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## **THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST -- OCTOBER 1958**

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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." --  
(Heb. 12:14)

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and  
may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

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**CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**  
By Glenn Griffith

"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God  
the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be  
multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was  
needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith  
which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 1-3) "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed  
about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so  
easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1)

Jude really stirred the Devil. After he had preached this message to the people they found  
him in a cave over in the East Indies, shot through with arrows. "That you should earnestly contend  
for the faith." Not a faith but the faith. Not twice delivered but once delivered to the saints. It is  
like a vial of serum, from the hand of the doctor for a certain disease, that he has carefully and  
conscientiously and confidently placed in that person's hand once and said, "Take this to the victim  
and administer to him his need."

Away back there in the early morning of this old universe when Abraham was called the father of faith, and the people were scattered without any particular leader after the antediluvians were drowned and God had spared Noah, Abraham was called to leave his flocks, his country and his folks and go into a land that God would show him. God said, "I will make thee a blessing and I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee." "If you are able to number the stars of the sky and the sands of the sea, then you can count the number of the seed that you shall bear and be called the father of the faithful."

He brought together the people and God gave him the seed of faith, that as far as old time salvation is concerned, pertained to us. I have thought a good many times what it would have meant if Abraham had failed in that moment way back there. God just gave them the faith once and from that time until now, God only knows how many times that flickering light, that serum of love, the only cure for sin, has flickered and burned down like embers on an altar. Nobody knows how many times that vial of serum was almost denatured and adulterated by personalities and preachers and generations of people but there was always somebody, always a remnant that God had who kept that faith that was once delivered unto the saints, and made footprints on the sands of time.

Why did he call them saints? It was because they kept the faith regardless of persecution. You can read about them amid the fires of persecution with wonder and encouragement and they will give you something within you that will stir you up and you will say, "My God, what's the matter with me in this hour in which I live?"

Think of brother Abraham, no one will ever know how he was tested to see whether God could trust him with that faith. After God had given him that little boy -- a miraculous thing it was. Abraham was old enough to pass beyond the time of generation and his wife, the Bible says, was as good as dead. Brother this is a miraculous religion that you and I are enjoying, it is not on the ordinary human level. That's why I love it. This salvation can take a fellow off the scrap heap. It can take a drunkard and take all the appetite for drink and smoke and cuss and gamble out of him and stand him out there, an astonishment to the world! And they don't know who he was born and neither does he, but he knows he is born of God! Even after God had given Abraham that child of promise, it looked like He was going to take him from him.

But in that ordeal, He planted in Abraham the seed of faith and gave him an insight into the Infinite. He gave him an insight of the love and power and majesty of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Brother, it was not just an old imputed something, it was planted deep in his soul until anything and everything could happen but he could not get away from it. And he didn't want to get away from it. God give us some salvation like that now. It is not a mental assent to a doctrine, it is not just a theoretical conception of God or a figure of speech. Brother, it is an implanted seed of faith that makes a man live on and on and on. We weren't born for this world. If you have this salvation, God has injected into your moral plasma the seed of everlasting fruitage that will bring forth in its fullness on the other side. Hallelujah! Guard it. Protect. Fight for it. Contend for it. Lose everything for it!

Abraham started with that boy. It began one morning in family worship, God said, "Abraham, I want you to take Isaac up on Mt. Moriah and offer him for a sacrifice. I haven't been able to read where Abraham ever questioned. He could have said, "Lord, you just gave him to me

as a miracle, why take him away? But he didn't question. He had the servants to saddle up the mules and started on the journey across the plains and over toward the distant heights for the offering. Finally he said, "We've got to have some wood." And Isaac cut the wood and then carried it when they left the servant boys down there at the camp. Alone, the father and son started up the mountain.

I'm talking about the testing of that faith. Abraham was just as human as I am or you are. I can't help but believe that little Isaac put his little finger in Abraham's big hand, and with the load of wood on his shoulder, the wood on which he would be stretched, and looking up into his father's face, said, "father, we have the wood and the fire, but where is the sacrifice?" I wonder if Abraham didn't have trouble with his Adam's apple about that time. I wouldn't have known how to answer him. But Abraham said, "God will provide the sacrifice." I'm not talking about feeling, I'm talking about faith. His step never halted but on toward the mountain top he went. Up there on that mountain top amid the sage brush and the Greasewood they threw down the wood and put a few stones together for an altar, and Abraham, with the cords that had bound the wood, tied his boy. I believe this was a type of the Gethsemane picture of Jesus Christ when He walked in there and left His three chosen friends and they went to sleep while He went a little farther and fell on his face. I think Abraham, way back there in the beginning of faith was pointing forward to that testing time for the Son of God in the garden of Gethsemane. When Abraham had stretched his boy on that altar he took the knife from his tunic and drew back but God caught his hand. Oh, brother, God knows the intent of our heart. God knows when we are sincere. God knows when our testimony is just a little froth and just a few idle words. It's easy to make a lot of braggadocio. Don't you think that I don't believe in running the aisles and shouting. I do it myself sometimes. We need more of it. But I tell you we need some folks back there in the gap. God knows when we mean it and when we give our all to him.

Think of Abraham with his boy stretched on the altar, and never a word of retraction. God knew the mind of Abraham. He knew the heart throbs of Abraham. He knew that Isaac was as much dead in the mind of Abraham as if the knife had penetrated his little heart and spilled out his life's blood. God said, stop, Abraham. And about that time there was a rustle in the thicket. God answers that faith when He knows we mean it. When the Holy Ghost sees our motives and knows there is no pulling back, there is a rustle out there in the leaves. Abraham looked and there was a ram caught in the bushes. No ram ever got hung like that before. God hung him that time. In that moment of trial in your life or the time of mighty trial in your local church when things are the darkest and all hell is turned loose and the light almost flickered out but you held on and then God came! Nobody will ever know all of Abraham's burden or how near that serum for the human race came to being lost but, thank God, it didn't die out. God is saying today, "I want you to contend for the faith."

Then there was old Noah who was moved with fear and by faith built an ark. When the judgments were threatening and the flood was coming on he had faith enough to be afraid of things yet not seen. Thank God, he went into a city and built himself a church before he had a congregation. Hallelujah! He said, "I think God wants to do something here and he built his house and then said, "Everybody come on." And everybody that went in were saved. Only eight got in. It only lacked eight of being snuffed out, but eight kept the faith a burning.

The world didn't think much about that boy in the basket among the bulrushes, but God knew he was to be a prophet. Hallelujah! And Providence so surrounded him that his mother became his nurse and the king's house became his nourishing table, and the universities of Egypt became his school room. But one day, when he came to his own, something surged within him and he realized that there was different blood in his veins than flowed in the veins of the Egyptians and something awakened within him. There came a time in his life when he said, "I'd rather suffer affliction with the people of God." "The Israelites are my people. I know I was schooled in the universities of Egypt and reared in the king's house but I am not of Pharaoh's house. "That crowd with sweating, bleeding backs out yonder in the lime pits making bricks without straw, is my crowd." Then out there in the desert, by the bush that burned and was not consumed, God called him and said, "I have seen the afflictions of my people and I have heard their groanings and I have come down to deliver them." "Come now, and I will send you into Egypt." Brother, Moses never started until the fiery baptism of the burning bush burned out every bit of carnality and burned out the university and the Egyptian ambition until he had rather suffer the afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Hallelujah!

