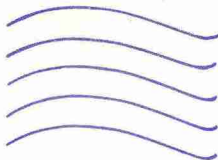


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## OUR READERS WRITE

### An Alcoholic Finds Christ

I just received the May issue of *The Voice of Healing* and have read half of it, but I just had to stop and write to tell you that this magazine has something extra special that moves and inspires me in a way that I cannot explain. My wife feels the same way when she reads it. I thank God for the first issue that came into my hands. A wonderful Christian lady gave it to me and I just had to subscribe to it right away.

Jesus saved me in December, 1959. I was a hopeless alcoholic, separated from my wife and children. Four months later God united me with my family after a five-year separation. He saved my wife in November, 1960.

Ramon Varela  
Maywood, Calif.

### Correspondence Course: An Invaluable Aid

I have enjoyed these lessons very much and look forward to the next series. I feel these books are inspired of God; they answer many vital questions that others do not. The course is worth more than we can value in money.

O. L. Reigel  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Speaking of the course, I must say it is professionally written and prepared. I have never seen anything like it in print. It presents its message clearly and plainly, and

it helps to make Biblical passages more understandable. Do keep up the good work.

Donald Sparks  
Robins AFB, Ga.

### More from the NCC Mailbag

Enclosed please find a check for our fifth Native Church. The Lord has truly blessed us and layed it on our hearts to help those less fortunate. We are so thankful that we were able to visit old Mexico and see the need for the gospel there. Otherwise we would never have realized how desperately they and other places need help.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gillespie  
Hammond, Ind.

Thank you so much for the picture of the project. It thrilled my soul to see those dear people with hands upraised to God. I cried and was so happy to think I could have a little part in bringing some happiness in the hearts of these people.

I am sacrificing to do this, but other things can wait until I get this paid off. I feel that if we put God's work first, He will surely reward us.

Mrs. Sidney Abrams  
N. Bellmore, N. Y.

Your wonderful reports on the Native Church Crusade thrill me and stir me to prayer for such courageous people. I am sending my April payment of \$25 for my church in Africa.

Thelma B. Miller  
Portland, Oregon

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*“... our Lives, our Fortunes,*

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ONE HUNDRED and eighty-nine years ago this Fourth of July the bell of freedom sounded for America as the Thirteen Colonies proclaimed their independence. Without timidity the men of the Continental Congress gave to the world the eloquent Declaration of Independence — that document which John Adams called “the very essence of the American mind.” As they unanimously adopted Thomas Jefferson’s draft of the Declaration mutually pledging “our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor,” they breathed fire into the eternal belief of mankind’s right to “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

The bravery of these 56 men cannot be measured. At stake were their “lives,” their “fortunes,” and their “sacred honor.” Yet every delegate resolutely walked to the table on which rested the historic parchment and boldly penned his name. So passionately dedicated were these men to the cause of freedom that they were prepared to pay whatever price might be demanded. And early or late, most of the signers were required to pay dearly for their audacity.

In a letter to General George Washington, John Hancock, whose signature so famously dominates the Declaration of Independence, said: “Burn Boston and make John Hancock a beggar if the public good requires it.”

A Virginia signer named Thomas Nelson, Jr., was commanding his state’s militia when the British seized his home as their headquarters. Unflinchingly he directed an artillery bombardment against his own mansion during the siege of Yorktown.

Nelson’s sacrifice did not stop there! When two million dollars were needed to help Washington provision the ships on the seas, Nelson raised almost the entire sum on his own security. After the war, although he was not reimbursed by the government, he redeemed the loans at the cost of his fortune; and at his death he was placed in an unmarked grave.

Other signers who suffered for their beliefs were

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*“Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

—from “The New Colossus,” by Emma Lazarus  
Inscription on the Statue of Liberty

## The Master Key to a

# Success



**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** about the mystery of God's purpose in your coming into this world? It is natural for us to think of human life beginning at birth, but in the mind of God, you and I existed in the eternity past. The Scriptures spoke about John the Baptist and the manner of his ministry long before he was born (Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:3). His coming into the world was referred to by the Old Testament prophets centuries before the era of Christ. There were other individuals whose very names were mentioned long before they were born. There was Cyrus who gave the command for the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem. Many years before the prophet Isaiah named Cyrus as the one who would give this command to restore Jerusalem (Isa. 44:28). Josiah's name and his work of destroying King Jeroboam's idolatrous altar were predicted centuries before his reign (I Kings 13:2).

All this seems mysterious and difficult for us to understand. Despite all of mankind's accumulated knowledge and wisdom, scientists have never yet been able to tell just what life really is. It is obvious, however, that God had foreknown every person that was to come into the world. The compatibility of divine foreknowledge and man's free will has long been a subject of theological discussion. Despite the many volumes written on it, these have been able to cast little light on the subject.

Yet one point is clear. As God had a plan for Cyrus, Josiah, and John the Baptist long before they were born, so God has a plan for every person born into the world. "He was the Light which lighteth every man who cometh into the world" (John 1:9). The purpose of light is to show man the way he should go.

That it was not the will of God that any be predestined to damnation is also evident from II Peter 3:9 which declares that the Lord is not "willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Although the above is true, it is just as apparent that a vast number of people living in this world never fulfill the purpose God intended for them. In the first place, "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God," not to speak of fulfilling the divine will of his life (John 3:3, 5, 7).

