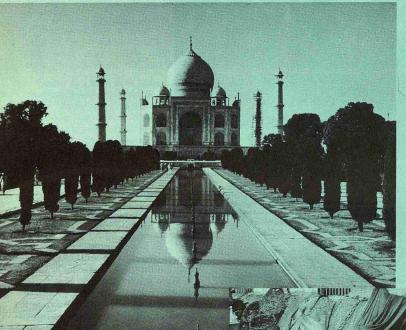
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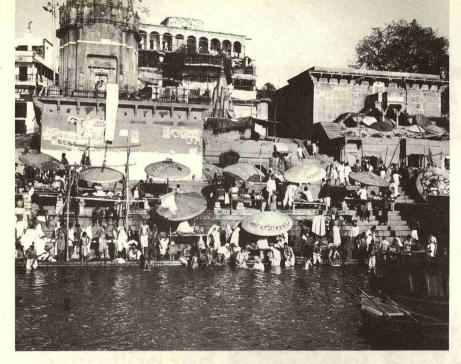


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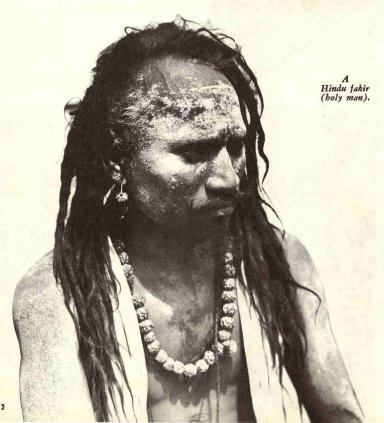
and her blight

India is a country in turmoil. She is vainly struggling to feed the 480 million people of this parched land. Riots, caused by Communism and the spectre of famine, have

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Pilgrims bathe in the Ganges River, believing that its waters are sacred and will wash away their sins.



erupted all over India. The food situation has begun to reach the critical stage. Droughts have affected much of the nation, causing a loss of 10 to 15 million tons of rice. At the same time there has been a rise of 10 million in the population.

India staggers under the strain. Her grain reserves are rapidly being depleted. The U. S. is rushing millions of tons of wheat to the relief of the Indian government. But the shipments cannot be speeded up. There are not sufficient port facilities available to unload the supplies any faster. Ships are in line awaiting their turn in the harbors. In some places serious food shortages are showing up which mean increased rationing, a curtailing of food allowances, and further belt tightening.

In addition to the disaster caused by the severe drought, India's burden is made heavier by the religious superstition and fear by which her people are bound. Over 80 per cent of the exploding population is Hindu; the remaining 20 per cent includes the religions of Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Sikhs, Zoroastrianism, Jains, and Roman Catholicism.

There are 200 million cows in India—almost half as many cows as people. Yet the cow, as well as many other animals, is sacred to Hindu belief and is allowed to roam the countryside at will, eating whatever food it desires, thus depriving the people of much-needed food.

The Hindu believes in rebirth: that his good deeds in this life will enable him to

enter a higher level of society in future lifetimes until ultimately his soul blends with the divine—Nirvana. On the other hand, his wicked deeds are punished in future lifetimes by his being reincarnated in the form of lower animal life. Therefore, animals are treated with great respect for the Hindu believes the animals may contain the spirit of his departed relatives.

India is a land of contrasts. From its southern tip in the tropics, India stretches 2,000 miles north to the snow-capped Himalayas. This vast region contains some of the world's highest mountains and broadest river valleys, sweeping plains and high plateaus bordered by dense forest and jungles.

The capital city of New Delhi is located in the northern part of the country. Other chief cities include Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad, and Bangalore.

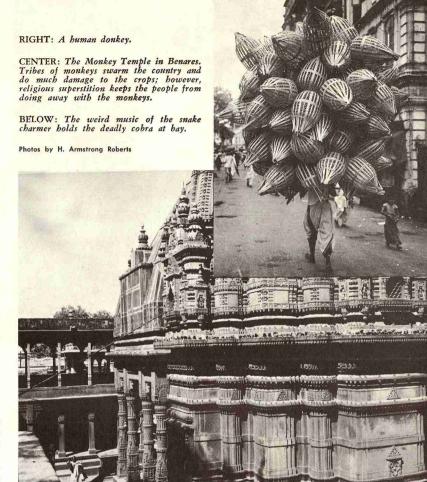
Geared to a slow pace, India is just now changing gradually from the oxcart era to the bicycle age. Customs have changed little over the years. Workers still use centuries-old methods of building in the rural areas. Skilled workers are rarely found outside the main cities. About three out of every four Indian workers are farmers and earn their living from the land.

India was granted independence from Great Britain nearly 20 years ago; thus the voting public constitutes the world's largest democracy. Her fourteen states extendover an area of 1.176,860 square miles. There are fourteen major languages; however, more than 225 different dialects are spoken.