I'm talking about that spark of faith, that something that God plants in the soul. Faith is the victory. Faith is holiness. It isn't a worked up, thrilled up something until you can shed a crocodile tear. No, it is something that will make you move when nobody else moves. It is that something that makes you willing to suffer when everybody else walks out. It is something within you that makes you face the battle when everything else within you is trying to run. It is that thing that holds you steady when everybody is shouting, "Escape; save your live; run, save your reputation." There is something in there that is planted deeper than the fear of man and deeper than the ambition for personal gain. When that is planted in you, that hope of glory, then you will stand and you'll not do it unless you are sanctified wholly. Jude is not talking to regenerated people. He said to "Them that are sanctified." You are the preserver of the seed of God. You are the preserver of the faith. He never gave it to an unregenerate or an unsanctified church. God never sent an unsanctified church out. Away with your once in grace, always in grace. God knows they must be born again but brother, he never gave them a commission until they were sanctified wholly in the upper room.

The unregenerate and liberal crowd wrecked the church and turned the thing into a play party and the house of God into a place of selling of pigeons. They changed it from a house of prayer into a house of feasting. They have lost the desire to keep the body under and would rather feast and entertain self than to sacrifice self. The worldly crowd are sitting down in the day time and fanning themselves with the fan of ease. The book says "They sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." When the man of God came down from the mountain with the shine of obedience on his face, he heard the clatter of dishes and the laughter of ribaldry in the camp and he said to his friend Joshua, "It is not the cry of war." Oh, brother this thing we hear about in the modern church, the programs, and crusades and the building of four hundred thousand dollar cathedrals. They have the money and the talent and everything you can conceive of except the Holy Ghost.

It is not the cry of men that are ready to do battle for God. No. It is a different sound. It is the sound of relaxation and of a drunken orgy. It is the sound of something trivial and the sound of a dance. Moses could see the nudity of the camp for they danced themselves naked and they circled around the calf of gold that they had made. God never gave those people gold that they might consume it upon themselves. He had them bring it out of Egypt that He might make sockets for the

pillars of His tabernacle in the wilderness and to overlay the beautiful altar where His shekinah glory would come. But they had perverted the gold. That's what many are doing today. They are perverting the silver and gold while they refuse to cry and make their offerings. They bedeck themselves with all the glamour and dance to the tune of idols.

Aaron said, "we threw this gold into the fire and this calf jumped out." Golden calf jumping. What a lie! He was caught in the thing. Aaron had fallen to the place where he minded the people and their ambition and their selfishness. The reason faith has failed in the fires of persecution is because the prophet is afraid of the people. They have lost their message. Old Sister Proud heart and old Brother Money Bags and the old church board run the church. The preachers are afraid of the people that support them and are afraid they might lose their reputation and not get moved to a bigger church than they had. Even though Aaron had failed the fire never went out. Why? Because there was a man who had just come down from the hilltop where he had looked upon God. God had shed His glory on him. Moses came down and looked the situation over and God whispered in his ear and said, "get out of the way, it is time to eliminate the whole business, I'll kill ever last man, woman, boy and girl and every beast and every animal and everything that they possess." "Get out of the way Moses." But on his knees Moses plead with God. Humanity consecrated -- No! Humanity filled with the faith of the eternal God.

Moses on his knees with the flickering light of the great faith that was to light your path and mine, plead with God. If it had not been for Jesus Christ throwing Himself before the roaring torrents of God's wrath this world would have been gone before now. And Moses, the anti-type of Jesus Christ threw himself in the gap and said, "Oh God, after all that you have done for this people don't blot them out now. You brought them out of Egypt and across the wilderness and up to this river Jordan where we can see the land and smell the flowers and the pomegranates and the fig trees. Oh, God, here we are. Won't the devil love this. No he is not going to laugh at us, he is going to laugh at God. They will accuse you of letting them die in the wilderness. You will not let them die." And on and on he prayed. "Oh God I know they have sinned an awful sin but if you don't forgive --" and then he lost words to express it. Look in the Bible and you will see. Remember that verse in the New Testament that says the Holy Ghost will make intercession for us with groanings. Have you ever come to the place in your prayer life where you just couldn't express in words, what you felt in your heart? About all you could say was "Oh God, Oh God." And the Holy Ghost took that groan and took that message and that heart throb and that burden and that moaning and went up to the throne of God and made intercession with groanings that could not be uttered. I believe the Holy Ghost took that little dash or comma in that awful moment when faith was about to die. Moses could have let them go but he didn't. He said, if not, blot my name out. My God, get after me, Jesus! He made an atonement. What is an atonement? It is an at-one-ment with God. One stands in the gap and suffers for things he is not guilty of. He suffers for another that he might free him and appease the wrath and satisfy the justice of God. Only Jesus could atone for the race but He wants us to stand in the gap of intercessory prayer.

You talk about old time religion in the Bible Missionary Church and all the rest of these precious bodies of people across the country. It's not the name of a church that's going to bring the victory. It's not a certain group. It is that burden.

It is that seed of faith. It is that inculcated something of the nature of God that won't let loose but clings when the world is on fire and when faith is about to die out, and the experiences of the infinite have become commonplace. Many come to the altar and profess everything under the sun and get nothing. They don't stay there long enough to get victory through the blood. It is in that moment when God is counting on people to stay in there and say, "My God, save this generation of men and women." "Oh, God, if you have to blot out my name, save this soul."

Contending for the faith. There are lots of folks that will take the sword like Simon Peter. Plenty of them will take the sword and strike against somebody that would say something against this book or against the Sabbath day, or against some old fashioned standards. The motive in there may be kind, but oh, the weapons are not the weapons that God expects you and me to use. You can't show me a place in there but what the one that kept the spark of faith going and the light of God burning was the one who gave. He was the one that paid the price. He was the one that took the arrows of a despicable world that hated God and buried them in His heart. He took them all and carried them to His cross of crucifixion. There God looked upon the travail of His soul and was satisfied. That is the victory. I don't care what else we stand for. I don't care what else we preach or anything else, if you aren't dying you aren't living. If you can't groan you can't shout. If you can't weep for God you can't laugh for God. This thing is more than just a holding of standards. This is something that consumes the soul. I tell you beloved, I wish I could bare my soul to you. I get so sick and tired of folks quibbling over those things anyhow. If you get out where the bullets are flying and guns are blazing where the flashing steel of the sword of battle is waving and the shield of faith is all that is holding you, brother, you'll forget about all these things. You'll get out there beyond them. You'll not go into the battle without the full armour of God. You'll be dressed properly. If you aren't you'll never get out there. I don't want to quit emphasizing standards but I want you to be an intercessor with a throbbing heart.

Simon Peter was protecting Jesus but Jesus said, "Get behind me Satan. Put up your sword. You don't know what kingdom you are of. You've got to be baptized with this common salvation until you will die with me. I'm not asking for an army of sword and spears. I'm asking for some men that will die." -- (To be Continued Next Issue)

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"History shows there never has been a church or movement that has retained its original purity, simplicity and power longer than one generation -- about forty or forty-five years." -- B. T. Roberts

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EDITORIAL  
By Spencer Johnson

THE RADICALNESS OF HOLINESS

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:9) Webster's Dictionary defines the word radical as "Pertaining to the root or origin; fundamental; original underived: extreme."

Holiness in God is original and underived. In man, holiness is derived from God and strikes directly at the sin principle, the root of all man's trouble. In the fall, man plunged to the extreme depths of sin. Strong measures had to be taken to deal with the double nature of sin. The Lamb of God had to come and shed His blood to take away the sin of the world.

Fallen man is in such a state of total depravity that only a radical and fundamental experience of holiness can effect the change that is necessary to restore in him the image of God. The weak and shallow methods of the compromising religionists do not meet the need of poor, warped, and twisted, sin-cursed, humanity. Only the Lion of the tribe of Judah is able to deal the death blow to the old man and eradicate the root of bitterness in the soul. The people of God, through the ages, have been dubbed, by their critics, as extremists. In a very true sense everyone is an extremist. If one does not believe that Christ, through the merits of His shed blood, can deliver from both inward and outward sin, then he is an extremist for sin and the Devil. He believes that the Devil has done something to man that God cannot undo. If one believes that God is omnipotent and that Christ can save from all sin then he is an extremist for God and righteousness. The plain teachings of the Bible is that the devil got man into trouble but that Christ the mighty conqueror is abundantly able to get him out by regenerating and sanctifying and keeping him holy in this world, thus preparing him for holy habitation in the world to come.