That God has a special plan for every human being is reasonable, once we take time to consider it. What builder would attempt to construct an important edifice without a blueprint? In the case of modern skyscrapers, think of the thousands, even hundreds of thousands of man-hours that go into its planning. The lighting, the plumbing, the air conditioning, the heating, the ventilation, the telephone circuits, the inter-com systems are only a few things involved in planning such a structure. Yet man is far more complex and is infinitely more valuable than the greatest building. The human body is a masterpiece of creation. It is constructed with a heart that pumps hundreds of quarts of blood through the veins daily. Day in and day out the stomach and liver perform prodigious wonders of metabolism that take energy from the food as it is digested and make it available to the bloodstream. The skin not only protects the body but by means of its thousands of sweat glands faithfully regulates the temperature of the body. When the body is normal the temperature hovers close to 98.6, even when the outside temperatures fluctuate from 60 below zero to 120 above. The eye, infinitely more delicate and complex than a television picture tube, has millions of nerves that respond to the sensations of light and color and send them to the

# ful Life

by Gordon Lindsay

brain as a complete image, exactly reproducing the scene before the eye. The lungs gather oxygen from the air and feed the blood, which in turn takes the needed substance to every part of the body. The lungs exhale the useless carbon dioxide. In that same blood stream there are millions of white corpuscles that are constantly on the alert for intruding bacteria. Upon discovery, the bacteria are vigorously attacked and destroyed.

Perhaps the most astounding fact of all is that the genes of two parents will unite to produce another human being in their likeness, who in turn will possess the same capacity to reproduce. But the body is the lesser of man's triune nature of body, soul, and spirit. No wonder the psalmist said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14).

Is it possible that God having made so wonderful a creation as man should cast him adrift, having no plan for his life? Is the Creator as a little boy who makes a toy sailboat and amuses himself by setting it in a pond to see which way the wind will blow it? God must have a purpose in creating man. If the Scriptures teach anything at all, it is that there is a divine plan for every life.

Two great questions face every human being. Man knows, nearly as soon as he knows anything, that he must die. The question ever before him is: where and how will he spend eternity? That question can be settled only through Christ. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The other question is this: what is God's will and plan for my life? What does God intend that my life should accomplish? The first question can be answered instantaneously the moment the soul surrenders to Christ. The second is not answered so easily or so quickly. But it can be answered. *Men find God's perfect will only as they pray their way into it.* It is in the mention of prayer that we have a clue to the answer to our question. The highest position in God's kingdom is that of the intercessor. Moses the Lawgiver was great because he was an intercessor. Two million people on one occasion would have perished had he not prevailed with God (Exod. 32:9-10, 30-35; 33:12-17). Daniel the prophet was called "greatly beloved" because he stayed on his face until the answer came (Daniel 10). Even Christ in His glorified state seated at the right hand of the Father occupies the office of the intercessor (Heb. 7:25).

The wonderful thing is that God calls every man and woman to this exalted work. He does not call all to be apostles, prophets, or evangelists. He does not appoint all to be preachers or teachers. But He calls all who will come to the office of the intercessor. Jesus taught in a parable that "man ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). "For every one that asketh receiveeth, and he that seeketh, findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:8).

Thus we see that every one, rich or poor, small or great, has the opportunity to rise to the highest office in God's kingdom—that of an intercessor. Indeed in the hands of the intercessor lies the power to sway the destiny of nations. There is power to save nations. In the days of Ezekiel when judgment threatened, God looked for a man for an intercessor who would stand in the gap before Him that the land might be spared, but He found none. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the

hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. Their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 22:30-31).

The king on the throne could not save Israel from judgment. Neither could the princes. But had an intercessor arisen in those days, the land could have been saved from judgment. Alas, God could find none. As it was in the days of Ezekiel, so it has been many times in the history of nations. Men aspire to every office but that of an intercessor. They will give their lives in battle for their country. They will make every sacrifice for lesser causes, but taking the role of an intercessor appears to be too humble a task. The fruits of one's labor are not so immediately apparent. So the greatest and most honorable task in God's kingdom goes begging.

God does not ask a man to stay on his knees all the time. The man of prayer can be a man of action. Moses saw plenty of action; so did Daniel. Indeed prevailing prayer opens the way for a ministry of action. God sets in the Church whom He pleases. He has a special place for every one of us. He has a perfect plan for our lives if we will seek it out. He makes plain what our place is in the Body of Christ. If we are not called actively into the ministry, He will show us what business, what occupation, that we are best suited for. He will even guide us day by day showing us how we can best fulfill our life's work.

There are many people who are square pegs in round holes. They are doing things for which they are not especially fitted by nature. They are unhappy, and often they go from one thing to another and never feel satisfied. Finally time catches up with them. Life has run its course, and somehow they have failed to secure God's best.

On the other hand we have met people who we are sure found just that place in life that God had intended for them. It may be that God intends that person to become a faithful worker in the church, who by his prayers, service, and faithfulness will enable a congregation to weather the storms that beset every work of God. It may be a mother in Israel whose prayers and counsel has saved many a young person from spiritual shipwreck. It may be a businessman who, although he could not preach, by his life and testimony has won many in his circle to Christ. It may be a humble housewife who like Susannah Wesley worked 18 hours a day for her large family of 17 children, yet took time to train each one in the way of the Lord. Two of her children were Charles and John Wesley, the apostles of the 18th century whose ministries were largely instrumental in saving England from the apostasy and infidelity that France fell heir to in the terrible French Revolution.