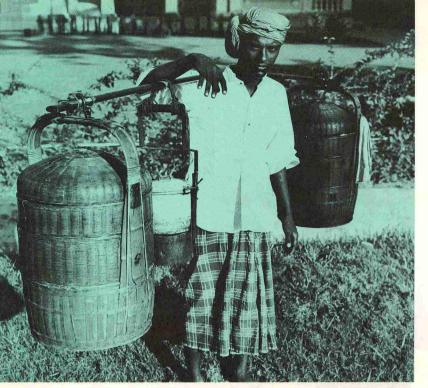
Perhaps the greatest problem which India faces is the mushrooming population. Today one out of seven people in the world is an Indian. At the present rate, by the year 2,000 her population will exceed one billion: a number that not even the United States could feed.

Communism poses a continual threat. In northern India there is the fear of renewed invasion by the Red Chinese, who have already seized 14,500 square miles of Indian territory. To the east and west lies Pakistan and the problems which this country presents.

This is India... where caste discrimination is forbidden by law but has not as yet been defeated in practice; where superstition suppresses progress; where heathen religions reign in ignorance; where Communism is gaining ground in a nation of have-nots; where the name of Christ is seldom heard. Will you pray for India?







India's Only Hope

CALCUTTA, a city of six million, has been the scene of recent violence and mob riots. Railroad rolling stock was attacked and set on fire. Police cordons drove back the mobs. Shots were fired and exchanged. Many were killed or wounded. The great city was placed under martial law.

This was the situation which I faced during my recent overseas trip to visit the various mission fields in which our program is operating. While in Bangkok the news reached me of the riots in Calcutta—my next scheduled stop.

No flights had been landing in Calcutta. KLM said bravely that they hoped to get through, but passengers were taking a chance. They might have to stay at the terminal all night. No reservations had been made to Hyderabad. Apparently telegraph service had been interrupted. I told them that if the plane left, I would certainly go. Fortunately the pilot elected to make the trip, and some two hours later we came in over Calcutta, a great city, but one of travail and human misery.

Upon landing, I found that the situation was very serious. People could not leave the airport. Many had been killed or wounded in riots. There was a tight curfew over the city. I was told that we had better plan to stay at the airport all night—a most unpleasant prospect for one who had

been traveling almost continually and who had obligations awaiting him on the morrow.

Finally we were told that those who wished to take a chance could board the convoy of buses. A heavily armed police detachment would escort the convoy into town. I decided I would be one who would take the convoy. Twice the police stopped at barricades that had been set up at dangerous points. Officers got out and flourished flashlights and guns, looking for rioters who might be in ambush along the way. None appeared, however, and apparently the mob had satisfied themselves with their acts of destruction.

But nothing has been settled in India. Nothing has happened that we could see that could stay the spectre of famine that is beginning to pass over this land like the shadow of a great eclipse. The mobs cry, "Give us rice, or shoot us." Young street urchins suffering with malnutrition are seen everywhere on the streets of Calcutta.

India can still be reached with the gospel, but what we do we must do in haste. If the economy goes to pieces, then Red China will fall upon the carcass and take it over as she did in Tibet.

Hyderabad—Great City of Central

The next day I took a flight to Hyderabad, where I was met by Dr. Devananda Rao and his family. I was soon to learn that Dr. Rao is a person of remarkable abilities. Men of such initiative are rare in that country, but our brother is a man of great vision and energy. He has organized a band of fifty evangelists and pastors who are engaged in a concerted effort to reach the large area of which Hyderabad is the center.

We conferred on the literature program. Already printed in Telugu, the main language of central India, are the following books: Prayer that Moves Mountains, 50,000; Is Jesus the Son of God?, 50,000; Is the Bible the Word of God?, 25,000. Other books now authorized for printing are: 27 Signs of the Soon Coming of Christ, 10,000; The Way to Eternal Life, 10,000; How to Become a Successful Christian, 10,000; and Life After Death, 10,000.

In addition, books are being printed in Tamil, the language of the Madras area. We are also shipping 13,000 books in English to Dr. Rao, since a large number of the upper classes are able to read English.

20 Bicycles for Evangelists

Twenty trained and eager young ministers are now ready to evangelize central India. But much time is lost walking from one village to another. Too, these preachers can carry only a limited number of books on their backs. The solution is the

From Gordon Lindsay's recent visit to India comes this gripping first-hand report of conditions in that suffering land.

bicycle, which can carry him from village to village four times as rapidly as walking and at the same time he can carry a large number of books.

Due to a favorable national exchange, while I was in India the bicycles were available at less than two thirds of their regular price, costing only \$43 instead of the usual \$71. I told Dr. Rao to go ahead and buy the bicycles, in faith be lieving that some of our Christian friends would be willing to help us purchase bicycles to speed the gospel throughout India.

It is estimated that there are 500,000 villages in India. As I wanted to see a truly hinterland village, I accepted Dr. Rao's invitation to accompany him on a trip to some jungle villages. About 30 miles out of the city we came to a turnoff road where we were to meet the oxcart that would take us into the jungle. But the oxcart was not there, Dr. Rao decided to try the trail in the automobile. Beyond a doubt it was the worst road I have ever traveled. In fact, it is likely that this was the only time an automobile ever traveled it. We drove through gullies, stream beds, sand, rice paddies, open fields, all the time avoiding chuck holes and deep ruts as best we could. Sometimes the sand was so deep we had to get out and push.