Many who profess holiness today are living below the level of a truly justified experience. By regeneration the Almighty Saviour recreates the soul in righteousness. He turns the tide of his feelings, thoughts and actions, which were hellward, heavenward. "He breaks the power of canceled sin." Regeneration is a wonderful and radical change of character. The regenerated man is so revolutionized that he hates what he once loved and loves what he once hated. He is a new creature. Regeneration makes the thief honest, the liar truthful, the drunkard sober, the murderer harmless, the adulterer clean and the crooked straight. Regeneration enables one by the grace of God not to commit sin. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." (I John 3:9) The love of the world is gone in the radical change of regeneration. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:" (I John 5:4) Worldly amusements, dress, parties, shows, television, adornment, language and deportment is all left behind when one is truly converted. It is equivalent to telling a down right lie to profess salvation when one is still held in the grip of these things. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4)

After regeneration, the radical work of holiness is needed. The work of cleansing is not completed in the regenerated. The roots of sin remain after regeneration. Sinful propensities, appetites, feelings and tendencies are still there. They are subdued and held down by Divine grace; but they continually struggle to regain the control they once had. The New Man has come in and put the old man in chains but he is not dead and he constantly strives to regain the mastery. The result is an endless warfare within. The dragon of sin in the heart is stunned and bruised and partially paralyzed but he continues to writhe, hiss and threaten. What regenerated person who reads these words has not felt the risings of sinful passions and desires since the hour of his spiritual birth?

Who has not been conscious of a battle in his soul between righteousness and stubborn, mocking, carnality?

Must this struggle go on forever? No. A thousand times no. If the conquering Christ is permitted to have His way, He will come a second time in the power of the Holy Ghost and by the mighty radical work of sanctification burn out all sinful passions and lusts. He will crucify the old man. He will destroy and cast out the dragon of evil within and fill the soul with the peace and joy and love of Heaven. Glory!

Holiness is radical. "He is faithful and just to cleanse from all unrighteousness. Thank God! Holiness deals with the cause of the trouble. Take for example the sin of anger. I can testify today to God's marvelous deliverance. I was born with a quick, hot temper. It seemed to be ingrained in the very fiber of my soul. Under provocation I would fly into a rage and would fight and pour forth words of hate and fury like a madman. God, the Holy Ghost, wonderfully convicted me of my sins. I repented and through faith in Christ was gloriously forgiven and born again. The power of this passionate nature was broken and by His grace I could keep control under circumstances that before would have completely upset me.

But the old man was not dead. Under strong provocation I was conscious of a mighty flood of anger rising in my soul. I often felt like giving vent to my feelings by hot words and blows but I did not. By the grace of God I kept down the rising tide of carnal anger but as the little boy expressed it, "I was sitting down on the outside but I was standing up on the inside." It was a great victory to be able to do that much but there was a still greater victory.

After many struggles like this, some ending in victory and some in shameful defeat, and after some years of an up and down experience I discovered that I needed to be cleansed from inbred sin. I surrendered all to Him, took the death route and by the help of God died out to the world, the flesh and the devil. Glory to God! The blessed Holy Ghost came! He killed the old man of sin and cast him out. I can testify today to the glory of Him who washed me in His blood that I not only do not manifest carnal anger, but bless His name! I do not feel it rise any more! He has cleansed my heart from all retaliation and filled it with perfect love. Hallelujah! The blood cleanses from all sin.

Christ is able to cleanse you from all that is not morally right. Praise God for this wonderful radical experience of holiness. It will cleanse the proudest man so that he will become noted for his humility; the most impatient man, until he will become an example of calmness and sweetness. This experience will make the most selfish person a model of unselfishness. It can change the most penurious and stingy man into a liberal soul that will pour out his money for God's cause. God can take the skeptic and give him a childlike faith that will remove mountains.

Radical holiness enables one to live clean in a world of filth, victorious in a world of conflict and qualifies us earthly beings for that bright world of heaven above. It will help us to count for God and righteousness while we live here below.

The world owes much to radical holiness. Every great reformer and every great leader of every spiritual awakening in the past were radical and extreme in their stand against sin. Do not be



afraid to enter into this blessed life. Seek it eagerly. Embrace it and rejoice in it. Let everything else go that it may be yours.

"God only is the creature's home,  
Though rough and strait the road;  
Yet nothing else can satisfy  
The love that longs for God.

"The perfect way is hard to flesh,  
It is not hard to love;  
If thou weft sick for want of God,  
How swiftly wouldst thou move!

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THE ENDURANCE TEST  
By Elbert Dodd

Scripture: Matt. 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

These words were spoken by our Lord in His discourse on His coming back to this old world the second time.

If the Holy Scriptures teach any one thing, they teach that Jesus Christ the Son of God is coming back to this world the second time. In the 24th chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells us how we could know that His coming is near, and that some things would happen that His very own would have to endure. Not enjoy but endure.

The race is not to the fast runner, it is to the one that endureth. Let's notice some things Jesus said we would have to endure. First, is false doctrine--For many shall come in my name saying I am Christ and shall deceive many--Matt. 24:5 also Verse 11--"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Many are claiming to be the Son of God today, and more are claiming to be the voice of God, the voice of prophecy. This is the day in which we must try the spirit. Any, doctrine that does not coincide with God's truth is not the true doctrine of God. Paul wrote many things, but every thing he wrote lined up with the teaching of Jesus. He was inspired to write by the Holy Ghost, and it was Paul that said, try the spirits. This is a day of impressions, false theories, and false prophets. Any voice, or any impression that does not line up with God's word is not true.

Second, God's people must endure the UNREST OF THIS AGE. Political unrest, wars, rumors of wars. There are little wars, big wars, and threats of wars. Nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places, Matt. 6, 7 -- But Jesus said see that ye be not troubled. These are some of the things you must endure.

Third, Persecution -- No living person enjoys being persecuted, lied on and all that goes with persecution, but Jesus said in Matt. 24:9, 10--"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall BETRAY ONE ANOTHER and shall hate one another." We are living in that day, when friends are betraying friends. We are living in the day of misrepresentation, misinformation, misquotation, misconstruction, and misunderstanding, among God's professed holiness people. We must be careful that we are not ensnared in the wiles of the devil. These things are upon us, but we must endure them to be saved.

Last, we must endure the great falling away. In Matt. 24:12 Jesus says, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." Paul says in II Timothy 3:1-5 -- "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." Also in II Timothy 4:3, 4 -- "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they head to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth,

and shall be turned unto fables. We are living in that day of sinful pleasure, when people are wild over sports, and wild over sinful pleasures. People who profess a high state of grace will let their children play in the big football team, and they will drive hundreds of miles to see the games, also will neglect prayermeeting to see the night fight on TV--more interested in sports than things of God. Preachers will spend God's holy money for TV so they can entertain their members and themselves. The world and many professed Christians are wild over fashions, and fads. Many of the fads of today deeply offend God's sanctified people, for no sanctified man or woman appreciates any of this. But Jesus said He that endureth to the END, shall be saved.

We are in a great endurance contest, but stay true God's little flock, your Lord is coming back to bring a halt to all this. We endure these things, but shall forever enjoy the things which are to come. Jesus says, When ye see all these things then look up, your redemption draweth near.

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### TV, OR NOT TV?

