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*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.*

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## "The Land of Opportunity"

Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Rev. 3:8.

Rev. George I. Straub, Supt.

### GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES

Perhaps it would be wise to make plain to the reader that for spiritual reasons we shall consider ARKANSAS to be that "Land of Opportunity" for our home missionary projects, now being launched with God giving His assistance to the humble efforts. Recently Rev. Truman Wise, Assistant Supt., Rev. Thomas E. Frantz, Editor of *The Standard*, and the writer, returned from Arkansas, where we discovered that vast areas of the plains are untouched with the doctrine of "True Holiness." Perhaps one reason for this condition is owing to the sacrifice one will have to make to carry God's message to these hungry souls scattered across the Southern plains. Truly, God hath set before us an OPEN DOOR, and we are challenged to prove our concern and love to those who have helped by opening their homes, inviting us to send ministers and evangelists their way to preach the Gospel. For some time God has been opening doors faster than we can supply workers to enter them; however, He has been providing us with good spiritual workers, for which we are grateful.

Folk are being awakened to the fact that social gatherings, church programs, and festivals fail to satisfy the emptiness of the soul, because man was created to worship God, and will never be satisfied with less than God has ordained that he should enjoy, that is, a FULL SALVATION. If our churches were to return to the methods and piety of the church of our forefathers, all America would be touched by the mighty power of God, and the American youth, now being lost in the swirling current of worldliness, would be won to Christ.

America is spoken of as "A land of churches

and Bibles," and this statement is not denied; we have been blessed as no other nation ever has been blessed. Ours is a free nation, where an individual is free to worship His God as he chooses. Laws were enacted many years ago providing for each of the four freedoms we enjoy. Under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, the door of liberty was opened to the slave.

The writer was privileged to visit the National Cemetery in southern Illinois a few weeks ago. It is a scene that we shall not soon forget. Tears filled the eyes of our ministerial party as we beheld the vast field of markers, marking the graves of so many unknown soldiers. A large monument was placed at the head of the "silent city of the dead"; it contained Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. We were made to realize the great love those soldiers had for their country, their God, and their Bible.

In these days when Communism is striving to undo all our Constitution has upheld these many years, the very life line of our nation and church is threatened; unless the church rallies to the cross, seeking out the old paths and walking in them, the future will indeed be dark for the oncoming generation. Instead of this repentance and faith in God, the modern church is but a play house, closed during the summer months so that the members can go pleasure seeking. Since Jesus has promised to be with us until the end, shall we not earnestly seek to enter this OPEN DOOR, and every OPEN DOOR presented to us. In the words of another: "We Can. We Must. We Will." Amen!



## EDITORIALS . . . . . Thomas E. Frantz

*"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chronicles 29:5.*

## A Divine "Must" of Worship

Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Associate Editor

John 4:22-24. "Ye worship ye know not what . . . God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth."

One small and seemingly insignificant word may fail to arrest our attention as we read the above familiar text of Scripture. This word is "MUST." To our knowledge this word appears only within the writings of the New Testament, and is used in the same sense here, as in John 3:7, where Jesus was instructing the Jewish ruler, Nicodemus,—concerning the new birth, the one and only way of salvation, here He said, "Ye must be born again." The thought revealed to us here is that we MUST worship God in one way, and one way only, and that is in His way, "In spirit

and in truth." Individuals who are attempting to worship God in any other way, as the common port-in-a-storm-way, are only deceiving themselves, as they are not worshipping God Almighty. It is plain that the "God of this world (Satan) has blinded their eyes" and they have been tricked into believing that all that is necessary is to simply "Do the best you can."

Man, in an unsaved, backslidden, or out-of-victory-state, is out of his element; God never purposed that man should live a dejected, dissatisfied soul, severed from the indwelling, comforting, and assuring presence of His Spirit, but rather that His place in the heart would cause him to "Rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Many testimonies would allow us to feel that salvation was very burdensome, and that the Christian life was one of constant, fearful effort to please a displeased God. Happy indeed the individual who has found a heart-felt, life-changing, soul-lifting experience of salvation, that meets every requirement of God's Word, supplies every need while in this life, and fits the soul for eternal glory. How often we hear some well-meaning one groan, "I MUST keep the commandments, I MUST go to church, or I MUST pay my tithe." Dear friend, God's plan of Bible salvation, experienced in the heart and life, brings heaven to us right here on this earth, and makes our service a delight and not a burden. Let us cease worshipping our way, and worship God's way, "In spirit and in truth." It is necessary that we eat to sustain life, but what a monotonous task it would be, if without tasting or enjoying our food, we were forced to eat our daily mea's. We drink good cool water, not to keep us alive only, but because it is delightfully refreshing. We work all day, accumulating dust and grime, but how refreshing to bathe, and don fresh clean garments. Very few men enjoy the necessity of shaving but do it for the effect, the cool, soothing, refreshing feeling of cleanliness. So we find that our lives here are much what we make them. If we have no appetite for food, the very sight of that which others enjoy, sickens us. So it is with the spiritual: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Shall we worship the Lord "In spirit and in truth?"

