous for its hot springs. We took a swim in the springs for a few days. Nevertheless, we were eagerly watching for a way over the border which was about twenty miles away.

One day as we came to our hotel room, we noticed somebody had been in our baggage looking over our papers. We sensed the danger. Immediately, we left town and went out into the forest, which became our hiding place throughout our journey. We tried to avoid all the roads and paths, as we crawled through the bushes. We were still many miles from the border and the place was heavily guarded with border guards. The situation was terrible from my standpoint, for I knew that if they caught us, it might cost my life. Every noise we heard startled us, thinking it was the police coming after us.

PURSUIT!

We came to the highway, and police could see from a far distance, so we waited at least an hour. My wife crossed first, and then I after. We ran down the hillside and waited to see what happened. Soon we heard a sharp whistle cut through the woods. We were sure that the guards had seen us and were on our track. I heard steps behind me as someone running in our direction, making his way through the bushes. This caused my blood to run cold. The steps were coming nearer and nearer! Then a big beautiful deer suddenly came into view. He gave me a big look, and he scared me and I scared him. Then he turned and ran away.

My wife took my hand and bravely said, "Let's go on." It seemed that she was more brave than I.

We went on and didn't take more than ten steps, when my wife cried out, "Soldier". There he was about fifty feet from us. I was about ready to give up, but my wife pulled me down to a little hole quickly. It was as if it had been prepared for us, with a big bushy tree in front of us for our protection. The guard didn't know to where we had disappeared all of a sudden. He possibly thought that we had guns and were ready to shoot. For many who were escaping fought their way through with a gun in a desperate fight for life. Since he didn't know we had no guns, it was he who walked away, watching over his shoulder what we would do. He showed us that he didn't want anything to do with us, so we took the opposite direction toward the border.

Now we were only three miles from the border line. Quickly we climbed up the hillside. The night was coming and it was

getting dark.

ACROSS THE BORDER

We came out of the woods to a clearance and could see the top of the hills against a clear sky. Breathlessly we watched for guards, but we saw none and we continued on our way.

By this time we were sure that we were in Germany and we started to sing and whistle, but as we came down the hillside to a little country road we saw a sign written in our language:

"It is strongly forbidden under the law to stay in this locality after seven o'clock at night. Anybody found here will be shot."

It was around midnight! We quickly squatted down and were frantically looking which way to go. There below the road I saw a white rock with a sign on one side and on the other. The sign on the other side said it was Germany!

Quickly as a flash I grabbed my wife Mary's hand and ran down with her as fast as I could until we came out of the woods to a beautiful meadow.

We stopped at the spring of fresh water. Oh, how we relaxed, how we rested when we took that drink from the cool water! We felt like David in the 23rd Psalm, when he was led to the green pastures and made to lie down beside the still waters. How we enjoyed these moments of rest to our nerves, when excitement slowly subsided and we started to feel relieved from the strain.

We must have been there for five or ten minutes when all of a sudden we heard shooting back in the woods. As we looked back, we saw flashlights and heard five or six guardsmen hunting after us with the dogs and they were right up on our track. But they were about ten minutes too late. Not seeing how far away we were in the dark of the night, they only came up to the state border line.

WE GET LOST

We were hidden away from their sight and by now we were taking our flight happily away from the border. We slept at night in the cornfield and the birds of the field gave us the first welcome to freedom.

It was a cold night — we had nothing with which to cover up — but what did we care? We felt good and happy to take our sleep without fear.

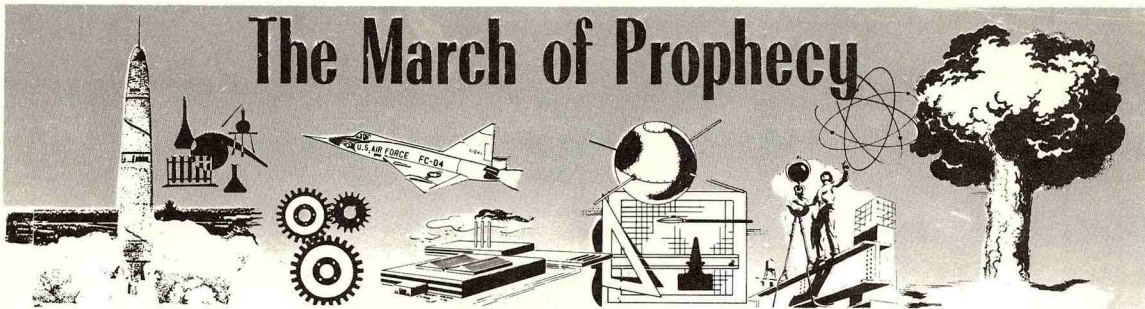
We got up early since we couldn't sleep much longer anyway for cold and for joy, so we came up to a road and as we went for a while, we got back again somehow to the border, for there it was again — THE SIGN WITH ALL THE WARNINGS!

As we stood there, somewhat scared and confused for a second, two men were watching us as they were cutting grass just a step from the border. Fortunately, they were Germans ready to help us as they saw our distress. They directed us to the road, leading to the interior of the land.

We were so thankful. A little tired and hungry, but happy in our hearts, we walked the road, carrying our poor supply of clothes and some books which we thought were very important. But there was something else with the books, MY MOTHER'S BIBLE! She had been dead ever since I was nine years of age. I liked this Bible, though I didn't read from it.