At one time many wild beasts roamed the country. Man-eating tigers are by no means unheard of in the jungles. On occasion they have inspired great fear among the villagers. But we saw none. The government is rapidly clearing the land to use it for agriculture, and the wild animals are inclined to retreat farther and farther into the jungle.

We paused at one village to pass out gospel books to the inhabitants. After prayer with the people, we continued on. The sun was low in the west, and still we had not reached our destination.

The area became more and more primitive as we proceeded. No modern conveniences exist in any of the villages. One could not tell by general appearance that the country was any different than in the days of Abraham.

The famine which is stalking the land is caused by the protracted drought, spelling disaster for the natives. They depend on the rice they grow for their very existence, but rice must have much water. Without it the plant dies. We saw field after field completely dead. The famished cattle and goats had eaten the last blade of green.

How can these poor people save the rice fields that mean life or death to them? There is only one way. They dig a well; the water is brought up by means of a long rope. Who pulls the rope over the pulley? Sometimes an ox or water buffalo is used, but one family we saw was too poor to have an ox. Three women walked along pulling up the water, one bucket at a time. Imagine watering a thirsty rice field one bucket at a time, and each bucket taking the sweat of three small Indian women. The man could not assist them because he was emptying the buckets each time into the ditch that carried the water to the field.

At last as dusk settled over the land, we came to our destination: a village of about 4,000 people. considerably larger than the average Indian village. Everything was exceedingly primitive—no lights, no electricity, no modern conveniences of any kind. Despite their extreme poverty, the people maintained their class distinctions—the caste system that has so cursed India. At the extreme end of the village are the "untouchables." One would think that such poverty would have driven them to a

mutual program of sympathy and self-help. But no, the upper classes in the top bracket of squalor remain separate from the untouchables

The Christians showed me a piece of property which has been purchased where they plan to build a church with the help of Native Church Crusade funds. Then we began the evening service. Many of the people had a mark on their foreheads which shows that they are Mohammedans. I spoke to them of Christ, the world's Saviour. I told them that long ago the apostle Thomas had brought the gospel to India, and that we were following in his footsteps.

How great is the need of India! Nothing but heroic measures can reach this nation of nearly half a billion. We must employ mass methods. India has had a few large campaigns, but the government is not in favor of them and often has denied the evangelist a future permit to enter the country. Mass literature programs working in cooperation with trained native evangelists seem the only answer to reaching the people in large numbers and in a way that will not rouse the antagonism of petty government officials who are prone to use their power to stop Christian meetings conducted by foreigners. Such a program is now in operation in Central India under the leadership of Dr. Rao and through the generosity of friends in America.

Some have sent money to buy food for the people of India. But \$50 million would only buy food for one day for the nearly 500 million inhabitants (three meals at five cents each). Our only hope for India is to give the Bread of Life provided by Christ which "if any man eat he shall live forever."

After the service I stepped away from the feeble light provided for the service into the darkness of the village. The stars shone like sparkling pearls in the clear skies and with a brilliance I have rarely seen. Far to the south was the Southern Cross which can only be viewed near or south of the equator, a fitting symbol of hope for a great nation travailing in the darkness of heathenism. May God help us to provide that hope for India.

How were we to get out of the jungle? I was told that two of the Christians in the village were to go with us as guides. With unerring instinct they led us through the fields, the rice paddies, eluding danger here, a sand hazard there, always choosing the right trail. At last we broke out of the

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We Are Meeting the Challenge of India through ...



Buildings

Two beadhunters, now converted to Christ, stand with Dr. Rao. One is the leader of 20 villages who accepted Christ several years ago when national preachers took the gospel to those jungle valleys; he is now the pastor in that area.

In December of 1961, national pastor S. B. Daniel, a converted Hindu Brahman, wrote to our office applying for assistance in building a place of worship at Aruntati Nagar. In January, 1962, a sponsor was assigned to this project, thus launching the Native Church Crusade in India.

Since that time the Native Church Crusade has worked through sixteen missionaries and national workers to assist some 45 churches to completion in India.

The gospel is first brought into the villages by a native evangelist. As God is made real to the people, souls are saved, and the nucleus of a church is formed. Then each Sunday, the believers must gather under a big tree or in one of their crowded huts to worship their Saviour.

As soon as the Christians are able to collect enough money to buy a piece of land, they put up a thatched shed. This type of building, however, presents a real fire hazard as many times enemies of the gospel set fire to these temporaary shelters. Project No. 737 in Suryanaranapuram was a case where the Native Church Crusade helped the Christians after their church made of bamboo and leaves had been burned to the ground. They are now happy indeed to be able to worship in their beautiful and solidly constructed building.

To build a simple church in the jungle villages is not an easy task. Material has to be brought from a distance. Doors and windows have to be carried on bullock carts over rough and rutted roads—where there are roads. When the road ends, these materials must be carried over hills and valleys in jungle areas.