Increasingly Christians are succumbing to "the fascination of the silver screen" and are installing TV sets in their homes. When TV was first introduced, many Christians affirmed that never would they allow a set in their home. Now with the passing of time, and because "others are getting them," large numbers of God's people are procuring TV sets.

Christian parents do well to give the following finding of the National Association for Better Radio and Television, their serious consideration. A survey taken by the Association found that in a single week in May, there were on early evening programs from seven TV stations: 161 murders, 60 "justifiable" homicides, 2 suicides, 192 attempted murders. 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 7 attempted lynchings, 6 dynamitings, 2 cases of arson, 2 of torture (U. S. News & World Report: June 6).

Moreover, in many cases the television set becomes a sort of family god. As correspondent Robert Muller in the British Daily Mail has said: "To us viewers the TV set has become the supreme pleasure-giver and dream inducer. Viewing has become our religion; the TV set is an altar before which we recline, mute and trusting and hopeful; our evenings are shaped into a ritual of worship." (The Flame). And as an English clergyman has written: "Television millions are being conditioned in a mass mental imagery which will increasingly affect our way of life. There is a near worship of favorite personalities which makes the golden calf of Aaron mere chicken-feed." -- The Prairie Overcomer

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### THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT

By Dr. T. M. Anderson

QUESTION: -- Do you think that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will change the teaching of the present Christian doctrine?

ANSWER: -- The present Christian doctrine as I believe it cannot be changed by the Revised Standard Version. I do use the King James Version because I believe it to be the best translation of the original Greek. The modern Versions, including the Revised Standard, are no improvement on the King James Version. In fact, the Revised Standard Version reflects on the virgin birth of Christ. I personally believe that this Version is seriously infected with liberalism and should not be given a place in the church. This Version cannot change the present Christian doctrine because God will preserve His saving truth to the end of time. The gates of hell shall not prevail against the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

QUESTION: -- Since there was an extended drought at the time, where did the twelve barrels of water come from used in connection with Elijah's sacrifice?

ANSWER: -- Water was indeed scarce, but we must not conclude that it was so scarce that twelve barrels could not be obtained in the sacrifice. The people could not have lived without water. I think the water was used by the Prophet to symbolize the supreme sacrifice we must make to obtain the blessing of God. Did not God pour out the water of life to us when He made the supreme sacrifice on the cross ? It required great sacrifice of water and blood to redeem us. It required water and blood to recover Israel from her moral defeat.

QUESTION: -- What was the actual spiritual state of the elder brother, or the brother of the prodigal son as recorded in Luke 15:25?

ANSWER: -- I consider that the elder brother was much worse than the prodigal. He had no love for the lost son. He was utterly selfish, angry, and stubborn. But there is far more to the parable than most of us see. The elder son was the firstborn and was eligible to receive the birthright from his father. The younger son evidently knew that his brother would not share the inheritance with him. Therefore, he requested his share from his father. Now read Genesis 49 and notice that Jacob bestowed the birthright on his sons rather than to give it to Reuben, the firstborn. This reveals that the birthright was given to all Israel. But Israel was like the elder brother in the parable; she was selfish and had no love for the lost. God intended that the great truth of the Gospel should be given to the world through Israel: but instead of giving the Gospel of Christ to all mankind, the leaders in Israel crucified the Son of God. Now Jesus is God's Firstborn and He holds the birthright of redeeming grace for all mankind. He loves the lost and is ready to share the inheritance of eternal life and love with all the sons of God.

QUESTION: -- Please differentiate these terms---"The kingdom of heaven," and "The kingdom of God."

ANSWER: -- So far as I am able to understand, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are the same in spiritual substance and meaning. The word heaven evidently refers to a place or realm of happiness. The kingdom of heaven obviously means a realm of spiritual happiness where God rules supremely. The kingdom of God means the sovereign rule of God, and the kingdom of heaven means the place where He rules in supreme power and authority. One may think of the kingdom of heaven as referring to the place and the kingdom of God as referring to the person. If the kingdom of heaven is within the heart, then the heart is the place where God rules in person.

QUESTION: -- Is AntiChrist a person or a system? If he is a person, is he living today?

ANSWER: -- Obviously AntiChrist is both a person and a system. But the Word seems to emphasize the person. "He is AntiChrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." -- I John 2:22. Paul affirms that the AntiChrist shall be revealed. ". . . That man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." (See II Thess. 1:4-8.)

It is my personal opinion that the AntiChrist will come out of communism. This evil system will produce a leader that will try to overthrow the kingdom of God and destroy every messenger of the Gospel. Such a person may be living today, but is not yet in power. It is terrible to think that some little child can become the son of perdition who opposes all that is called God, or that is worshipped.

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### BLESSED HOPE

O glorious hope of His coming again,  
That shines like the radiance of morn,  
Above the earth's darkness, its tumult and pain,  
When daybreak the hilltops adorn.

There's never a gladness on earth we may know  
Surpassing Christ's coming so bright;  
There's never a sadness, a sorrow or woe,  
Can form an eclipse o'er its light.

How vain then, to live for the temporal things  
That last for a brief, little while,  
Forgetting the years that eternity brings  
For the pleasures Of sin that beguile.

Yet surely, ah, surely, the years' rolling tide  
Brings closer and closer the day,  
When Christ shall appear to His purified Bride,  
And silently catch her away.

Our Saviour and Lord, Who ascended above  
To prepare us a wonderful place,  
Shall "come in like manner" for hearts filled with love;  
For those who are saved by His grace.

Dear Master, we welcome Thy glorious return  
That's closer each day than before;  
Oh, may we be ready Thy call to discern

To dwell in Thy house evermore!

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## CHURCH NEWS

### STAFFORD, KANSAS

September 5, 1958. A couple months ago Brother and Sister Hunt, our pastors at St. Louis, Mo., spent a night with some friends near Stafford, Kansas. As a result a hungry group of people attended the Bible Missionary Camp Meeting at Rolla, Mo.

Within a few days after their return to Stafford, I had a call saying we have a building rented, chairs bought, have already had service, and we want to have a revival and start a Bible Missionary Church. W. E. Carlton had some time and came and started the revival on August 8th. God wonderfully met from the first service and the altar was occupied night after night. I visited in the second week and was very favorably impressed. Brother Carlton ran the meeting until August 18 when he had other duties calling on his District. I continued the meeting through Thursday the 21st when we organized amid shouts and crying with a fine class of 15 members. This is only a starter for there are a number that because of TV sets and other matters that needed clearing did not come in when we organized but said we are one of you anyway and will soon be on the roll. Brother Tommy Korb and wife were present the night we organized and continued the meeting through the next Wednesday night and supplied through August 31st. Rev. A. W. Glover, from Berkley Springs. W. Va. was called as pastor and is to be on the field by September 7. Pray for this fine group of "old-fashioned" holy people at Stafford. -- L. P. Roberts, Dist. Mod.

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### LOUISIANA-SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE AND CAMP

The Second District Conference of the Louisiana-South Texas District convened June sixth and seventh at the new District Camp Ground at DeRidder, La. Rev. Glenn Griffith, our General Moderator, was a great blessing to all with his timely counsel and wonderful messages.

Reports showed six new churches organized through the year and several new buildings.

Rev. B. M. Loftin was re-elected District Moderator and Rev. W. A. Bruning was reelected secretary-treasurer. The new Advisory Board is made up of Rev. Silas Sanchez, Rev. A. J. Hoof, Rev. Earl Wheeler. Mr. Neal Owens, Mr. Daniel Edwards, and Mr. Wilton Robideaux.

The camp meeting, which began Friday night the sixth and ran through the fifteenth, was owned of God from the first service. Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Elbert Dodd, Rev. Arthur Morgan, and Troy and Margaret Cook were mightily used of God throughout the camp. Finances came easily and great altar services were the order of the day.

