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Reaching Russia by Radio

Editor's Note: Sister Helen Zernov, who came to America with her family in the late 1920's because of the Communist pressure in Russia, tells us in this treatise of her ministry to her own people by the way of radio, from H C J B, the Voice of the Andes. While many Americans, Christian included, have criticized the Russians — and rightly so because of the Communist desires to crush other types of civilization — very few have attempted to send the Gospel to them. Now let us hear from Sister Zernov:

Never in the long history of their country have the Russian people had religious liberty. Before the revolution they were compelled to adhere to the Russian Orthodox Church. People, converted to the Lord, who left the Orthodox Church were bitterly persecuted and oppressed. But there were believers in Russia before the revolution, and there are still believers in Russia today. However, they are not allowed to evangelize. The question is raised: How can we reach the millions of Russian people in U.S.S.R. who have not heard the Gospel of God's love?

The Answer

Two Missionary Societies have teamed up to reach the Russians and other Slavic people with the Gospel in their homelands, and those who are scattered through the world as Dis-placed Persons, refugees and emigrants. They are the Slavic Gospel Association, Peter Dyneka, General Director; and the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., which operates the Missionary radio station, the Voice of the Andes, Station H C J B. Five Slavic Gospel Association Missionaries are stationed at the Voice of the Andes in Quito, Ecuador, in the Russian program department. I have the privilege to be one of the five.

Our Ministry

We transmit a total of 30 half-hour Gospel programs in the Russian language per week over the short wave facilities of HCJB.

Powered by mighty generators and directional antennas the programs reach our Russian audience around the world. In the 20 years of the Russian broadcasts, letters from listeners in over 60 different countries have been received at HCJB in response to the programs, which are greatly appreciated by the listeners, many of whom have been saved and Christians blessed and encouraged. Many believing families, living in foreign countries among people whose language they do not understand, depend on these programs for their spiritual food. From Australia, a Russian listener writes: "We are listening to your broadcasts daily, and enjoy them very much. We live 240 miles from a city and Russian meetings, therefore we can go to church only once or twice a year."

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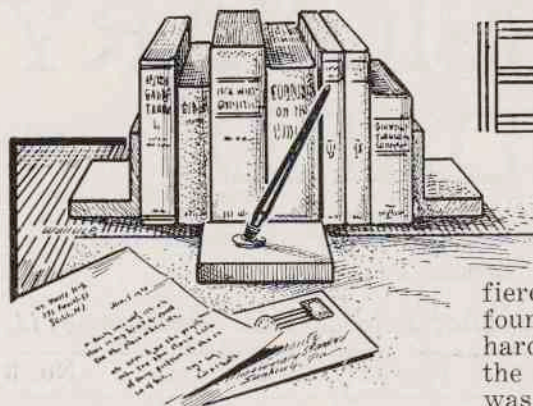
We have received many testimonies from people who have been saved through the programs. Australia: "What a joy to be able to hear your Gospel broadcasts. I am acquainted with a lady here who came to know the Lord as her personal Saviour through your programs." *Uruguay*: "The Holy Spirit greatly touched my heart as I listened one evening. Never in all my life will I forget that moment, for then I received the Lord Jesus as my own Saviour." A missionary in Venezuela writes: "We visited the radio listeners whose addresses you sent to us. Some of them, already attending Gospel meetings, have expressed their desire to follow the Lord. Two families have been wonderfully saved." *Brazil*: "When I did not know

about the Russian programs from Quito I was as a blind person sitting in total darkness. I had a New Testament and read it but did not understand it. Now my eyes are opening to the True Way. All former pleasures hold nothing for me now. I am happy as I read my Bible and listen to you from Ecuador. My radio speaks loudly but I even put my ear to the speaker to hear each word."

Penetrating the Iron Curtain

Thousands of letters are received yearly from the Russian listeners. Every letter is answered, and Bibles, New Testaments, and Gospel Literature are mailed to our needy people. Letters from listeners behind the Iron Curtain are a constant thrill to our hearts. Again I give you excerpts from a few letters: *Poland*: "When I hear your words about the Lord, that God loves sinners, my soul is full of such joy that I do not have words to tell you. I get on my knees and pray with you during your radio prayer time. Whenever I hear the programs I weep for joy." *Czechoslovakia*: "Daily, with much joy, I listen to your broadcasts at 6:00 a.m. I have been an invalid since 1956 and had no joy in my life, but from the time I first heard your Gospel broadcasts I have been filled with joy. This is because you have told me about a new land where there will be no sickness, no cripples. I have a hope of being in that land." *From Russia*: "You have become to me the dearest and closest friends. I cannot express to you the joy your programs bring to us. Many here have radios and many are buying them. One can listen to anything one wishes." Another writes from Russia: "Thank you so much for

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EDITORIAL

Thomas E. Frantz...