The master key to living then is to find God's special blueprint for one's life. This plan that God has for every man is not found by the shallow and superficial but only by those who sincerely and faithfully wait before God until it is fully revealed. The Lord will not fail to manifest His will in this matter. Indeed His highest pleasure is found in those who will not be satisfied until they have sought and found and entered into His perfect will. ■

(Coming next month: "The Master Key to Guidance")

# WANTED

# WITNESS

by Larry Hammond

**W**ITNESSING is the lifeblood of Christianity! And to witness effectively, one needs the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Acting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do and say things, we will go places that would seem ridiculous to the average man. In buses and planes, on the highways and byways, in factories and offices, in palaces and prisons, the Holy Spirit has given me words to open the hearts of those who hunger for salvation. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

It is the Holy Spirit of God that has led me throughout some sixty countries of the world witnessing for Christ. On streets of San Juan, Puerto Rico, I spoke to a photographer to ask directions to find a certain minister. It happened that this minister was his cousin. The man had gone far from God, but in a few brief minutes the Spirit of the Lord helped me to point him toward Christ. It took no power on my part. All I had to do was to be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brings all things to our remembrance. He gives us the words to convict, convince, and convert those to whom He has led us.

A Chinese editor who was trying to live a good life as a devoted Buddhist was too busy to give any thought to Christ. As we talked together, the Holy Spirit led me to say to him, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

He replied, "What is truth?"

The answer came, "Jesus said, I am

the way, the truth and the life" — words which struck home in the soul of this Chinese editor. There in that busy newspaper office he accepted Christ as his Saviour.

In a hotel coffee shop in Oklahoma as I witnessed of how God had healed me and raised me from a deathbed, our conversation was overheard by a lady who became very interested. The Holy Spirit prompted me to ask her, "When did you personally receive Christ?" She answered, "I haven't." There amidst the coffee cups of that busy shop, she bowed her head and asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart. The glow of salvation flooded her face with light, and again I saw that the Holy Spirit always knows the words and the exact key to unlock the human heart!

In a business meeting in Chicago where the subject involved a proposition which would run into millions of dollars, one of the men of the conference, a Jew, began to take the name of the Lord in vain, casually interspersing this in his conversation as if it were nothing. Finally I interrupted him to explain that I could not remain to hear him take the name of my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, in vain . . . and I left.

The next morning I received a call from one of the other men in the meeting who asked that I join them that day — that they wanted to talk about yesterday's conference. The Jewish businessman agreed to refrain from profanity; and for the balance of our business negotiations, which covered a period of many months, he was faithful to his promise. Furthermore, always at the stroke of midnight on Saturday night he would say, "You know, my friend here believes in honoring the Lord's Day. He does not want to work on Sunday, so will the gentlemen

of the conference adjourn until Monday." During the next few years, observing the actions of Christians, and watching what they did and said, this man himself eventually accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

We Christians seldom realize how closely others about us are watching us — our every move, our every word, our every action — waiting to see if we are what we claim to be, and *hoping* that we will be what we claim to be. Then sometimes weeks, months, or even years later they come to accept Christ as they see His love and life reflected in our faces, in our voices, and in our actions.

In a hotel recently as I walked down the corridor past an open door, I heard one maid exclaim to another how thirsty she was and how she wished she could have some ice in her water. I walked on to the reception desk, obtained a small pitcher of ice, and returned to give it to the maid. She was so overwhelmed with this gesture of kindness that her heart was opened, and she in turn accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into her life. A simple kindly act, and yet another soul saved for eternity! Another interview was planned by the Holy Spirit. It was not a coincidence. There are no coincidences with Christians.

In the Navy hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, where I went to pray for a friend's son who had been injured in an automobile accident, I was led to speak to his buddy in the bed next to him. I found that although he had been reared in a Christian home, he did not know what it meant to surrender fully his life to Christ. There in that hospital ward he accepted the Lord as his Saviour.

While dining at a Japanese hotel, I laid my New Testament beside my plate and bowed my head to ask the blessing. This interested the waiter, and he began to ask me questions during the course of the meal. He gratefully accepted a tract and then prayed that Jesus might come into his soul.

Recently I accepted a speaking engagement in a distant city in hopes that I might be able to witness to a former business associate whom I hadn't seen since my conversion eight years before. When I met with him in his office, I came right to the point. I witnessed to

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him about my conversion. I told him how the love of Christ had changed me, how my pride had been melted into humility, and how life had become rich and wonderful in the love of God. The hidden hunger showed in his eyes as I talked. My friend told me that he had joined a Bible study group and that he hoped in a few years he could come to know Jesus. I said, "You don't need to wait. You can know Jesus right here and now — here in your own office. Then through Bible study you can learn *about* Him. That's a lifetime job."

My friend asked, "What do I do?" I told him to bow his head and say with me the sinner's prayer, to ask God's forgiveness, and admit that he could not manage his life without the Lord, and then to ask Jesus to come into his heart and take over, promising with God's help to live for HIM the rest of his life. My friend did this, and as he finished and raised his head, there was a new light in his face.

I had been pressed for time with a plane to catch and a close connection to make in Dallas, and I kept remembering this as I was dealing with my friend about his soul. I determined not to let time get in the way, for with God there is *always* enough time. I pulled the sleeve of my coat down over my wristwatch so I would not be tempted to look at it until he had made his decision, whatever it might be. When our time of prayer was finished, I looked at my watch and saw that I had missed the plane.