Through the help of God and the cooperation of God's people we were able to build two dormitories, a dining hall and kitchen, two bath houses, two worker's cabins, and tabernacle fifty by one hundred feet, of welded pipe construction. Plans are made for further expansion this year. -- Reporter

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#### ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

A Home Mission Campaign will be held at St. Petersburg, Florida, Nov. 30 through Dec. 14th. The workers will be Rev. Glenn Griffith, Evangelist and Melvin and Corrine Le Crone, singers. For further information write: Mr. R. D. Poe, 3690- 24th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida. Everybody Welcome.

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#### RECOMMENDATION

Rev. Harold Cranston of North Branch, Michigan has entered the evangelistic field. Brother Cranston is a good preacher and will hold longer meetings if a church so desires. He will be a blessing to any church or camp. He is a genuine in his evangelism. -- Glenn Griffith.

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#### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

On July 29th, 1958 the East Central District of the Bible Missionary Church came into being. The pastors, evangelists and lay delegates from the Bible Missionary Churches of North Carolina met at the High Point Church where Brother C. C. Brown is pastor, and with Brother Elbert Dodd as Moderator, the first District Conference convened. From the very opening season of prayer that morning until the close of the evangelistic service that night, God's presence was sensed in a most unusual way. Brother Dodd was at his best. In every message he preached, as well as throughout the business sessions, Divine anointing was upon him. Everyone seemed to be of one mind and one accord and the perfect harmony that prevailed was indeed beautiful. Those who were present shall not soon forget the sweet, holy awe that settled down upon the ordination service when Brother H. C. Kiser, pastor of the Kannapolis Church was ordained. The atmosphere was akin to heaven. Things of time receded into oblivion as the light of God's glory flooded the place and the saints wept and shouted in "camp meeting style."

Brother E. T. Harris was elected District Moderator. Brother James Anderson is the secretary and treasurer. A camp meeting board was elected and we look forward to our first camp next summer. The Bible Missionary Church in North Carolina is moving onward and upward under the leadership of the blessed Holy Ghost. We lift our hearts in gratitude and praise for all He has done and is doing for us here in the grand old Tarheel State. -- Mrs. C. H. Taylor, Reporter



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## NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The second Northwest District Conference was held at Mid Way Camp grounds between Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho, July 2. 1958. Rev. Glenn Griffith, General Moderator, presided at the conference. Again we enjoyed Brother Griffith's great preaching and the wonderful singing of Troy and Margaret Cook.

Eight churches and three home missions were represented at the conference. The feeling of determination to build the blaze higher and start new blazes where ever possible could be felt among the representatives of these churches.

Brother A. L. Turner, pastor of our mother church was re-elected as District Moderator with a good vote. Brother Turner is sincerely appreciated by the members of the Northwest Conference. Lowell L. Foster was re-elected District Secretary and Dale Chappel was re-elected District Treasurer. Members of the District Advisory Board elected were: Ministers, E. J. Wilson, Carl Kinzler, and George E. Roberts. Laymen, Clyde Dilly, Challen Watson, and E. H. Barker.

The Conference voted to build District owned cabins on the camp grounds at Mid-Way. On Sunday afternoon Brother Griffith took an offering for this purpose. In a few minutes time, \$3000.00 was pledged.

We are determined as a conference to press the battle against the forces of darkness, realizing the lateness of the hour and our responsibility to this blind age. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58)

In a wonderful service Sunday afternoon, Brother Griffith ordained Perry Thomas and Don Bowman as Elders in the Bible Missionary Church. -- Lowell Foster, Reporter

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## RECOMMENDATION

This is to recommend Rev. Wilton Beck, Route 3, Box 150-A, High Point, N. C.. to our people as an evangelist. He is a member of the Bible Missionary Church at High Point, N. C. and is an Elder in our church. He is a good preacher and deeply spiritual man. God blesses his ministry with revivals. He is an old fashioned rugged gospel preacher. Brother Beck is commissioned by the East Central District Conference. -- Elbert Dodd, General Moderator.

TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

At the close of a meeting conducted by Rev. Auxford Meyers, District Moderator of the South Eastern District, Brother Meyers organized the Bible Missionary Church in Tullahoma. Rev. C. E. Spry was called as pastor.

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## THE CHILDREN'S HOME

It was my privilege to preach for the camp meeting at the Children's home, Beulah Heights, Ky.

Beulah Heights is owned and operated by the Bible Missionary Church. There is not one movie house or one television set within the city limits of this village. Thank God! Mr. M. H. Meek is the manager of the home and I might say, the mayor of the City. Brother J. C. Gomilla is assistant to every department of this "City," and Sister Meek, Sister Gomilla, Miss Stewart, Miss Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are the other city council members, if we would rate this village a city, but rather, they are all workers together for God in this great work of the caring for the children who might otherwise be without a home.

We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClure and their daughter Lindy were our co-laborers for the camp. They did a wonderful job in music and singing. Brother Keith Gibson is our local pastor.

People came from Missouri, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, California, West Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, New York and Michigan to visit the home and be in the camp meeting. Best of all God met with us and we had a blessed time praying people through to victory.

The visitors that came got under the load. The ladies worked in the kitchen and helped Sister Meek and Sister Gomilla in every way they could. Between services, Brother McClure acted as mechanic and repaired the truck, bus, tractor and jeep. The rest of us, dug potatoes, painted on the girls' dormitory and cleared out the basement that had fallen in and got it ready to run new blocks under it. Also the men and boys repaired the road that leads to the creek where the water pump is.

Surely, we all had a wonderful time in the Lord. We appreciate the wonderful fellowship of our people and our friends. God has entrusted this great responsibility into our hands. God has given us the finest corps of workers that could be had for any home. They are consecrated, holy, clean and spiritual people and have the burden of this work on their hearts. The manager, the pastor and all of our workers love these children and this work. Let us all pray for them all every day.

The needs of the home are many. They do not need clothes, as much as they need materials to repair the property. Brother John De Arman brought a pickup truck load of sheet rock, paint and floor tiling. We all appreciate this and the people gave liberally in the offerings but money is

needed to buy coal, 100 tons of it at \$6.50 per ton. Also, they need money to buy food stuff that they do not raise along with various other things that are needed for the home.

Let every church remember them monthly and at Christmas time. This is a home for homeless children. If you desire further information write to Mr. M. H. Meek, Beulah Heights, Kentucky. If you have made pledges to the home, send the money to the home as soon as possible. Send any freight to the home and address it to Stearns, Kentucky. -- Elbert Dodd

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#### WANTED

A lady is needed to serve as matron of the girls dormitory of the Beulah Mountain Children's Home. Any interested person is advised to write Mr. M. H. Meek, manager, Beulah Mountain Children's Home, Beulah Heights, Kentucky.

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#### TRI-STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

My heart is thrilled again and again as I relive in memory the two happy days we spent at our Tri-State District Conference at Mt. Joy Camp Ground at Entriken, Pennsylvania this summer. Our dear General Moderator, Brother Elbert Dodd, literally started our conference off like a tornado with his dynamic "Beach-head" message and our beloved District Moderator, Brother H. B. Huffman, who, after being re-elected with all but two votes from the floor, climbed to an all-time-high in his preaching power and in all of our hearts with his unforgettable "Blitz" message on the subject of "Giving Occasion for the Enemies of the Lord and the Bible Missionary Church to Blaspheme." Many of us never attended a District Conference or Assembly in our lives which could in any way compare with this one with its anointing of "love," tears," and "fire." Many of our battle-weary pastors and laymen loosened their "armour-straps" and paused at this cool oasis to catch new visions, to review the "battle-strategy" laid out for us by our envisioned leaders and to turn again their determined faces to the storm.