The Need of a Soul-Burden

By THOMAS E. FRANTZ

Text—"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds: trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots." Jude, verse 12.

It appears that Brother Jude has given us a rather stiff picture of people who are unsettled, spiritually; and for the use of the topic, let us draw from this verse the expression, "Clouds they are without water," and ask God to show us how this statement will exhibit the burdenless, passionless professor of religion.

The Similarities—

Clouds can be beautiful. One needs only to look at those fleecy, snow-white carriers of vapor as they drift across a royal-blue sky, to appreciate this statement. The tropical clouds form such a bold-relief effect against the pure blue background in many lands around the world. The Christian, too, can be beautiful—not in physical appearance, perhaps, or drug store "canned" beauty which seems to trap so many women today. Perhaps this is why there are so many divorces, for when the man awakes in the early morning hours to see his bride without all the make-up and war-paint, he may feel that he has been cheated. The Scriptures say, "I will beautify the meek with salvation." God's "beauty parlor" can really perform miracles! They wrote of the prisoner who had found God. His physical appearance was very distasteful, to say the least, and the hard creases and lines intensified his

fierce look. However, when he found God, they say that even the hard lines began to soften and the creases diminished, until he was actually not bad to look upon. The writer remembers a saint in a certain state whose nose looked almost like a 100-watt light bulb; but one forgot this disfigurement when the man was blessed of the Lord. Nothing could be more beautiful than a character made in the likeness of Jesus Christ by the Blood of the Lamb!

Clouds can be a blessing. They make us appreciate the more lovely and perfect days, when the sun brightly shines. The song writer said, "Days of darkness still come o'er me," . . . and while we hear some testify that they have never had a "Blue Monday" since they found religion, it is quite apparent that some have stretched this point a bit. The saint of God does not sink into despair, but one can study the Scriptures to find that the most holy men within its pages were subject to discouragement. Sometimes God allows the clouds to come over our earthly sky that He may the better reveal His glory, presence, and strength, through the trial.

"Before I was afflicted, I went astray," said the Psalmist. Others could say the same. A pastor in a certain church had a brother in the congregation who was a great trial to him, and a hard problem to handle. He asked the writer's advice, and we gave him into God's hands. A few weeks later an awful accident took place, and this man was left dying on the highway, the other driver continuing on his way. When we stood at his bed, we observed the sheet was flat on one side of his body, where one limb had been. The loss of his leg made this man think, and soon a great change

took place. Today, he is one of the most valuable men in that congregation. It was the cloud that brought it to pass.

The Seriousness—

Jude does not complain that some of the church are like the clouds, lazing over the stratosphere, but that they are "without water." A cloud, empty and void of moisture, cannot bless the thirsty, waiting land beneath, with the life-giving shower that

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The STANDARD PULPIT

Conditions in the Last Age - Signs of His Second Coming

By REV. GEORGE I. STRAUB



Major Sign — Decaying Love
(Matt. 24:12) "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."



During Christ's discourse on the Mount of Olives, he was confronted with numerous questions by His disciples such as, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?" In the latter days

of his ministry he began to gradually reveal the suffering He should encounter and the cruel death He should die in order that He might consummate and complete man's redemption. Not only did He speak of His death and burial, but rather His resurrection and ascension into heaven where He was to take His place at the right hand of God as High Priest to intercede for suffering humanity until the time of His second coming.

The questions asked by His disciples concerning His second coming were not like those of the Scribes and Pharisees who sought to trap Him in His sayings in order that they might bring railing accusations against Him and in the end condemn Him to death. The question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming or what can we expect in the way of finger boards and signs before your return?" This question formed

the basis for a great sermon on the second coming, which is recorded in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel.

In the New Testament one out of every twenty-five verses has to do with Christ's second coming. What a great thought it is and how it should thrill the hearts of those who claim membership to the true church of Jesus Christ. Yet how few people are ready for His coming! Never has there been a time in history that points us to the nearness of the Lord's return like at present.

One need not read very deep into God's word until we are made to realize this great event can take place most any time as the signs Jesus enumerated to His disciples are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

— Decaying Love —

No one will dispute or argue that we are living in a day of decaying love as revealed in the text. These words coincide with the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy: "In the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." One need not be too intelligent to see this is true.