"Where do you want to go?" asked my friend. "I have an airplane out at the airport. I'll tell the pilot to warm it up, and he can take you anywhere you want to go in the United States." So my witnessing gave me a flight into Dallas and enabled me to help another soul into the kingdom of God. God always knows!

Another experience I had was with an alcoholic — a man about seventy-two years of age. He had to care for his mother, who had been bedfast for years. He said, "I don't want to talk about religion. Wait until my mother goes; then I'll have time." I quoted to him the Scripture, "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation," and I told him that each soul is only a breath away from

death. There might not be opportunity to think about this matter after his mother passed away. He sat stubborn and silent, cold as stone. I went over to him, put my arm around him, and said, "Jesus loves you, and because Jesus loves you, I love you too." At that he burst into tears and with an open heart asked Jesus to come in, to take over his life. The love of God had opened him up as a bud opens into a flower. Love is the key that opens men's hearts to God.

I was asked to speak, to the men in a large prison in Puerto Rico. What could I say to men behind prison bars for the rest of their lives, shut off from the sunlight, shut off from freedom, shut off from love? Then I thought, "Love! Love can come here behind the bars within the prison walls."

I spoke to them of the love of Christ. I told them how when anyone opens his heart and asks the Lord to come in, he will become as Paul said, "a new creature" . . . "when the old things are passed away and all things are become new." I urged them to turn to Jesus, to keep their eyes upon Him. I said that they could be free within the bars, that men and women like them walk the streets in apparent freedom, but tortured and imprisoned within their souls. Though imprisoned, these convicts could be free — free in the light and the love of Jesus.

That day a number of those hardened criminals cried like babies, and began to live anew. As the old things passed away, they were free in their spirits, free in their minds, free in their hearts. It reminded me of the poem, "Two men gazed out through prison bars; one saw the mud, the other, the stars." Whatever our situation, wherever we are, we can look up to the Lord, from whom comes all good, all life, and all joy.

I have had the opportunity to witness to many world leaders in the capitals of Europe and Asia and leaders in this country in Washington. I have found them hungry for reality, hungry for the supernatural, and ready to believe that there is a God. If only we can open the door through our concern and compassion for them by speaking the words that are given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Some of our most effective witnessing

can be to our neighbors. We can witness as we travel on buses, trains, and planes. We can say a kind word to a waitress; we can invite our neighbors to church. We can carry our New Testaments with us. We can act as Christians are supposed to act, always remembering that the greatest witness we can make is our *lives*. The eyes of the world are upon us at all times, watching carefully to see if our lives reflect the words that we speak.

It is up to each of us to witness wherever God has placed us — in the business world, in the political world, in the world of education, and in the home. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, we can be witnesses to the power of the living God to transform lives, to change fear into faith, hatred into love, darkness into light.

Let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus, "Ye shall be witnesses" — witnesses that each and every human soul can have eternal life, that *all* may come into the kingdom of God! ■



Larry Hammond is a remarkable layman who testifies daily to those he meets in all walks of life. A few years ago he made a trip to India where he met Prime Minister Nehru and witnessed to him. He warned the prime minister against Communism and its plans to take over India. Nehru listened respectfully as Mr. Hammond pointed out that only the soul-changing power of Christ can turn hatred into love. He then permitted Mr. Hammond to pray with him. Not many months later Pandit Nehru died. Mr. Hammond is an engineer who makes witnessing a business.

The congregation at Nsinze, Uganda  
tells a story in pictures of the progress  
of their Native Church . . . from beginning  
to Dedication Day!

WITH A BURNING DESIRE to "know Him and to make Him known," the Christians in Nsinze, Uganda, sacrificed of their meager means and raised the sum of \$70.00 toward the building of a church in their community. Although the work is less than a year old, the people had been taught the blessing of giving and were doing well toward their pastor's support. However, they had given all they could on their building and without assistance could go no further. With the help of Missionary Arthur Leis, they applied to the Native Church Crusade for the funds that would be needed to complete their church.

The faithful efforts of these precious Christians were rewarded when news came that a sponsor in America would give them the needed assistance to build a permanent place of worship, and soon the walls began to rise. Much hard work was necessary to get the building ready for dedication day, and the date had been announced — March 28, 1965. As the day for this momentous occasion approached, their pace accelerated. One morning Missionary Leis arrived at the building site at 6:00 A.M. and found that the men were already hard at work.

Finally, the church completed, dedication day arrived. A personal invitation had been extended to the Moslem chief to attend the services, and when he appeared, his assistant was with him, as well as other persons of influence in the area.

The consecration of this new house of worship was marked by the salvation of souls and the dedication of lives. The Moslem chief was so pleased with the church that he has asked the pastor to open more churches in his location.

The total cost of this building was approximately 2380 shillings, or about \$340. The Native Church Crusade sponsor's gift purchased the iron sheets, roof nails, timber for the roof, doors, etc. The congregation furnished the labor and funds for the blocks, tile, windows, and sand. Here is an example of the plan of the Native Church Crusade in action: an American sponsor and native Christians join hands in a project to further the spreading of the gospel. It is not the aim of the Native Church Crusade to build a church in a foreign land for the natives, relieving them of their responsibility to the lost. The purpose of the Native Church Crusade is rather to enable them, with our help, to build a church of which they can be proud, knowing that their labors have had a part in taking the light of the gospel into a darkened world.

#### HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

Your gift of \$250 for sponsorship of a native church has in many cases been sent in its entirety to the church assigned you. As the Crusade accepted applications requiring up to \$500, co-sponsorship became necessary. Also since many sponsors pay their pledge out over a period of time, it has been necessary to co-sponsor churches in order to get the cash necessary to complete a church on the 12-month plan.

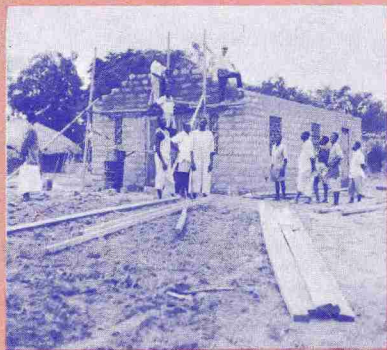
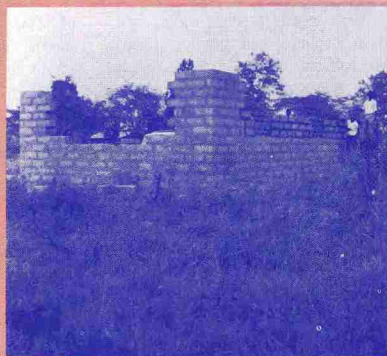
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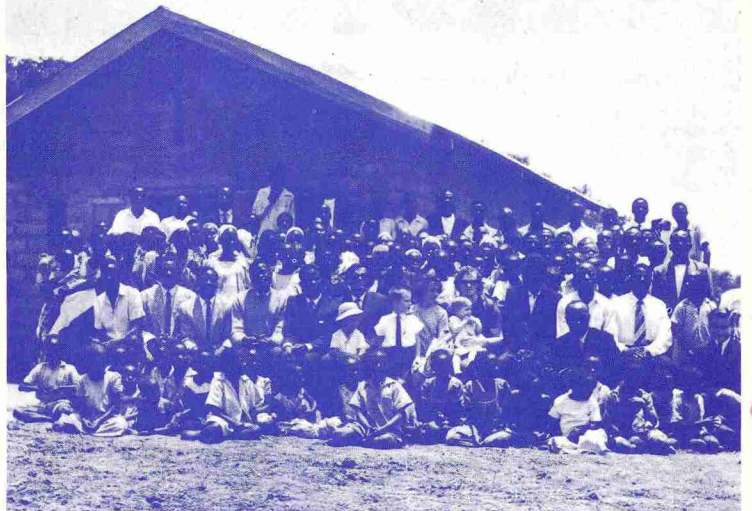
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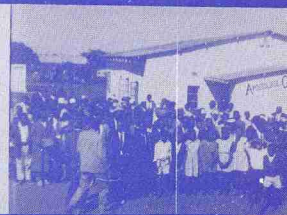
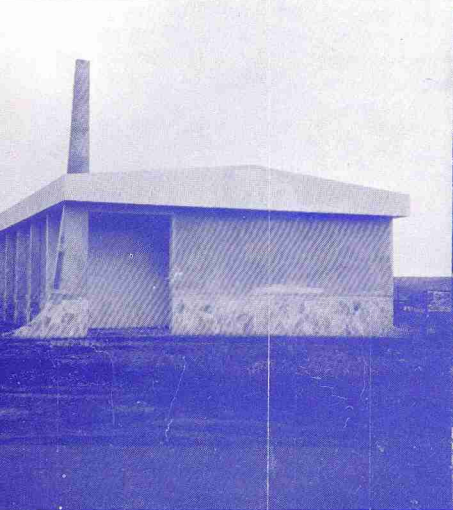
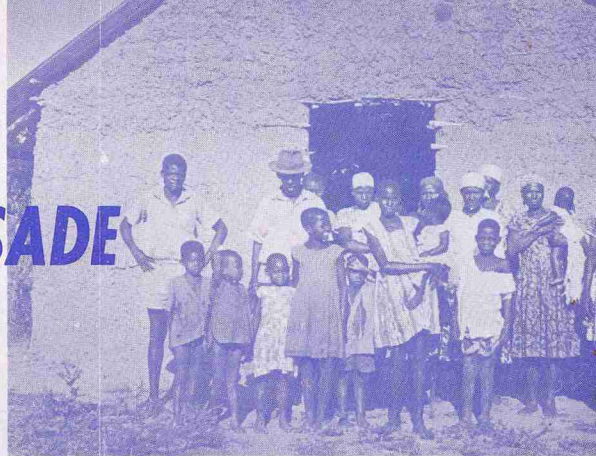
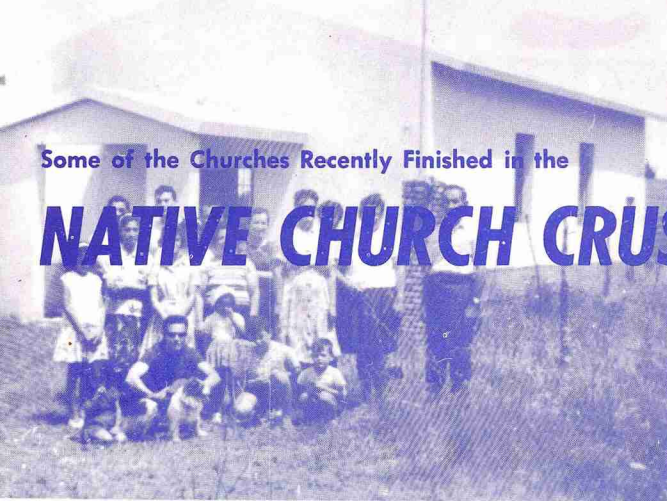
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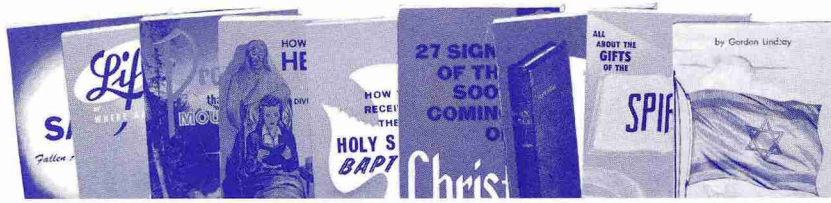
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## Some of the books to be used in the Native Literature Crusade