In spite of hardships, the believers are encouraged to labor and sacrifice knowing that a Christian in a far-away land has cared enough to help them build a church for the glory of God.







Books are eagerly received and read by India's youth. Over 50,000 copies of the Telugu edition of this book, JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, have already been printed and distributed.



Books

"India is rapidly become literate. Many countries, primarily America, are helping a lot in this vital program of education. Communist Russia is producing attractive books and is sending them to India for these newly literate people, wherein the devil transforms himself into an angel of peace, prosperity, and friendship instead of persecution, slavery, and death. This is a big challenge for the Christian Church in India!" So writes Dr. Devananda Rao, representative in India for the Native Literature Crusade.

Dr. Rao goes on to say: "We have started printing the informative booklet, Twenty-five Reasons Why the Bible Is the Word of God in the Telugu language. I am sure this will bring tens of thousands of readers to the understanding and belief that the Bible is the Word of God. We need your prayers as we plan very wide distribution of this particular book, which is an edition of 25,000 copies."

Altogether, 165,000 books have been authorized for printing in Telugu, which is spoken by 38 million people and ranks second among the languages of India. Dr. Rao is supervising this distribution through his 50 evangelistic crusade centers in the state of Andhra, 50 full-time workers, and with the help of 300 other evangelists, pastors, secretaries, teachers, and others who are cooperating in these literature campaigns.

Books are also being printed in Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, and Marathi.

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).



Bicycles

Twenty national ministers are now reaching many new villages in a quicker way than before by means of the new bicycles which have been presented to them through the Winning the Nations Crusade.

In March of this year when Gordon Lindsay was in India, Dr. Rao talked to him about the handicap under which the evangelists were laboring. Walking was their only means of transportation, and the workers had to go from village to village, carrying on their heads or backs a load of the books which they were distributing. If they had bicycles, however, they would be able to go from place to place more quickly, and carry the bundles of literature more easily on the bicycles.

To ride rather than walk many miles would also save the evangelist's energy in order that he might be a more effective and powerful witness as he preaches the Word of God. In addition, the bicycle enhances the worker's prestige, and he gains the attention and respect of the villagers more readily.

Full advantage must be made of every minute and every means must be used to speed the light of God's Word to India's darkened land. Thus, Rev. Lindsay promised Dr. Rao that Christian friends in America would provide the bicycles to help carry the gospel and reach the unreached in hundreds of more villages.

These Indian workers are so happy . . . and grateful . . . for this simple mode of transportation which will expand their ministry and double their efforts to hasten the good news of the gospel to the people of India.



Bible Teaching

Statesmen, educators, and leaders throughout the world are discussing and debating the future of India. Yet, while politicians pound their conference tables, the clouds of Communism hang low over the nation; the pain of hunger gnaws at the people; and the multiplied gods of her pagan religions offer no hope for her misery.

India's only hope can be found in the light of God's Word. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isa. 9:2).

The Word, preached in the power of the Spirit, gives new life. The Word of God delivers from superstition and witchcraft. The Word of God dispels fear. The Word of God destroys the demon forces which bind the people.

As the truth of God's Word is made real, believers learn to look to God for healing. Many testimonies of divine healing are received from the churches which have been helped by the Native Church Crusade. One mother says, "My child was suffering from leprosy. The disease has now left her and new flesh is on her body." On one occasion a woman who had been bitten by a cobra was very near death. The native evangelist prayed for her and God healed her. Others have been delivered from demon possession through the power of the Holy Ghost.

As the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is revealed through God's Word, new Christians receive and are empowered to be strong witnesses in their community; the Holy Spirit enables them to deal with the forces of demonism surrounding them; He enables them to stand steadfastly for their Saviour in the face of great hardships.

Truly, the Word of God holds the answer for India, for "The entrance of thy words giveth light..." (Psa. 119:130).

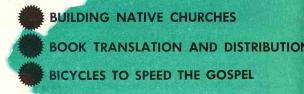
Dupad, India: This deserving congregation has worked hard to bring their new church this far along. With the help of a sponsor, they can roof their church and begin worship in it immediately.

Vijayawada, India: Construction is well underway on this new church. The believers are now meeting in a thatched shed, and will be exceedingly grateful for help which will enable them to complete their church.



Nellikakuzy, India: Last monsoon the storm blew the roof off this church. The believers replaced it with palm leaves, the only material which they could afford. Before the next monsoon, which is fast approaching, they need to have the roof tiled.

You Can Help India...





Palni, India: A famous temple, which is dedicated to one of the most feared of the Hindu gods, sits on a high hill just outside of town. As a result, people come to Palni daily with sacrifices of various kinds. The only other church in this town of 25,000 is the Roman Catholic. The Christians are eager to complete their building and be able to reach the Hindus in their area.



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Of Grave Clothes

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By Gordon Lindsay

God has not promised a Christian that he will not have trials, but He has promised victory over them. The story of the miracle of Christ's raising Lazarus from the dead is one that will challenge your faith to believe God for the impossible. Bethany, a city about two miles from Jerusalem, was the scene of one of the greatest miracles of Christ: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The story is a powerful one and a mighty lesson on the power of faith.