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## THE STANDARD PULPIT

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.*

### The Vineyard of Your Life

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Text—"I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction." Proverbs 24:30-32.

As we consider the three verses of Scripture quoted above we note the word, "slothful." In order that we may understand the remainder of the passage, let us examine the meaning of this word. According to Webster, "slothful" means: "Lazy, idle, careless." It is alarming to see how many professors of religion are lazy, idle, careless—slothful. God forbid that these words ever be applied to our holiness people.

First of all, I believe the "field" and "vineyard," here spoken about, picture our lives. "I went by the field" leads us to believe that someone is always looking at our lives. Someone is watching where we go, what we say, and how we act under certain circumstances. The words, "Watch Your Step" printed on public vehicles, should be noted by every professor.

In the second place we want to consider what this observer, who went by the field, *did not see*. Some things are conspicuous by their absence. This writer noticed that there was no grain or fruit. These things should have been there. We have every right to expect fruit from the life of one who is claiming to be a follower of Christ. It is a tragic thing to watch the life of some Christian professor and never see a burden for souls, never see any activity for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in this world. Again, he did not see a clean field (life). Fruit and grain cannot long survive in a field that is left to grow up in weeds and briars; neither will Christ abide in a heart full of sin and carelessness. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." John 15:5. Last-

ly, he did not see a single soul working in the field, or vineyard. Oh how many professors today never work at the job of winning the precious souls about them. If a man is a farmer, we expect him to till the soil; if he is a grocer, we expect him to sell some groceries. Likewise, even the unsaved expect the professor to produce some fruit after hard labor.

In the third place, we want to note what this observer *did see* as he passed the field and vineyard. He saw "thorns" and "nettles." These were elements that did not belong there. They picture to us the sins and faults that come into slothful lives. When we cease to cultivate (worship), Christ is crowded out of our lives and the briars and weeds thrive. We fall into the class of whom Jesus said, "Why cumbereth it the ground?" In the parable of the sower, Jesus compared the thorns and briars to the cares of this life.

He saw "The stone wall thereof was broken down." The wall kept out all that would destroy the grain and fruit; when one gets careless and slothful the walls of his soul collapse and the enemy comes in like a flood bringing with him all types of thorns and briars to plant there. Bless God! we can pray a wall of faith around us that the enemy will not get thru.

In this life someone is always looking on your life to see if he can find the right Christian spirit there. What does the observer see in the field of your life? Does he see thorns or briars, or does he see fruit unto life eternal?

Last of all, the one who had observed all of these sad conditions declares in verse 32, "Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction." Apparently, the brother who viewed these things had decided in his heart that he should not take that way, but have a clean field, in which would flourish the things of our God. Check over the "Vineyard of Your Life", and see what you will find there.



## THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

*"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."* Mark 16:15.

*Incorporated missionary work on the Island of Cuba. Rev. Paul H. Eversole (Bejucial, Habana, Cuba), missionary on the field. Rev. Joseph Hoffman (Elizabethville, Penna.) Missionary Treasurer.*

### SOME VIEWS OF THE MISSIONARY FIELD IN CUBA

Rev. George I. Straub, Supt.

#### GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES



A group of natives outside a native chapel

To repeat the text of our missionary message page, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," (Mark 16:15), we note that this was the last great command given by Jesus Christ before ascending into the bright blue in a cloud. Five years ago, the writer was privileged to help carry out this command, in part, in our ministry in the neglected villages of Cuba. The scene above was taken near Bejucal, Cuba, where God favored us with our first convert on the field. The people standing in front of their chapel come from a very poor village of native huts, built on government ground, near the thriving city of Bejucal. Because of their abject poverty, they receive little or no recognition from the Catholic priest, therefore they are easy to reach with the Gospel and eager to know the Christ. Rev. Paul Eversole, our missionary on the field there, made his way to this village with a burning passion for those steeped in heathenism and idolatry. Folk gathered along the hillside to hear the message of the American missionary. Many stood spell-bound as they heard the "good news" of the Gospel, and especially were they glad to hear that "Jesus loves the broken-hearted, He'll set you

free." God undertook and answered prayer after Rev. Eversole spent many sleepless nights praying and interceding for a church building in that community; today the church, as shown in the picture, has been erected in the midst of this needy field. The church is very unique and stands as a lighthouse, along the hillside, inviting the lost to come to Christ. We covet the prayers of God's people that these poor ignorant people may know what it means to be born again.