### WHAT KIND OF LITERATURE SHALL WE GIVE TO THE HEATHEN?

The task of preparing books for mass distribution to the heathen is one that requires much prayer and consideration. At first we thought to have the books we have already published condensed and translated and then prepared for overseas editions. While this was done with two or three books, we discovered that in most cases entirely new editions needed to be prepared to serve our purpose best. The cream of the material of each subject needed to be carefully selected and condensed so that it would fit into a book of 32 pages. This of course has required much extra labor. The subject matter also had to be considered from the standpoint of being adaptable to the various nations.

Secondly, we felt that it was necessary to prepare books that would be attractive. The covers have special art work using two colors. Communist literature is usually attractively prepared — this in contrast to religious literature which has often been drab and unattractive.

Third, it was decided that this literature *should be books, not tracts*. No doubt tracts have been greatly used to alert sinners to the call of the gospel, but we felt that the task that God had given us was to present the essentials of the Full Gospel message. This can only be done by means of books.

Fourth, the books must be made available without cost. Missionaries and ministers overseas just do not have the ready cash to pay for books in large quantities.

### WHAT TITLES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR MASS DISTRIBUTION?

The question that confronted us at the beginning was: what would be the best subjects to choose for mass distribution? This was a matter of crucial importance, and careful consideration was given to it. Finally after much prayer the plan became clear. There would be a direct continuity in the subjects chosen. While these books can be read in any order, the following is suggested, where successive distribution is made to people who are unsaved or new converts.

#### 1. *The Way to Eternal Life or What Must I Do to Be Saved?*

Obviously this book should be first in the series. It must carry the key message and contain the essential elements of the plan of redemption. It must grip the reader's interest so that he will be inclined to inquire further concerning the way of salvation. It was after several months of seeking the mind of God that we prepared this message to the unconverted.

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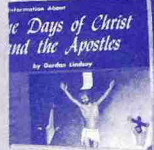
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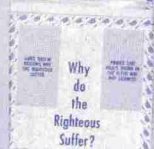
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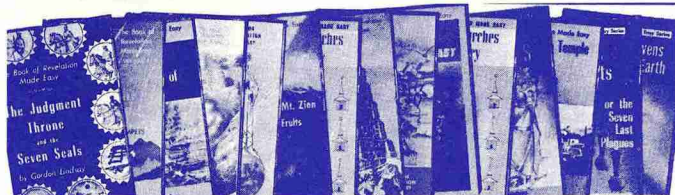
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Then God called Fahed to preach. A spark was kindled and this young man became a zealous worker. "I felt an impulse to prove to everyone I came in contact with that Jesus is real and that He wants to save everyone," he says.

Three years ago when Fahed was graduated from high school, Shlomo Hizak, our representative in Israel, invited Fahed to become his assistant. Since Fahed is an Arab and there are several hundred thousand Arabs on the Israel side of Palestine, Shlomo felt it would be a definite advantage to have his services. Fahed quickly accepted the offer, and in the three years that have elapsed God has used the young man in a remarkable way in reaching both Arabs and Jews.

Fahed has set up an office in his home city of Kfar-Joseph, and there he answers much correspondence and sends out many Bibles to his people. Beside his evangelistic work, he holds regular services in a large room of the Akel home.

One of Fahed's close friends is Gaber Moadee, a member of Israel's parliament. Through him Gordon Lindsay was able to meet both David Ben Gurion and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

There have been many exciting experiences in Fahed's preaching tours. Being an Arab he sometimes gets into tight situations. An incident that is most vivid was the time he was arrested in Galilee for being "out of bounds." He had gone to Tiberius and was there waiting for Shlomo and others who were coming for a baptismal service when he was arrested and taken into custody. What a predicament! He knew that he could be fined as much as \$100.

Fahed prayed much about his plight. When the time came for his court appearance, forty persons were there, and most of them paid fines from 50 to 200 pounds. When Fahed's case came before the judge, he silently prayed, "Lord, you speak, not I. You are my helper because I am here for your glory." Then Fahed simply told the judge that he was "out of bounds" as he was there waiting for the baptismal service. God intervened and the judge ordered Fahed to pay only \$1.50 — about the lowest possible fine.

Pray for this exceptional young man whom God has called. We believe that the Lord has a great work for him to do in Israel. ■



Some of the children attending Sunday School in Biat Sbaba near Jerusalem. Fahed stands in the center.



Above: Fahed passing out books in Jerusalem, Israel's Destiny and the Coming Deliverer. Below: Bibles prepared by Fahed and Shlomo for mailing.