Jesus had a very close relationship with Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Their home provided Him with a retreat from the multitude. There at Bethany He enjoyed the company of kindred spirits and especially of Mary whose tender devotion and understanding of His mission was perhaps unequalled by any other person of that time. As their home was situated just a short distance from Jerusalem, it was convenient for Jesus, after He had spent a long day ministering in the temple, to go there and partake of their generous hospitality.

One day there came to the peaceful abode the shadow of a dark cloud. Lazarus, their brother, was stricken with one of those malignant fevers of the East which pursues its course so swiftly. Before they knew it, their brother was at the very point of death. And here is a lesson for all of us. God has not promised a Christian that he will not have trials or troubles, but He has promised victory over them. Although the family of Lazarus was very close to Jesus, death itself was to knock at their door.

The sisters saw that if anything was to be done for their brother it must be done quickly. In their extremity one thought instinctively entered their minds: If only their beloved friend Jesus were there—He would heal their brother.

A messenger was summoned and sent to where Jesus was preaching beyond the Jordan. That was all that could be done for the present. The sisters returned to the sickbed to give Larazus such aid as was possible. But they noted with much alarm symptoms indicating a rapid decline in the patient. Yet they could not hope for Jesus to return for at least a couple of days, for He was far away in the Perian hills. Anxiously the sisters counted off the minutes and hours that must elapse before the earliest possibility of Jesus' return to Bethany.

The message that the sisters sent was touching in its brevity and simplicity. They made no request; they did not ask Him to hasten. They simply said, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." There was a calmness and serenity that is admirable. There is no purpose in getting panicstricken when trouble comes. The sisters did not give way to uncontrollable feelings or useless lamentations. They had lived close enough to Jesus that they had peace of soul when the storm arose. How different it is with those who have given no care to spiritual things! When the critical hour comes, they have no support, and they are swallowed up in their calamity.

At last the messenger arrived at the place where Jesus was and gave Him the message. Jesus listened and then replied, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Jesus knew the end from the beginning, that Lazarus perhaps even then had died. But He knew

also that faith could stay the power of death.

The courier receiving this message from Jesus, thrilled with hope, turned about to speed his way back to carry the good news to the sisters. But by the time he returned, the message he bore brought no joy. Lazarus was dead. To all appearances Jesus' word had failed. Although Mary and Martha wanted to believe Him, the cold hard facts of harsh reality stared them in the face. They knew that Jesus loved them; yet they could hardly understand His apparent neglect.

The story of Lazarus carries an important message for all who seek deliverance. Not always is healing instantaneous. There may be a delay. Faith demands a committal that looks not at conditions. ner at symptoms, but only at the promise. How were Mary and Martha to interpret Christ's confident message that the sickness would not be fatal? There was the horrible temptation to fear that somehow they had been deceived. Thoughts like that must have passed through their minds as they kept the lonely vigil of death. In those dark hours of desolation, they little realized the great joy that would soon be theirs.

In the meantime, preparations for the funeral had to be made. The mourners came, and the rites of purification were observed. The winding sheet was wrapped around the body of the deceased. The weeping and wailing began, and finally the procession began to move slowly to the family sepulchre. The body was laid away, and the last act of love was completed. The funeral services over, Mary and Martha went back to their home.

But what had happened to Jesus? There was a purpose in the delay, as we soon shall see. All the time Lazarus had been in the Saviour's thoughts. Yet he tarried beyond Jordan for two more days. Christ, who is the resurrection and the life and the grim reaper's appointments. Death must bow before His appointment!

Still there was a clue to Jesus' delay. Jesus was already dead. If Christ were to demonstrate His power over death, then it would be best to wait until corruption set in beyond all doubt. Therefore, He did not return until Lazarus had been dead a full four days.

So it was on the third day after Jesus received the message that He told His disciples that He was returning to Bethany. He said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, but I go that I may awake him out of sleep." The disciples were still innocent of what had really happened, and they replied, "Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well."

Now it became necessary to tell the disciples plainly that Lazarus had died.

This was startling news. Notice how people are true to type. Thomas, a good man, but inclined to look on the dark side of things said, "Let us go also that we may die with him." That was the best that poor Thomas had to offer. So it is that we have good people today who cannot look beyond the gloom into the realms where faith prevails. God wants us to look beyond conditions and circumstances to God's mighty promise of deliverance.

Finally after two more days Jesus and His disciples reached the city of Bethany. Mary was quietly in her house lost in her sorrow. Martha, however, received word of His approach and went out to meet Him. She could not understand the disaster that had come, and she spoke to him almost reproachfully:

"Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee" (John 11: 21-22). The word "even now" indicates, however, that she had not quite abandoned all hope. Down deep in her heart was a secret hope that she dared not put into words, that somehow the impossible might take place.

Jesus always spoke faith. He said, "Thy brother shall rise again." If He had said "live again" she would have had hope. But He said "rise again." To her that meant that he would rise on the resurrection day. That was a real hope, but it was far away. Then Jesus made His great promise that He was the resurrection and the life.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26).