I was told that about half the people in this vicinity are living together, though unmarried. They think little of it, until they are converted, and then set at it to right their position. The writer was asked if God saves the natives like He does people in our great camp meetings in the States. The same God rules over all and is not a respecter of persons.

During our last evangelistic campaign in Central Santa Lucia, Oriente, Cuba, folk were smitten with conviction until they fairly trembled. They came to God with a broken and a contrite heart and were not long in finding the Lord. A mother and five of her children were converted in one of our last meetings. Heaven will only reveal the joy that came into that

home. Shouting, weeping, and praising God were all a part of that program. While it is impossible for us to overcome the great poverty of Cuba, and clothe the bodies of the many naked children, let us pool our gifts and unite our efforts to place the Bible and its message into that territory, so dark with heathenism of every description.

The need of the hour is a small truck for transportation on the field. It can also be equipped with cots and mattresses on which to sleep while working in the various villages. Some of the great problems while in the native village are food, shelter, and a place to sleep. Many of the huts are polluted with insects of every kind, not to mention the most offensive and irritating "fellow travelers." The crickets are another problem. For almost one week, we were tormented with crickets flying thru our room; they were in our bed, clothes, and shoes. One was reminded of the locusts in the days of the Egyptians and the Pharaoh who was so mean to the Israelites. Thus the reader can see the need of a place to sleep when on evangelistic tours.

The truck (A Chevy Carryall, similar to a truck) has been ordered and will arrive shortly, but there is still a balance left to pay on it. It will fill a great need on the mission field, as many of the roads and villages cannot be reached by bus or taxi, and we are sure that you, our readers will take this burden on your hearts and pray and give as God has prospered all of you. All gifts or offerings for the truck or the missionary work in general should be sent to the Foreign Missionary Treasurer, Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Elizabethville, Pa.

\*\*\*\*Editors Note....In the May edition of the Standard an appeal was made for someone to help supply a need for Bibles to send to some natives in Africa. God has spoken to someone of His people, and Praise His name the Bibles will soon be on the way.



## EVANGELISTIC PULPIT

"Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5.

### THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY

Rev. D. E. Wilson, General Evangelist

(Continued from last month's edition)

In the fourth place we see that "Mother Eve" *lusted*. So convinced was she of the veracity of the seducer's statement that there was aroused in her a strong desire to possess and enjoy all that he had promised. By reading the record of this affair, it would appear that Eve allowed this strong desire to sway her from taking even the ordinary precautions, obviously getting the consent of her will, she let everything else become secondary. The illusion of greatness, becoming the big and consuming passion, clouded her thinking at the moment. How like the downward steps so often taken among the millions of our generation with the same sad and bitter sequel.

Yet another word comes to our minds describing this downward descent of the "Mother of us all": she *lunged*. Not so much a physical act, of itself, but having gotten the consent of her befuddled will, she now reaches out against every reasonable inhibition—intellectual, moral, and creational—and committed the very act suggested to her by this desperate deceiver and sinful serpent. Having planted the seed of this act in her mind by telling her the lie, "Ye shall not surely die," and by her failing to make a careful appraisal of the voice and the discrimination of the sound—the offer of something he could not deliver—she is so weakened that she acts.

Similar tragedies are all about us as we behold the results of men acting, being deceived after all inhibitions of the will have been broken down, after a careful sequence of events promoted by the master deceiver, Satan. Man's being a free moral agent, while a glorious privilege of individual choice, endangers him with the seducing arts of Satan.

We now reach the sad ending of this, THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY to the human family, and we make the horrible discovery that: she *lost*. What a meaningful word, she *lost* with its universal effects upon all posterity. She and all with her *lost*, all that was so promising, so filled with possibilities, so glorious with hope for a wonderful future of blessedness. She *lost*—failed, fell. Changed, and in a great measure because of her powerful influence upon Adam her husband, she drags down in this one desperately vicious act all their progeny. All the hopes, possibilities, and beauty of a sinless world, dashed to pieces, reduced to dust, banished from sight because of this fatal act. While to all is given a gleam of hope in this promise made to Adam, Genesis 3:15, of a provisional recovery from this dark tragedy (thru Jesus Christ—Ed.), we desire to leave this picture in all its awfulness—as a warning—with a prayer that all who read will take warning, act wisely, and escape personally, thereby, from the possible results of like choosing at the behest of the ever present seducer.