Recently I read where a man desired to go to church one Sunday evening. He started down the city to attend a church and to his surprise after walking fifteen blocks he found every church in that part of the city closed. Then he got on a street car and rode to a pleasure park where he found twenty-five thousand in wild desecration.

Does this not indicate that there is a moral break down and that God is considered a secondary something. Many churches do not have prayer meetings anymore. The altars once stained by the tears of penitent souls have been removed as the ministry of today has resorted to a more

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refined way of getting folks into the kingdom. Kneeling at an altar of prayer is too hard on man's pride therefore, the card signing and hand raising method has been resorted to. The sad thing about this new method, it is not getting the job done, as most folks are the same old sinners they were before making a profession.

The New Testament standard for a born again Christian is a new nature and heart. As Paul said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

When the hearts of men begin to wax cold and spiritual decay sets in, it makes room for every kind of sin and vice. The heart will soon yield and submit to the sins, customs and fashions of the day. What has given birth to the immodest dress and nudeness of the day? This can be answered in a few words. This generation has lost the spirit of self-respect and the respect for others. Here one can well see why the Prophet Jeremiah cried out, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" Had the ministers and preachers of this day taken heed to the command given by Isaiah the prophet, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins," I doubt very sincerely if we would be in the awful muddle our church and country are in today.

—The Moral Problem —

Another thing that has come with decaying love is the youth problem. We see this everywhere and deplore it greatly. Young people are breaking their father's and mother's hearts, staying out all hours of the night, and stooping to the basest of sins. The teachings in State Universities

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December, 1961
Cutervo (Via Chiclayo)
Peru, So. America

Dear "Standard" Family:

Christmas greetings to you! It's time again to think of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. Oh! I'm so glad He came to save my poor lost soul. Though far from my native land I feel His presence near me. "He is just the same as His lovely name, and that's the reason why I love Him so."

I am working with the Stence's here; they have a good work started. A nice church building and missionary home. They are fine missionaries with a family of five children. The Sunday School attendance is increasing and six have come to the altar to be saved. Pray that they will be faithful. One couple came to be married; I expect you would have thought it strange because the lady was barefooted, and although they had had a lawful marriage several years ago, they wanted a Christian Wedding. They had a baby two months old with them. The lady was saved in a recent service and the man over a year ago.

Cutervo is a town of about ten thousand population and has an elevation of 8,000 ft. in the Andes

Mountains. The houses are made of adobe brick — mud and straw mixed and dried in the sun. Some of the strange things are, a ditch for water in the middle of the streets, most of the town has no street-lights at night, and the way some people dress.

The weather is cold at night and warm and sunny in the daytime. The market days are Thursdays and Sundays, and they seem to be just a sea of high hats, people sitting on the ground selling their wares with buyers wending their way through the crowd. Some of the things they sell are green eggs — yes, light green eggs, tomatoes, meat, avocados, corn and rope, besides many other articles.

The Catholic Church with its two crosses, clangs the hour and tries to dominate the people. Pray that we may let our light shine here. Miss Hawk, whom I worked with in Cuba, is also here.

When I first came I went with Mrs. Stence to visit a poor widow, walking for about two hours over the mountains, and eating barley gruel she had made. It was a joy to read, sing and pray with her and her four children who were ragged and dirty. After walking the two hours home I was very tired, and sore for several days. I have gone back since, and

did not notice it very much, so am getting used to it.

Mrs. Stence and I went to "La Sola," riding horse-back and walking for three and one half hours. The saddle was not comfortable and bruised my legs so I could hardly walk when we arrived. We had a good service in a believer's home that night, then slept on a bed of dried pea-vines under heavy covers. The people gave us their best and slept on a mat on the floor. These believers walk to our church Sunday mornings and then walk home again in the afternoon, after we give them dinner. I wonder how many in the States would do it?

The mail comes here from the nearest town by donkeys, so if you write me your letter will have a donkey ride! We get mail twice a week and it is a real joy to hear from you. Please don't send packages here, as the Customs are too high. Checks can be cashed, but not P. O. Money Orders. God bless and keep you who walk with God.

In His Glad Service,
Ruth Harriman

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## God's Spirit at Work in Us

*"I will send you from the Father even the Spirit of truth."*  
John 15:26

By REV. JOHN F. WHITE, JR.

Holiness is a term so often used without the true meaning always known by the user. To testify that one is saved and sanctified is not alone what God really wants from His children. Holiness is a true witness of the Spirit's work in our hearts. We testify of this work in deeds and actions as well as by mouth. In the following message you will find that the Spirit has a special, personal work to do in each heart. The four works we mention are only a few of the many phases of the Spirit's ministry, and we have picked them to speak to you about as the most practical and needful works of the Spirit in today's Church and in our born-again believer's heart.