The words, "Believest thou this?" were a challenge to Martha's faith. They are a challenge to the faith of all the sick and the suffering, that the resurrection power will go through their bodies.

Martha did not get the full significance of all that Jesus said, but she did show her faith in Jesus by saying, "Yea Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God that should come into the world."

She made her confession. This is what God wants every one who needs healing to do. Confess faith. Confess Christ's power to heal. Confess the healing that He has promised to give you.

Having made her confession, Martha went back to inform her sister Mary of Jesus' arrival and that He had asked for her. Mary went out immediately to meet Jesus. Mary was more impassioned than her sister and fell at Jesus' feet weeping and said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Mary's emo-

tion was more intense, and she spoke only a few words before abandoning herself to anguish.

Jesus looked down at this bundle of love and misery and beholding the piteous spectacle, realized that words could not console the bereaved. Himself shaking with emotion, He could only say, "Where have ye laid him?" Someone answered, "Come and see," and they followed Jesus as the silent tears flowed down His cheeks.

The company that had gathered at Bethany were not all friendly to Jesus. There were spies in the midst watching to see what would happen and to report all to the Sanhedrin. But while this dramatic scene was unfolding, no one was leaving the place. There were those present with questions, just as we have them today. They said, "Could not this man who had opened the eyes of the blind have caused that even this man should not have died?" Jesus heard their remarks, and His soul again shook with emotion. The great motivating force of Christ's healing ministry is His compassion for those who are in trouble and sorrow. Again and again we are told that Jesus looked upon the multitude and had compassion on them. And so He will have compassion today. He will have compassion on you.

When the company reached the tomb, Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." The practical Martha made an objection. Four days had gone by, and she had a feeling that the spirit had forever departed from the body. She had a certain delicacy that the body of her brother, now beginning to decompose, should not be revealed to public gaze. So she would persuade Jesus not to disclose the ghastly spectacle.

But the Lord reminded her of His promise, "Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Faith enters realms beyond those of human reason. And Martha, quietly rebuked, had no more to say. Then they rolled the stone away from the tomb. That was an act of faith. Faith is an act; faith acts when the result seems impossible.

Then He lifted up His eyes and gave thanks to God. even while Lazarus was in the tomb. Christ knew that God had heard Him even before the miracle took place

"Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 11:41-42).

You, too, are to thank God for your deliverance before the natural eye sees it. Your Scriptural eye must see it first. That is what faith is. It is not really faith at all,

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THE MARCH OF PROPHECY

The New Demon LSD

A new chemical called LSD comes near to the demon drug used by Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in Robert Louis Stevenson's famous classic. Largely unknown until a few months ago, this hallucionogenic drug has become a national obsession. The reactions it causes to the victims resembles the most terrifying forms of demon possession.

Former Harvard psychologist, Timothy Leary (recently fired), is one of its prominent sponsors. Day by day new horrors of this drug are being revealed. A child accidentally swallowed an LSD sugar cube and was hysterical for six days. A medical student under its influence killed his mother-in-law with a kitchen knife. LSD is apparently destined to take a star role in the barbituates that are already causing 3,000 deaths a year.

The lure of LSD seems to be that it induces fantasies. Under its influence people imagine they are on a "trip," as one person said, "Taking LSD is more enriching than going to Europe." Medical authorities declare that the drug produces mental distortions resembling schizophrenia. The evidence is that it can and does cause permanent brain damage.

The Flying Saucer Sightings

The "flying saucer" sightings of the 1966 season are off to a spectacular start. From one coast to another literally hundreds of people report seeing strange objects in the skies. The objects are shaped somewhat on the order of a football. In many cases they are ringed with lights of various colors, and they glow in the darkness like phosphorous.

The most spectacular sightings were in Michigan. At Hillsdale the unidentified flying objects were seen by 87 coeds of Hillsdale college, as well as a dozen policemen and scores of other persons.

Since 1947 the Air Force's "Project Blue Book" has checked over 10,000 sightings of mysterious objects. While many can be explained from natural causes, in at least 648 instances the sightings defied explanation. The idea that the "flying saucers" have come from another planet has been fairly well exploded. The evidence is very strong that they have a psychic origin and are the manifestation of sinister powers, akin to spiritualism. The visitors talk about coming to earth to save the race from atomic destruction. Nothing is said about Christ's redemption. Several books have been written by individuals who have gone out into the desert and claimed to have made contact with professed planetary Messiahs. Concerning this, Jesus warned in Matthew 24:26-27:

"Wherefore if they say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall the coming of the Son of man be."

Brilliant Meteor Lights in the Heavens

On April 25, a brilliant meteor flashed across the sky illuminating the heavens from the Carolinas to Toronto, Canada. Moving in a heavily populated area, it was seen by thousands of people. Thousands of phone calls reached authorities. Some thought it was a flaming plane; others, a flying saucer. Its speed was estimated at 126,000 miles an hour.

A meteor is not an unusual object in the heavens; although one of this size is. During the great and terrible day of the Lord a meteorite will fall to earth as large as a mountain, and it will affect one third of the earth (Rev. 8:2-9).