Naturally we were thrilled with the material progress of our district this past year, with the organization of many new Home Mission congregations, the erection of several churches and parsonages, the influx of swarms of Spirit-baptized laymen and preachers and the reports of invasions that have been made and beach-heads that have been taken, but these things as precious as they are, cannot compare with the abounding joy that possessed us as the Holy Ghost Himself swept mighty tidal waves of glory over the conference sessions and periods of intermission from the beginning moments of the conference to its close. Never have we had a greater vision, been more stirred over the lost world coupled with the waning powers of multitudes of "has-been" holiness people, nor felt more keenly that we must hurry to the harvest, because the storm is breaking and our time is short. Even the pastoral reports, many of them, would break your heart, for between the sentences, punctuated with tears of joy and shouts of triumph one could feel something of the burdens, sorrows, sacrifices, disappointments, h e a r t b r e a k s and struggles of

recent months while everyone of them was padded with courage, determination and fortitude which is unforgettable.

I cannot adequately describe the weeping, shouting, leaping, singing, exhorting and praying which broke out intermittently among our precious people in the packed tabernacle like the waves of a wind-driven sea, leaping up the shore. I looked again and again into the joy-swept faces of some of our "do-or-die" pastors with their faithful companions and I knew a little of the "sweat, blood and tears" through which they had come and as I scanned that sea of happy, tear-stained faces and felt the ecstasy of kindred spirits impregnating the very atmosphere I was breathing, I said, "It is worth it all -- it is worth it all!"

Surely no greater moment can be remember than when that fine class of precious preachers with their devoted companions, coming for ordination, bowed and wept with the glory of God laying like a blanket of fire over that hallowed spot as the realization dawned upon them that the moment toward which they had been looking and longing for years had come.

Shall we not now venture to take everyone of those precious shining faces and multiply it by the millions that have lived and died in this faith across the centuries and accelerate every holy emotion from the level of the mortal to that of immortality and lift our eyes from the dreary paths of time to the Great Assembly Hall of the "City," yonder where the "Saints come marching in" and casting one last glance back to every sorrow, every heartbreak, and every bitter cup of time and shout to the ends of eternity, "Yes, TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND --it is worth it all!"

We are already restlessly longing for the opening moments of our next District Conference as well as our General Conference which will be held next June in Wichita if Jesus tarries. We can hardly wait to gather and weep and shout together again, but perhaps a grand surprise awaits us -- who knows? Who dares to says we'll not hear the ringing of the great "Wedding Supper" bell before another June rolls by when "We which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall be ever be with the Lord." This will be the General Conference of the blood-washed toward which the Spirit-filled are pressing and for which we'll impulsively lay down every earthly burden when the bell tolls. And I am making every possible plan to attend which ever Conference should arrive first, and if we in this dark, troubled world should be so fortunate as to live to hear the invitation to the "Universal" General Conference in the clouds we want you to know that

"We'll sing and shout and dance about  
The Lamb will dry our tears,  
We'll have a grand home-coming week  
The first ten thousand years!"

-- L. S. Boardman, Reporter

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INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE PREACHER'S MEETING

November 25-27, Bible Missionary Church, 26th & Federal, Denver, Colo. Workers: Rev. Elbert Dodd and W. M. Tidwell -- Everybody Welcome! Rooms free as long as they last. For further information write: L. P. Roberts, Dist. Moderator 1915 S. Perry Way, Denver, Colo.

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#### GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Rev. and Mrs. Paul King have been called to pastor the church in Grand Rapids and are now on the field there. Pray that God will use them there.

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#### CORRECTION

In the last issue of the paper we reported that Rev. and Mrs. Carl Kinzler had accepted the call to pastor the church at Muncie, Indiana. But Brother and Sister Kinzler did not feel clear to leave Kennewick so they are staying on at Kennewick, Washington.

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#### BRITISH GUYANA

Word comes that Sister Paul Pumpelly is back from her visit to the mission field in British Guyana. She had a profitable visit and the Moyers are getting to a good start. Pray for the Moyers as they labor in this white harvest field.

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#### PROMOTED TO GLORY

[See Graphics\hdm1661a.jpg]

Rev. H. B. McBurney passed to his eternal reward on July 28, 1958. Brother McBurney was born in Perry, Louisiana, January 8, 1896. He served in World War I enlisting in the 133rd F. A. of the 36th Div. in Dallas, Texas at the time war was declared. He served in the capacity of Lt. in the Division of Criminal Investigation Intelligence Corps. He was saved almost fourteen years before his death. He felt the call to the ministry and served faithfully as pastor of several churches in Louisiana. He is survived by His wife, Mrs. Ima Swann McBurney; five daughters, Mrs. John Assunto Jr., Mrs. H. E. Watkins, Mrs. Eric J. Authement, Mrs. Gary Smith, and Miss Harriet Bell McBurney; a brother Mr. Terry D. McBurney; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Joiner and Mrs. Willa Holmes, and 12 grandchildren. At the time of his death Brother McBurney was pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Leesville, Louisiana. Brother McBurney was a sincere friend of the Bible Missionary Church. He wrote one of the Sunday School lessons for the first quarter of Sunday School literature that was published by the Bible Missionary Church. He was an

enthusiastic supporter of the camp meeting at DeRidder, La. He was a true man of God who had principles that transcended denominational lines. He was an uncompromising preacher of the Word of God. He had a deep love for God and a compassion for the souls of men. Funeral service was conducted in The First Church of the Nazarene, Lake Charles, La. by Rev. Paul Pitts, assisted by Rev. V. Dan Perryman and Rev. B. M. Loftin.

Editor's note: Brother McBurney was a true friend and soldier of the cross. We shall miss him down here but we look forward to meeting him inside the Eastern gates in that City of Delight where our faith is lost in sight. Please remember to hold the McBurney family up in prayer.

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#### WEDDING BELLS

Brother Glenn Reiff and Miss Nell Thornton were married at Pulaski, Virginia on August 15th. Brother Glenn Reiff is one of our missionaries from Guatemala. He has been serving there with his father and mother Rev. and Mrs. Dennis H. Reiff. Brother Glenn Reiff and his good wife will be returning to Guatemala before long to serve as missionaries for the Bible Missionary Church. They hold their local church membership in the church at Wichita, Kansas. If there are those who would like to write them you may address them, 754 Pattie, Wichita, Kansas. Pray for them that God will make them a blessing and supply all their needs as they go to labour for Him in the worthy cause of missions.

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#### GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

Rev. E. D. Hudson has accepted the call to pastor the church at Grand Junction. He is now on the field and getting to a good start in the work there. If you have friends you would like for him to call on write him General Delivery.

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#### DURANGO, COLO.

Rev. O. D. Tweedy has accepted the call to pastor the church at Durango. He is already on the field and getting to a good start.

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#### WYMORE, NEBRASKA

Brother Tommy Korb is in a meeting at Wymore.

Editor's note: I just learned that Brother Tommy Korb was married on February 10th to Miss Margaret McCutchons. My sincere apologies for not knowing this sooner. May God bless them.

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#### MICHIGAN-WISCONSIN CAMP AND CONFERENCE

August 13th marked the opening of the second annual conference of the Michigan-Wisconsin District at West Branch, Michigan. Rev. Paul Drummond was re-elected District Moderator. Brother Drummond has faithfully labored and he and his good wife have endeared themselves to the people. We praise God for such leadership. Our beloved leader, Rev. Glenn Griffith conducted the business of the conference and was camp evangelist, preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Troy and Margaret Cook were in charge of the music. Brother Cook sang the glory down and the saints were blessed and shouts rolled while hungry souls sought and found victory at the altar. A wonderful spirit of giving was on the camp as the people responded to the appeal to do more to reach lost souls. There was much prayer and fasting throughout the camp by the faithful warriors of the cross. A great number of folk were saved and many were sanctified. We praise God. The attendance increased so that it became necessary for us to enlarge our borders. Let us pray more for greater victories. -- Rev & Mrs. L. V. Gibson, Reporters

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#### RECOMMENDATION

This is to recommend Rev. Quenton (Tony) Bane, R. D. 4, Washington, Penna. to our people as an evangelist. Brother Bane is a good preacher and will be a blessing to any church. Give him a call. -- Glenn Griffith.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bible Missionary Book Store has changed its address from 2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado to P. O. Box 7615, Denver 15, Colo. Please note this change, it will expedite matters in ordering your supplies.