## Look Into God's Mirror

### HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH ORGANIZATION

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." II Cor. 13:5.

How much better life would be for all of us if we could practice this advice. If we are not careful, we shall be examining our neighbors, determining where they be in the faith, proving them by our measuring rod, rather than proving ourselves by God's Word.

I am praying daily that the Lord will help me to keep a strict account of my own life, lest I be found wanting when weighed in His divine balances.

Selfish ambitions and desires eat the vita's

from our own spiritual lives. Many a church has been split because two members wanted to be class leader, two wanted to play the piano or the pipe organ at the same time, or two wanted to superintend the Sunday School. Division arose and the Spirit of God was grieved away. How sad that all of God's followers will not tarry before Him in earnest appeal until all self is burned out and the vacancy filled by the blessed Holy Spirit.

As long as self has control, we are in subjection. We want the biggest piece of pie, the most comfortable chair, the high office, and so on. Self is an enemy to the Lord and His work. We must



## MONDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE & EVANGELISTIC REPORT

Matthew 25:40 "Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me." Please read Matthew 25:31-46.

### A Field Report

Rev. George I. Straub

Nady, Arkansas: In the May edition of *God's Missionary Standard*, mention was made of the home missionary program now under way at Nady, Arkansas. During the winter months, Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Foreign Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, and the writer spent a week in services there. God blessed our humble efforts and our hearts were refreshed by His presence, as we witnessed folks praying thru in the old-fashioned way. Prior to my going to Arkansas, a week-end meeting had been conducted, and the church organized with eleven members. Immediately the folk began to pray for a church of their own, as they were holding services in a school house.

This looked like a great undertaking for these few faithful Christians, and truly it was. At times it looked like defeat, but living faith by-passes barriers, climbs mountains, slays Goliaths, and marches on to victory. A few weeks ago we were invited by this group of faithful Christians, who had sacrificed to build our first church in Arkansas, to come to Arkansas and dedicate the new church to the Lord for His service.

Rev. Truman Wise, Rev. Thomas Frantz, and the writer left Tuesday, May 17, to conduct a week-end convention at Nady. Upon our arrival we found a fine new church, well underway for the dedication service. Brother Dixon, the local pastor from the church, supervised the building program and did most of the carpenter work. Those who were unable to donate time gave lumber and of their means to help place a good spiritual church in their community. The dedication service was greatly blessed of God, eyes were dimmed with tears, and our hearts burned within us as we sang, shouted, and praised God for all that is being done to help promote His great work in Arkansas. Oh, how we felt

the mighty presence of God as various ones testified concerning their part in building the church, and praised God that the new building meant a deliverance from other false worship so prevalent in that community.

Rev. Henry Tharp, who has been a faithful pastor to these folks, also covets our prayers for more churches to be organized in the state of Arkansas. At this writing home missionary meetings are in progress there.

Milesburg, Pa.: The convention of May 13-15, which was held in the Milesburg church, is past, but will be long remembered in the minds of all who attended this spiritual feast. God's presence was felt in every service. There was no preaching Sunday morning as the presence of God overshadowed His people and crowned the service with love, praise, and prayer. Truly it was a time of uplifting to all who were there. The convention climaxed with the great dedication service Sunday afternoon. At this time the church and grounds with recent improvements were rededicated to God's cause.

The Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band was present the entire Sunday to present special music and songs. While the band played the old-fashioned hymns of the church, God's people wept, shouted, testified, and praised Him for His goodness and mercy, which endureth forever.

The dedication service will be a memorial to all that were present, and one that will long be remembered in the history of the church. Due to the overflowing crowd, it was necessary for the church to arrange for a public address set so those on the outside could hear the songs, music, and message.

The pastor, Rev. William Rachau, together with his people, are doing a splendid work in that part of God's vineyard, and we covet the prayers of God's people for the continuation of this great work.

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#### Look Into God's Mirror

be crucified with Christ and then we can be the clay, and let Him be the potter. He will make

us an instrument of righteousness. Are you willing to die to self that you may be made alive unto Christ? God grant it.



## AMONG OUR CHURCHES — ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

New church at Nady, Arkansas, nearing completion. Some of the crowd that was attending the services, May 22. Pray for this group of believers.



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