Communist Foreign Minister Gromyko Has Audience with Pope Paul VI

The Russian foreign minister Andrei Gromyko late in March had an audience with the pope. The interview lasted for 45 minutes and indicated some kind of understanding between the Catholic and Communist worlds. Even a few years ago a meeting would have been unthinkable. Now the two men were talking over mutual problems which concern the preservation of world peace. This amazing development certainly foreshadows the fulfillment of Revelation 17.

The Visitation at Exeter, New Hampshire

According to Look Magazine, the following incident took place in Exeter, N. H., September 3, 1965. A man named Norman Muscarello was hitchhiking on Route 150 just across the Massachusetts line. About 2 A.M. he suddenly saw a huge object

come out of the sky, brilliantly illuminated with red lights outlined on its rim. The spectral object maneuvered around, then backed away. Frightened Muscarello managed to get a ride with some motorists who took him to the Exeter police station. The officers, impressed with his story, sent a policeman with him back to the scene of the sighting. As they probed around, suddenly the unearthly visitor appeared, rising behind some pines. Soundlessly the object came toward them. The officer radioed the Exeter station, telling them that he saw the thing himself. Its movements were erratic and defied all conventional aerodynamic patterns.

By the next evening the Exeter police station had received numerous phone calls from people reporting the appearance of this mysterious aerial visitor. So many leads came in that it was impossible to follow up each one. However, more than 60 people were extensively questioned.

As yet the mystery still remains unsolved. One thing is certain, however; collusion, hoax, or mistaken identity by so many people is highly improbable.

The Party at the Smithsonian

Congressman H. R. Gross complained in a house speech about "transparent" dresses, "body stockings," and "gyrating dances" going on in Washington, D. C. He expressed great shock about these affairs (U.S. News and World Report, May 23, 1966). He said. "I don't think with a war going on and the problems the government has to face that the president of the United States, his family, or the vice president ought to spend time dancing until three in the morning ... I was amazed and shocked with Rev. Moyers doing the Watusi and Frug, and one woman sent home to get dressed because she was half naked." Mr. Gross referred to Bill D. Movers, special assistant to the president. Mr. Moyers was previously an ordained minister in the Baptist Church.

The woman referred to was a Mrs. Rudolph Carter, wife of a state department official. Her gown was described as practically transparent. She had to be told to go home and change into other clothes. Mr. Gross described the whole affair as belonging to a burlesque show.

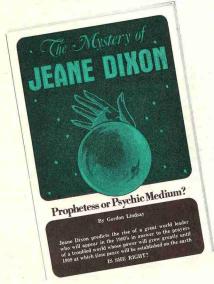
The Southern Baptist Convention has taken a very strong stand against this incident. E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, writes, "This editor is quite opposed to dancing and he does not justify the Smithsonian incident in any measure."



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OUR READERS WRITE

Revival in Indonesia

Please excuse me for not writing to you until today, but since September 30, 1965, our country has been in a state of war against the rebellion of the Indonesian Communist Party. Six of our generals were assassinated, but the rebellion was crushed.

Twice the Indonesian Communist Party has rebelled, but both attempts have failed. Now the Communists have been arrested, and the Indonesian Communist Party has been dissolved and proclaimed as an illegal party in Indonesia.

If the Communists had won, all clergymen would have been killed, including me. But praise the Lord, He still protects His servants and His churches in Indonesia. We are sure that as long as the Holy Spirit remains among us, Indonesia will never be a Communist country.

Our government compels the people to embrace religion. They can choose between Moslem or Christian. We are asked by the government to give religious instruction at school. Now both the mosques and churches are filled. The field is white.

On March 3, 1966, we held a baptismal service where 169 people were baptized. It was the first time in my 25 years of ministry that I witnessed so many souls hungry for the Word of God. Every Sunday I am excited as I see people overflowing our church with many standing outside or sitting in the yard. We have opened twelve new Sunday schools with a total of more than 2,000 children.

Pastor Joe Tjien Gwan Tamanggung, Indonesia

The Walk in the Spirit—"An Exciting Reality"

The sound, fundamental and well presented format of your Bible studies has been a blessing to me personally. I have been freely able to recommend your work to many who are searching for a deeper walk with the Lord and are looking into the Gifts of the Spirit with new interest. This area also has been made real in my own life as the Holy Spirit has subjectively made the walk in the Spirit an exciting reality.

Ella M. Reynolds Chadds Ford, Pa.

William Branham . . . Why?

In reading the February issue of *The Voice of Healing*, I was deeply grieved by the sudden death of our beloved brother, William Branham. My mind went back four years to my own beloved sons, Haikaz and Hrand, who met a similar accident and

were instantly killed. The same question was raised by all who knew them. WHY? Why did God do this? They were heart and soul in His service. They were still so young—the eldest not yet 30 and the younger not yet 20. Some thought, "So this is the end of the Lord's work." Even I thought so, but God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."