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#### RECOMMENDATION

David and June Chaffin, St. Louis, Michigan, Evangelist and singers. They are good spiritual young people who hold to the standard of the church. David has been preaching since he was 16 years of age, with good success in revival services. They sing well together. They are solid and dependable young people. -- Paul Drummond, Dist. Mod.

## INTER-MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE AND CAMP

The Inter-Mountain Conference and Camp was held in the beautiful Indian Hills of Colorado June 17-29. Brother Elbert Dodd was the presiding Moderator for the Conference. The stirring and challenging messages of Brother Dodd were unexcelled, and his wonderful spirit manifested was one of true holiness. Brother L. P. Roberts was elected District Moderator, and gave a good report of progress on the District with several new churches organized.

God gave a gracious outpouring in the camp which followed the Conference. The workers were some of the best. Brother H. B. Huffman and Brother Elmer Michael preached without fear or favor to man and Troy and Margaret Cook sang the glory down. The Cook children were also a great blessing as they sang. Many services there was no preaching as the Holy Ghost moved in. Many prayed through to victory, especially to receiving the blessing of holiness.

The mountain atmosphere was cold and accompanied with rain at times, but the spiritual atmosphere was warmed by the fire of the Holy Ghost and the tent was filled night after night in spite of the weather. God came and there was need of nothing else. Praise God for old-fashioned holiness camps where there is no program but God's, and where no one is "set" down for shouting or testifying. May these fires continue to burn on this District until next year's camp, and may it be even greater.

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## ROME SHAKES HANDS WITH MOSCOW

The keystone photograph of Hungary's Roman Catholic Archbishop Grosz greeting Nikita Krushchev with a hearty handshake and a smile in Budapest during the Soviet leader's visit, is hard to reconcile with the Vatican's professed hatred of Communism.

It is said that the Hungarians were aghast when Krushchev was received in audience by the Queen of England in 1956. What they must now think of the "murderer" of Hungarians would be worth knowing. Those British statesmen who foolishly pander to the propaganda of Rome have clearly forgotten the grim lesson of history. Long before Mintoff acted so strangely about Malta, the Church of Rome had ruined his chances of integration with Britain. No wonder the Archbishop of Canterbury complained about the intolerance of Rome in Malta's religious life! --The Flame

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## HOLINESS CONVENTION

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

November 11 - 13

Hear such speakers as: H. E. Schmul, Elbert Dodd, H. C. VanWormer, Glenn Griffith and others. For information write: Rev. Wayne States, 399 S. Mentor, Pasadena, Calif.



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[See Graphics\hdm1661b.jpg under which picture in the printed edition the following paragraph appeared:] The Monjas congregation celebrating the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the new church. Five years of constant labor were spent before the first soul was saved, but now, the three hundred seating capacity of the church is not sufficient for special occasions. The Sunday School attendance averages between 160 and 180 and often passes 200. The tall American standing in the left is our missionary, Brother D. H. Reiff.

## SISTER DENNIS H. REIFF WRITES FROM GUATEMALA

We have been praying definitely for a revival in Guatemala. We realize the great need of a genuine revival among the evangelical people. God has given us some such stirrings among our congregations, not as much as we hope to see yet, but at least there is that moving of the Spirit.

Recently I was invited to be one of the speakers for a women's convention of another mission. I felt it was God's will to accept, so on Friday, August 8, just after dinner, we started out in the new station wagon, six women besides myself, and Dennis. It was about a fifty mile drive, but the road was in pretty good condition, so we made it in just a little over three hours. So much of the road was like that nice "straight" road we brought you folks out from the capital on that time. From the very first, God was moving in our midst in the Convention, and we had a glorious time. Every day there were times of melting before God, and folks on their knees, weeping their way to God. It was encouraging to hear the testimonies such as these: "My husband is a pastor, and I have been a stumbling block. I want God to forgive me, and I am going to have to go home and ask my husband to forgive me." "I've claimed to be a believer for six years, but I am still living in fornication. I am going to have to go back home and get my life fixed up. I want all the folks to pray for me." "I have a store, and Sunday is my biggest business day, but I can't go on this way. I am going home to close up my store on Sunday. I must have God's blessing above everything else."

On Sunday afternoon, we were asked to accompany a group who was going to hold a street meeting down at the City Park. We had just sung two songs, had prayer, and one of the preachers started to preach, when a terrible rain storm came up. We scattered in three groups to find shelter in three different places. We were in a group in a little restaurant, the owner of which was so pleased to think we were with her, and we sang, prayed and testified. Then she told me she had been a believer, but was not faithful, and with tears in her eyes asked prayer. I don't remember if she was out to church that night, because it never let up raining most of the night, but I know she was there for all the services after that. She came to the altar all broken up, making her vows to God. I don't believe I ever saw a woman who looked more like a road house victim, but she has a never dying soul to be redeemed. She was at the church early Wednesday morning to see us off. May God bless her and help her to live a real Christian life.

The young people are doing a lot of practical work here in Jalapa. Among themselves, they organized groups to do house to house calling and evangelism, jail visitation, both in men's and women's jail, hospital visitation, other groups to bring children into Sunday School. They are very enthusiastic about it. Leta was with a group who sing, give out tracts, and evangelize folks who are going home from Sunday Market, by one of the bridges at the edge of Jalapa. During the afternoon, one of the girls was very excited because she had been able to catch a cricket in the grass. She gave it to her mother, who pulled off the legs, and rejoiced that they would now be able to make a remedy for a little neighbor boy who was suffering from kidney trouble. She said they would cook those cricket legs in barley water! Now wouldn't cricket leg soup make a delicious remedy for a kidney disease!

This week we are going to speak to a group of young folks for three different nights. We feel this is another door God has opened, and that He wants to kindle more sparks of revival fire. If God could have His way, and He could find instruments humble and consecrated to obey Him regardless of "public opinion" there would be revivals everywhere.

Lois and Carolyn surely do keep us entertained. Lois crawls everywhere now, and is into everything. it is quite a problem since everything goes to her mouth, and there is so much filth everywhere. Carolyn gets very impatient with the cook's little girls because they don't understand her. But it is surprising how they play together.

Political conditions seem to be somewhat upset again in the country and we don't know just what the future holds, but that is true the world over. May God help us to keep true and be ready when Jesus comes back again.

I forgot to tell you that on the way home from the women's meeting, we got 4 miles out of one of the towns over in the Indian section, and some way or other, got a hole punched in the gas tank, and lost a half a tank of gas. We women folk all walked into town, because I knew we could call Paul by phone and have him come after us. It was a pleasant walk, and we didn't mind it at all. In the mean time, a highway truck came along and pulled Dennis into town. Then we waited for Paul to get there, and believe it or not, that little old Jeep pulled the station wagon, loaded with women right up those steep mountain trails. Twice it looked like we would never make it, but we did.

We are all anxious for Glenn and Nell to get to the field. We would liked to have been at their wedding, but feel very satisfied about it all, because God knows best, and that is just one of a missionary's sacrifices.

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## THE REGIONS BEYOND

By G. T. Bustin

A compassionate and paramount interest in others characterized the lives of both Christ and Paul in a surpassing sense.