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The March of Prophecy

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

The Mysterious Hurricane Flora

The deadly Hurricane Flora has probably taken more lives than any Atlantic storm in history. Scientists are puzzled about its unusual behavior. The storm, worst of any known since the days of Columbus according to U. S. News and World Report, moved over Eastern Cuba and hung there for three or four days. The destruction was of tremendous proportions. Coffee and cocoa crops were 100% ruined. Sugar crops 50% destroyed. In Cuba alone there was several hundred millions of dollars of damage. In Haiti nearly 4,000 were killed and 100,000 made homeless. Nearly half of Haiti was destroyed:

The U. S. Red Cross offered help, but Castro called them hypocrites "an instrument of U. S. Imperialism." Instead he ordered a 50% reduction in the already meager food rations, and asked his Iron Curtain friends for help.

Disaster in Italy

In the middle of the night of October 9, a huge hunk of 150 million tons of an adjacent mountain broke loose and fell into the waters of the 873 foot high Vaiont Dam, the third highest in the world. The tremendous splash sent out a 300 foot high tidal wave across the reservoir. The avalanche of water spilled over the dam and cascaded down the valley to wreak a fearful destruction on the town of Longarone. In 7 minutes the city was wiped out and almost all of the 3,500 inhabitants were either swept down with the current or entombed in mud.

The Public Works Minister, Fiorentino Sullo remarked, "A truly Biblical disaster, like Pompeii." Premier Geovanni Leone flew to the disaster. He said, "We will build you a new city." A man replied, "What will we put inside the houses? Coffins?" This was the worst dam disaster since the

Johnstown Flood in May 1889.

Certainly this increased number of catastrophes is one more indication that the end of the age is near at hand.

Is the "Star Spangled Banner to be Outlawed?"

It is strange the number of women who are becoming central figures in the attempt to outlaw everything that pertains to God in America. One Miriam Rubenstein of Hicksville, L. I., asked the commissioner to prohibit use of the last stanza of the National Anthem as a prayer in the Hicksville schools.

Who would have supposed 25 years ago that the courts of our land would listen to the insane demand of a godless woman to abolish a stanza of our National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner"? (A. P. Dispatch August 10, 1963)

Edward Murrow — The Chain Smoker

Edward Murrow, the famous newscaster, has always been seen on television as a cigarette chain smoker. While speaking in Philadelphia he noticed his voice had become hoarse. He checked in at the Washington Hospital Center, and doctors found a malignant tumor in the left lung. The entire lung had to be removed.

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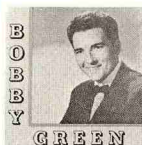
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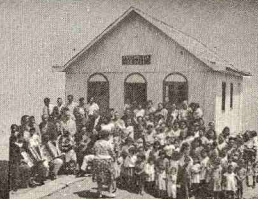


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AND THE UTMOST PARTS OF THE WORLD

HOW WE ESCAPED FROM THE IRON CURTAIN (Continued from page 13)

It was rather strange that I took it.

A German policeman halted us as he ran after us on a bike. He looked into our belongings to see if we had a gun. Then he took us to a police station and later we were sent to C.I.C.

There was such a friendly spirit as the American officers took us in their care. With a jeep, they shipped us to a refugee camp. The camp was our abode for a year and a half, before we emigrated to the U.S.A.

It was here that our second baby was born. She is thirteen now, and is our faithful soloist and piano player in our church today.

In the camp we went through a lot of hardships, often in want of clothing and food, but it was here that we found a new life, and a new world in which to live, so different from the previous one. At first our condition got worse, rather than better in the camp. It was because of sin in our lives. The Bible teaches that sin is a hard taskmaster. It also says, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

We started fighting—and there was seemingly no hope to our condition. We quit talking to each other, decided to get a divorce. It was a miserable condition in which to be. No parents, no friends, no relatives, no help, and baby was to come in a few months. But God was looking down on us. He was concerned. He knew what we needed. I'm so glad that God cares when no man cares. Isn't He wonderful? He was close to us and we needed His help.

When I didn't know just what to do, a friend of mine handed me a paper from America in my own language. These people were telling here about the goodness of God. They were telling how God had saved them, changed their lives, men and women from different walks and different backgrounds. How he restored their broken homes, etc. Oh, it was something I just needed very badly.

It humbled me, and as I humbled myself before God and before my wife also, I went back to her and told her: "Mary, please don't get a divorce, but I believe if we will follow Jesus Christ like these people I read about, we may have a happy home yet."

Oh, how she broke down. She started to cry and the tears rolled down her cheeks. We got down on our knees for the first time in our life right where we were standing at the bedside, and cried out to God for mercy. Didn't even know how to pray and what to say to God. But God was faithful and just to forgive us our sins as we confessed them and forsook the old life.

He came down to that little room in Germany and changed us right about face. It was the turning point in my life. It was a brand new start for us.

Today we have a happy Christian

home. No more fighting, no more hatred, no more divorce, but peace, joy and happiness. When God came in, the old devil had to move out and all his company.

Oh, it is wonderful to talk about it and tell others that there is a better way to live, and that way is Jesus Christ.

Now we have four children, and they all love Jesus and like to live for Him. These are glorious days of our life, and as the trouble comes down upon this old world, we are watching, hoping, working, praying and looking for the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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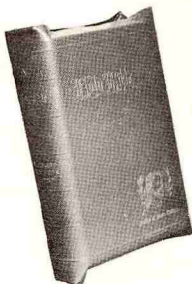
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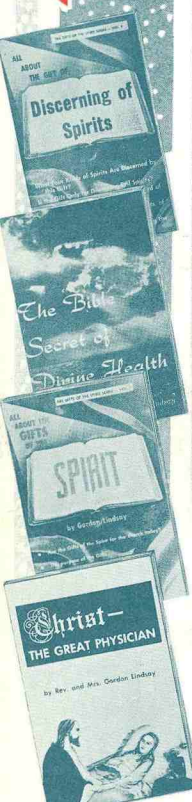
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