# THE MARCH OF PROPHECY

## Communism About to Take Over the 5th Largest Nation in the World—Indonesia

China is the world's most populous nation; India is second; Russia is third; the U. S. is fourth. Indonesia is fifth. Two of these nations are already Communist. Indonesia makes it three out of five. At the present moment all the evidence shows that Indonesia is quietly but rapidly slipping into militant Communism. There seems to be nothing now that can stop it.

Sukarno, the president, with his delusions of grandeur has appointed himself leader to expel all Western influence from Southeast Asia. China is giving him powerful sponsorship. A new Peiping-Jakarta Axis has been formed with the North Vietnamese and North Koreans as allies.

President Sukarno is engaged in a war to annex the republic of Malaysia, even as the Communists are trying to take over South Viet Nam. The U. S. may soon find herself engaged in a "second front" against Indonesia.

U. S. taxpayers gave Indonesia one billion dollars in foreign aid. Sukarno, instead of using the money to help his impoverished people, spent it to build up his military power. It was actually used to build a military machine that will take American lives.

In 1949 after Americans had deserted Chiang Kai-shek and allowed China to become Communist, she lent her influence to drive the Dutch from Indonesia. Sukarno then became absolute dictator, usurping the office as "life-time president." American ambassador, Howard P. Jones, clung to the belief that Sukarno would turn to a real program of building up the country.

With that in mind, the ambassador influenced the U. S. to force the Dutch to turn over New Guinea to Sukarno in 1963. This was the final fateful mistake. Having gotten all he wanted, Sukarno now is ready to turn over 100 million people to Communism—people who would have been friends with the U. S.

U. S. *News and World Report* (May 17, 1965) says, "Everywhere in Indonesia the effects of American aid are visible. The military forces of West Java carry American guns and wear uniforms made of American cloth. Heavy military trucks have been furnished by the U. S. Roads were built with U. S. funds. One hundred thousand Indonesians were saved from starvation by shipments of American foodstuffs. But it seems there is no doubt that Sukarno has turned his back on all this."

Sukarno has now openly avowed Marxism. His megalomania has given him the vanity of a Hitler. At present there is a vast campaign on to insult and belittle America. U. S. officials have been attacked by mobs. Army officials suspected of having pro-western

sympathies have been removed from command. Sukarno has announced a plan for a new organization to supplant the U. N., and the Chinese have given it their full backing. Every indication is that U. S. policy is in ruins. Another step in the march of the nations to Armageddon has taken place.

Nevertheless, Sukarno has not yet announced that the country is Communist. Missionaries are still able to work. The Voice of Healing has helped build many churches there, and we have applications for many more. There is a great demand for Full Gospel literature. We ask God's people to pray that the door in Indonesia may be kept open to the gospel a little while longer. Only prayer will make it possible.

## The Dominican Republic Communist

On April 28, the president sent in the marines at Santo Domingo to prevent a Communist take-over in the Dominican Republic in instigating, organizing, and directing the rebellion in that republic. Eighteen of them were trained in Castro's Cuba. Their strategy was to wait for the military *coup d'etat* and then move in and make it a Communist take-over. The key man directing the rebellion was Manuel Gonzales, an experienced Spanish Communist intriguer.

Members of the Red party confiscated a large supply of arms and began giving them out to the rebels. The U. S. Intelligence has documentation of the subversive activities of each of these leaders and identified them as soon as they swung into action.

While Christians must always decry the necessity of military action, President Lyndon Johnson did the only thing that was possible under the circumstances. To have done nothing would have meant that a second Communist dictatorship would have been set up in the Western Hemisphere. This would have encouraged Castro to begin an assault on other Latin American republics. Had the Communists gotten control of the Dominican Republic, the Church would be in the same situation as it is in Cuba.

## Dr. Max Rafferty's Stern Advice To Cure Campus Riots

According to Dr. Max Rafferty, California Superintendent of Public Instruction, there is an alarming crisis on the college campuses (U. S. *News and World Report*, May 17,

1965). The worst outbreak has been at Berkeley, California. The students causing the trouble there had no intention of reaching an agreement. Their purpose was to overturn society. Dr. Rafferty says, "Their sole purpose is to bring a grinding halt to the orderly machinery of the greatest university in the land. Freedom of speech is not the issue. Free speech is coming not only out of their mouths but out of their ears."

What then is the real issue? The facts are almost unbelievable. The doctor says, "These troublemakers insist they have the right to use and display four-letter words" (obscenity). The weakness of the regents is responsible for this outrage. When the ringleader appeared in court and tried his antics there, he was thrown in jail. Why do the colleges take this kind of thing? Surely these troublemakers should be expelled at once.

## 300,000 U. S. Suicides This Year—A National Catastrophe

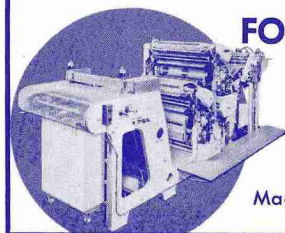
It is possible that the U. S. will have 300,000 "unwilling suicides" this year. The statement seems far-fetched, yet *Woman's World* says it is true (June, 1965).

"According to special Public Health Service figures, 300,000 Americans will die this year. Will they lose their lives in a war? No. They will be victims of lung cancer and other fatal diseases. They are all smokers. There are additional hundreds of thousands who will become seriously ill as they literally puff their lives away in smoke. Why do they do it if they know it is harming them? Do they, as a few psychologists insist, have a suicidal complex? Are they what one physician calls 'unwilling suicides'?"