We can now look back over these four years and see what God has done. He has raised up over a dozen fine Spirit-filled young boys who are on fire for the Lord. and they have all dedicated their life to Him. At the time of the accident we were in a small basement hall, which was damp and full of mosquitoes. God has brought us out now to a large and lofty building, plus He has given us three other churches, two in Tehran districts and one in Julfa Isfahan. Though we are sad that our dear brother is not here in this world with us, we know that he is with Jesus, and God is surely going to raise several Branhams.

A. G. Catchatoor Tehran, Iran

(Editor's Note: The body of William Branham was held in a sealed casket until Mrs. Branham had recovered sufficiently to attend the services. The memorial services of the beloved evangelist were held during the Easter Season. Mrs. Branham and her daughter have now recovered from the injuries sustained in the accident and express their appreciation for the prayers of friends in their behalf.)

"I'm Proud of My Part!"

I am thrilled to be a sponsor of the Native Church Crusade. I think it is the most wonderful thing that has ever been done in missionary work. It saves what has been done in winning the heathen to Christ. I will always be proud of my little part in this wonderful work.

Mrs. John R. Simms Corpus Christi, Texas

For a number of years I have been impressed to contribute regularly and systematically to The Voice of Healing program. It has not been a large contribution, but it has been one given as unto God and always with prayer asking His approval and blessing. It is a privilege to be even a small part of this program. I have found that it is not how much we do but with what attitude it is done and in complete obedience to the Lord.

Mrs. W. H. Faulk III Tallahassee, Fla.

INDIA'S ONLY HOPE . . .

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jungle on to the open road, twelve miles from the village.

With that the men got out of the car, shook hands with us, wished us farewell, and then turned back into the shadows of the jungle. "Where are they going?" I asked. I was told they were returning to their village twelve miles away. To keep us from getting lost they had come with us to show us the way. Now all through the night they must walk to reach their homes. That is how grateful they were that an American should take an interest in their remote village and should preach to them the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The following morning Dr. Rao talked to me further about the situation in India. Dr. Rao is one of the most influential Christian men in India. Not only does he know the governor of the state of Andhra quite well, but he and his wife had a personal interview with Nehru in 1962 at the time of the Chinese-Indian conflict when Red China invaded India.

Dr. Rao stated that the prime minister was very sad. Nehru had been known as a strong advocate of China's peaceful intentions, and had insisted that the U. S. had not dealt fairly with the Reds. It seemed inconceivable that the Communists would betray Nehru's confidence by invading his country and thus making him a laughing stock of the world for his naivete. He was now reduced to the humiliating position of asking the U. S. for military aid. He had to learn the hard way that Communism spawned from the pit knows but one way of life. It is a system of betrayal, treachery, and violence.

Nehru in his conversation with Dr. Rao divulged that he had been bitterly disillusioned by the Communists. He had gone out of his way to sell the world on the idea that China was to be trusted. In return for his confidence, the Chinese had struck him a low blow. Only timely aid from America enabled the Indian army to halt the advance of the Chinese Reds. While Mr. Nehru talked with Dr. Rao, Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter and present prime minister of India, entertained Mrs. Rao. Nehru seemed a broken man. Dr. Rao felt that China's perfidy was the event that hastened his death.

It is evident that India as a whole has changed her opinion of Mao. All of those with whom I talked seem convinced that it is only a matter of time until the Chinese Reds, whose appetite for conquest and plunder can never be satisfied, will invade India again at the opportune moment. It is a common saying that India has been spared in World Wars I and II, but

that she will be caught in the fury of World War III.

In the afternoon Dr. Rao took me to the airport where I would board a plane to continue my missionary journey. The time in Hyderabad had passed only too swiftly, but I had learned much. The chief thing I saw in India was that a tremendous task awaits us, and there is little time to do it. As my plane passed over the thousands of villages of India, a feeling of great urgency came over me.

OF GRAVE CLOTHES AND GLORY . .

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after the deliverance takes place. Faith is only faith when the natural eye does not see the answer.

Then raising His voice in divine authority Jesus cried, "Lazarus, come forth." When He had spoken, suddenly a ghost-like figure was seen to move in the darkness of the sepulchre. Swathed in bandages and grave clothes like a spectre, a figure came staggering out of the darkness of the tomb.

"Loose him and let him go," was the command of the one who had the power over life and death. And they removed the clothes that had bound him. The face was not livid or ghastly but that of a young man glowing in health and destined, according to a traditional account, to live thirty years more.

They removed the grave clothes from Lazarus. There are some who have been healed, but they have the grave clothes still on them. They are bound still by habits, by fears, by oppressions. They have heard the voice of Christ, commanding their deliverance, but they still live partly in the tomb of their fears.

Listen to the voice of Christ. Remove the grave clothes and put on the armor of God that you may withstand all the attacks of the enemy. Put on the beautiful garments of salvation and healing.

It was the miracle that brought the joy and the glory. Some say that they are sick for the glory of God. But God did not receive any glory when Lazarus was sick, nor when he died. Indeed his death only caused doubts. The glory came when Lazarus was delivered from sickness and death. Do not think that God gets glory out of your sickness. Christ's body was broken for your body, and by His stripes you are healed. God gets glory out of seeing His promises fulfilled in the lives of men, not seeing them fail.

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