The call of "other cities," "other men," "other sheep," and "the regions beyond," constrained them to action. Earthly interests and cares for material things exercised no pressure in their lives. Jesus was utterly indifferent to carnal comforts and ordinary concerns of life which most men consider as essentials. Paul said, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Paul said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

The term, "The regions beyond," as used by Paul has more than a surface meaning, and implies more than merely a geographical position. It is clear, however, that its meaning does not include geographical areas. Paul was never satisfied with the areas he had taken for Christ. His objective was to go and go until every man had heard the story of his wonderful Christ. He was not interested in spending his life in one place where men had heard the Gospel over and over. He was called to be a pioneer -- planting the Gospel seed in regions where Christ had not been named. Pioneer life is never an easy one, but this meant nothing to him. Paul and the easy-going life had parted relationship for ever. This mighty hero of the cross gloried in the hard places of life, and found pleasure in infirmities and self-denials. The consuming passion of his soul was to make Christ known. He was willing to plant and to let others do the reaping. He was willing to be persecuted and let others be praised.

The "regions beyond" -- beyond the borders of civilization. Multitudes of easy-going, so-called Christians have not the slightest idea of what it is like in the uncivilized regions of earth. They are near-sighted, therefore judge the condition of the whole world by what they can see about them. If these comfort-lovers could suddenly be dropped beyond the border of civilization where real people, precious people, people for whom Christ died, are living under the most adverse conditions, these subjects of civilization would be shocked beyond words. Millions today are hungry. Other millions are cold and naked, and that because of no faults of theirs. Think of these who live and die without a stitch of clothing, without a pot or a pan in which to cook their food, without chairs, tables, or beds. Many of these yet cut their firewood with stone axes and plow their gardens with sticks. (Just the other day a man came here on the Kauapena station with a stone axe. I wanted to buy it, but seriously question the possibility of cutting wood with such an instrument. Immediately one of our boys took it from my hands and demonstrated clearly that it could be done).

The "regions beyond" -- beyond the border of light. How dark indeed are the souls of savagedom. The purpose of the Gospel is to "open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness unto light." Here little girls are sold for hogs and seashells. It matters not to whom she is sold just so the one buying her is able to bring along plenty of hogs. Many times these little ones are forced to leave their homes before they reach their teens, just because some beast, who already has several wives to slave for him, has fat hogs and big oyster shells to put in the hands of the parents and all their savage advisers. These little ones become the slaves of brutal men. Many such little girls cry themselves to sleep, run away and return to their previous homes where they are not wanted, or sometimes take their lives. Those of you who have my book, *Blazing Gospel Trails In The Jungle of New Guinea* will find the smiling face of a little girl on page 17. She was forced to go with a man who had other wives. There was nothing for her to do but go. She went, but she was found later hanging with a vine rope about her neck.

It is a common practice in this area for relatives to dig up the bones of their dead, after the flesh has rotted off, and make arrow heads from pieces of the leg and arm bones. They believe the spirits of their dead will torment them if their bones are left in the grave. For this reason they take the skulls and put them in specially constructed sheds or houses. In other areas they cook and eat their dead -- everything except the bones. The bones are later hammered into powder and eaten.

The "regions beyond" -- beyond the border of hope. The life of savagedom is one of unrelenting fear. They live in constant dread and fear of tormenting spirits, poison, sickness, and death. No one has any hope of ever seeing a loved one again after death comes. Many hours of wailing falls in the wake of death. Not one word of comfort does a savage have to offer to a sorrowing soul. They have no promise from God's Book, nor do they have a comforting note of song. In their hopeless sorrow and grief they cover their bodies with red mud, and often cut off their own fingers as an expression of sorrow and their hopelessness.

As professed followers of Christ, what are our chief interests in life ? How great is our concern for "others"? What yearning do we have for those who, in the "regions beyond," sit in the shadow of death? What self-denials do we practice ? What extraordinary efforts are we putting forth in order to give light, life and hope to those who sit in the shadow of death? What may be the results when we are called to give account for our attitude toward those in "the regions beyond"? -- From Mission Messenger

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[See Graphics\hdm1661c.jpg, which picture appeared above the following remarks:] Miss Leta Keith visiting a native Christian family. It is marvelous how the Lord can change a person. The daughter in the center, one of eleven children, is a mission grade school teacher.

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#### NEED SOME MEDICINE?

Greetings in Jesus' name from Guatemala -- a country that is continually surprising us two ways. We are very agreeably surprised at times at some advance step for the betterment of the country and people, and then again we are nearly horrified at some other happening that makes us realize that underneath the veneer of civilization we are living in a truly heathen land.

Just yesterday afternoon one of these latter occurrences took place. A group of the students went with me to a place just outside of town where we go each Sunday afternoon to sing hymns, give scripture verses, pray and give out tracts to the many folks who pass, going to and from market. While there, a mother and her little girl who had gone with us, busied themselves trying to catch a cricket that was jumping through the grass. When the mother succeeded, she proceeded to pull the back legs off, carefully wrapped them in a leaf, and threw the cricket away. Congratulating themselves on their good fortune, they then told me that the night before, some of their neighbors searched for, but were unable to find a cricket to fix some medicine for their little boy! So she was

happy to be able to take those cricket legs to them to boil in some barley water as a remedy for the little boy who is evidently suffering from a kidney disease!

Do you wonder that we need a Bible School and even the grade school to teach our young people and children the futility of their many superstitions and help them get established in righteousness and true holiness? When I look at our group of young people, my heart cries out that God will fill each of their hearts with His Spirit and send them out as flames of holy fire to carry the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to those whose hearts and minds are still darkened by sin and superstition. As a teacher in the school the responsibility is great, realizing that the 3 or 4 years that the students are here is in reality a short time. We want them to go out well prepared intellectually, but above all, prepared spiritually. Pray for our Bible School, the three graduates of this year who will be going out in the work, the teachers and each student. We feel it is one of the most important phases of the missionary work.

After nearly nine years on the field I'm still thankful for the privilege of being a missionary. The responsibility is great and the problems are many, but the recompenses are abundant and overshadow the rest. As we see the young people praying through to a definite experience of grace, developing spiritually and intellectually, we are made to realize that the Bible School pays.

This second semester I have 6 classes a day in School -- Bible Doctrines, Sunday School Administration, History of Guatemala, Introduction to Bible Study, Christian Biography, and Study of the Gospel of John; besides tonette band with the grade children. Besides these classes, I have five typing students to oversee, all of whom practice at different periods, since we have only one typewriter for student use. Also I am responsible for the dormitory girls and oversee the planning of school menus for dormitory students and national teachers. Our days are fl,11 but we are happy in the service of our King who has called us to labor for Him in this needy field.

During vacation months we will be busy with Bible classes for the children in the different outstations and material must be gotten ready for these classes. Keep us on your prayer list, that God will use us to the salvation of needy hearts. -- Leta Keith

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#### WARNING TO OUR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

We are advised that there may be persons coming around and posing as missionary representatives. Whether they are native workers or missionaries be sure and check with your District Moderator before allowing them to conduct a service or giving them support. Just because a person was once approved as a native worker does not mean that they are still with us. So please check with your moderator to see if they are in good standing in The Bible Missionary Church.

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### THE STRENGTH BY WHICH YOU STAND

It takes a lot of grit and grace  
To look your fellows in the face  
When they are tempting you to sin  
By doing what the devil's in,  
And tell them you are not for sale,  
Nor out to follow their trail,  
In spite of what they do or say,  
Or what they offer you as pay.

Deep in your heart and soul and mind  
Where all your nature is refined  
By true salvation, rich and sweet,  
You found at God's good mercy seat;  
Deep in your morals and your will  
Where there is nothing mean or ill--  
This is the strength by which you stand  
While marching through this pilgrim land.

-- Walter E. Isenhour

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