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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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GLENN GROSE -- (Nazarene)

On December 3, 1941, the entire Church of the Nazarene in the homeland was shocked and saddened by the cable from Africa, "Glenn Grose drowned in river near leper colony." That was all; no further details were given; and at once, all over the country Nazarenes began to recall all they could about the one who had been promoted so unexpectedly from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Since Brother Grose had been on the field only a comparatively short period at the time of his death, very naturally he was not so well-known as our older missionaries. Many knew that he was from Olivet, married and the father of a baby girl and the only white man on our Portuguese East Africa mission field after Brother Jenkins' return to America on furlough, and that was all. To augment this scanty knowledge of Brother Grose and his wife is the purpose of this chapter.

Glenn Grose was born on October 1, 1903, in Virginia, Illinois, a small city a few miles west of Springfield, Illinois. His mother was a member of the Church of Christ. When he was six years old she died, and Glenn was sent to live with his grandparents. Their godly lives made a lasting impression on their little grandson. His heart grew so hungry for a vital, living experience of salvation like theirs that the first time he ever attended a Nazarene service and heard "the way of God expounded more perfectly," (which did not occur until he was eighteen years old), he was converted and shortly thereafter was sanctified wholly and joined the Church of the Nazarene. It was some time during this period that he received his call to Africa and met a young girl, Bessie Lenore Preston, who was also a wholehearted Christian and called to Africa. The fact that they both had been clearly called to the same field before they ever met each other made a deep impression on them; in fact, instead of calling all this an interesting coincidence they called it a divine providence and the next year, 1923, they were married.

Source: "Hazarded Lives" by Edith P. Goodnow

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