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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
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ASA EVERETTE SANNER (Nazarene)

Missouri, located in the heart of America, is truly a state of beauty. One becomes intrigued with its Ozark hills and many lakes, vast forests, and thriving cities. This land of fascination is also the birthplace of several outstanding Nazarene churchmen, namely, Rev. R. F. Heinlein, Rev. F. A. Welsh, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. G. B. Williamson, and Dr. A. E. Sanner.

The subject of this chapter, Asa Everette Sanner, was born on a farm in Macon County just before the turn of the twentieth century. His parents were of good American stock and conducted a godly household. Early in young Sanner's life the family settled at College Mound, Missouri, the home of McGee Holiness College. It was here while in his mid-teens that some Christian boy friends prayed every night for three months for "A. E." This brought about Sanner's conversion and one year later he was definitely sanctified. At sixteen years of age he answered the divine call and began preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Upon graduation from McGee Holiness College, where he had attended with D. I. Vanderpool and G. B. Williamson, Sanner launched forth in the field of pioneer evangelism. While laboring in a campaign at Bethel, a community twelve miles from Yuma, Colorado, Sanner heard about the Church of the Nazarene. The workers and converts of the Bethel revival called Rev. C. B. Widmeyer, Nazarene district superintendent from Colorado Springs, to the community church. Without hesitation Brother Widmeyer organized the Bethel Church, and that is where Sanner came into the Nazarene movement -- a most wonderful decision.

Source: "Our Pioneer Nazarenes" by C. T. Corbett

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