"Emerson Foote, head of the National Interagency Council on smoking and Health agrees that the annual death rate from the side effects of cigarette smoking will probably soar as high as 300,000, and he regards this as 'a national catastrophe!' Cigarettes kill people, and they kill people in very large numbers. Physicians all over the world know this."

Why then is not America warned? Why has not Congress taken action? Senator Maurine B. Neuberger of Oregon declares that the propaganda effort by the tobacco companies, which spent 200 million dollars last year to influence congressmen, prevented Congressional action.

Why do people smoke? Millions tried to quit last year when the horrifying facts came out, but the demon of nicotine was stronger than they were. Most of them went back to smoking. *Woman's World* makes this statement about female addiction: "Women are more apt to keep on smoking than men."



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### Syria Practically Communist

The coming of the year 1965 saw four new decrees become law in Syria that will take that nation's wobbly Baath government far down the Marxist road and will virtually wipe out private ownership of Syria's major industries. All the main industries have been nationalized. The decrees promise compensation to owners over a 15-year period. (Such a promise is a joke when it is considered that the Syrian government has changed 15 times in the last 18 years.) Life imprisonment is threatened against anyone attempting to "obstruct" the operation. Syrian businessmen, long fearing the worst, have smuggled a billion dollars out of the country in the past years. ■

### ... OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES ...

(Continued from page 3)

the men who were captured and imprisoned by the British, only to be released as impoverished men, broken in health, returning to fields laid waste and loved ones scattered.

Countless stories of the sacrifices of such heroes of patriotism emblazon the pages of American history. The liberty which they cherished carried no price tag too great nor sacrifice too supreme. Their determination exceeded the peril. Their strength of conviction surpassed their struggle against defeat. Their indomitable courage remained unshrinking. Always these defenders of freedom fought gallantly to be true to their moral responsibility, knowing that in the end they would emerge triumphant!

Their valor wrought victory, and these men went on to shape the country which they had brought to birth. Then on July 4, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence — two of the greatest of the pillars of patriotism lay dying: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Within three hours of the death of 83-year-old Jefferson in Monticello, Virginia, John Adams, at the age of 91, succumbed in Quincy, Massachusetts. How appropriate that death should come to these two great American presidents on the day that their countrymen celebrated the independence that they had helped to make possible! Yet their story will never die as long as Americans follow their example and demonstrate the courage and conscience that have made this country great.

Our nation was founded by heroic men who shunned not the struggle in order that they might pass on to us the rich heritage of democracy and religious freedom. The

responsibility now rests with us to perpetuate this freedom in our generation.

"Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow—

'Twas given you by other hands, you know.

'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,  
Yours to pass on when you no more  
need light;

For there are other feet that we must  
guide,

And other forms go marching by our  
side . . ."

America is the world's most noble defender of liberty and truth, and the cornerstone of that truth is Christianity.

"Ye shall know the *truth* and the truth shall make you *free*" (John 8:32).

"I am the way, the *truth*, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Our beloved country was founded on the conviction that it would be a nation "whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). George Washington asserted, "It is impossible to rightly govern . . . without God and the Bible."

Andrew Jackson stated, "The Bible is the Rock upon which this republic rests."

President Woodrow Wilson admitted, "I would be afraid to go forward if I did not believe that there lay at the foundation of our schooling and all our thought the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God."

Benjamin Franklin reasoned, "The longer I live, the more convincing proof I see that God governs in the affairs of men. Without Him we shall proceed no better than the builders of Babel."

Freedom's flag was planted on our shores by men who sought neither wealth nor fame but a land wherein they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. And as flags are unfurled on Independence Day, 1965, may we remember our debt to these daring men whose dedication fashioned the religious fortresses of our country.

Today the freedom of America is being threatened as it never has been before. Communism which has engulfed nearly one half of the earth's area and population now seeks with a fanatical desperation to overthrow every other government that stands for the Bible and liberty of conscience. Their leaders unabashedly say, "We will bury you." China, a nation of 700 million, lies helpless now in the grip of men who are determined to spread their evil philosophy, even if it means a nuclear war. Their same leaders plotted and precipitated the Korean war. Now they are the genius behind the present attempt to destroy South Viet Nam. Indonesia, the fifth largest nation in the world, has fallen into the communist orbit. Many nations of Africa as the result of Communist infiltration have become implacable enemies of America. Cuba, 90 miles from our shores, is now a Communist stronghold, and is busily engaged in attempting to export subversion and revolution to every nation in Latin America.

America today stands in the valley of decision. Arms and nuclear bombs have not been able to stay the forces of evil, forces which are seeking to encircle and destroy our nation. What is the answer? The answer is simple. If the church of Jesus Christ will mobilize its forces in a prayer warfare and all-out effort to evangelize these nations which are about to gravitate into the Communist camp, then the trend can be stopped. But more atomic bombs will not do it. The Peace Corps cannot do it. Propaganda will not do it. Foreign aid will not be able to stay the spirit of Communism. Only a great united God-anointed crusade to reach the nations with the gospel will save America and the liberty she prizes so highly. The alternative is unthinkable disaster. May the church of Jesus Christ rise to this greatest of all challenges and accomplish the task set before her. Thus will she preserve the liberties and freedom of worship for which our forefathers gladly gave their lives. ■

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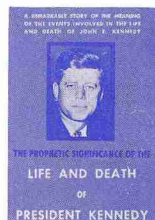
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