### *Sealing Work of the Holy Spirit*

Read Ephesians 1:13. After the human heart has been washed in the blood of Christ and the stains of willful transgressions have been removed through the forgiving mercies of God, every individual will discover a nature within that is not subject to the law of God. This enemy of the soul known as inbred sin must be removed by the Spirit of God. Paul teaches us in his writings that the OLD man must be crucified. The Spirit's first work in the act of sanctification is to remove carnality or the nature of the devil, which was born into every son and daughter of Adam's race from the time of the Fall in Eden. When the heart has been purged by the blood of Christ until not one spot or wrinkle remains, the Spirit is now ready to begin the work of sealing the soul, that we might be preserved blameless before God. The work of sealing the soul is two-fold in nature. God seals us so that the world from without cannot find entrance into our hearts, and he seals us so that the Spirit of Holiness from within is kept contained fully within! When one is fully sealed by the Spirit he is controlled by the Holy Ghost and, therefore, protected from evil without and within. To empty

one out is not enough, and to fill one up would be of no avail unless the vessel is first sealed and made perfect for the proper uses of God. When one is preserved he is kept securely. The Spirit keeps us, we do not keep the Spirit. This sealing nature is the answer to our backsliding problems today. Our God is able to keep us from falling, the Scripture declares. He does not promise to take us out of the world, but to keep us from the sin that is in the world by sealing with His Holy Spirit.

### *Filling of the Holy Spirit* Eph. 5:18

After the Holy Spirit has sealed the heart His next wonderful work in Sanctification now begins. What good is an empty vessel? The new container must be occupied. The sinner is filled with his own ways, and those of Satan. The born-again soul now becomes the Temple of the Holy Ghost. *"Be ye filled with the Spirit."* Many other terms have been used to describe the action on the part of God. "Holiness"; "Perfect Love"; "The New Man"; or "The Renewing of the Mind," are all terms the Bible sets forth to show the work of being filled with the Spirit.

When one is filled with the Spirit he is a bundle of love; he is holy, and he has a new mind, the mind of Christ. To be filled with the Spirit is to be completely under the control of God at all times. Our bodies are in subjection to God. Such things as lying, back-biting, tale-bearing, strife, envy, and discord are no longer tools of the sanctified. Now, one is filled with love, joy, peace, meekness, kindness, gentleness, patience. So, all the fruit of the Spirit becomes visible in our everyday lives. When one is filled with the Spirit, he is no longer his own but God's. Who is filled with the Holy Ghost, did someone ask? Examine your motives and intentions. Do they prove the fruit of the Holy Spirit? How do you use your telephone, your automobile, your radio? Examine your everyday conversations with others. The Spirit is truthful, considerate, and pure. Are you?

### *Guidance of the Holy Spirit* John 16:13

*"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* We are living in a time when we need to be guided by

God. The Word declares that we will be guided into all Truth. The Bible also said: *"Thy Word is truth,"* therefore, the searching of the Scriptures is needed. Not everything one is told by an older Christian, however sincere and honest, is the way God wants a soul to grow, but God Himself has provided a Guide for us. The Holy Spirit leads men from within. He teaches us what to say, how to re-act, what to express, and when to act. We are steered by the Holy Ghost, Who is all-wise, all-pure, and certain. Many are the ways of man, but the end of these ways is to die, but God has one way, and a Guide to lead us on this way, which He provided after Christ ascended into the heavens, even the Holy Spirit. Friends, be sure He guides you daily, for He makes no mistakes. Heed His call and leadings and Heaven shall be your Eternal home.

### *The Testimony of the Spirit* John 15:26

My Spirit shall bear witness with your Spirit that ye are the sons of God. Man in the flesh is not perfect. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Man seeth the outward appearance, but God seeth the heart. These scriptural truths are so important to us. The witness of the Holy Spirit comes from within, from the heart which God alone can see. He will not bear witness with anyone who is not in accord with Him.

The Word declares that if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another. The Spirit of God guides us into the light. When we obey it, and apply it to ourselves, the Spirit witnesses to us or testifies to us of Christ's blessings toward us. That is why people shout, in the inward blesser is testifying to them. Outward praise is misleading but inward witnessing of the Spirit is blessed. God wants to bless us and we need blessing, so let us find time to praise God when He comes to us with the inward testimony of the Spirit. We dare never lose this expression of Holiness, or we will become dead inside. A true blessing of the Lord is real and heaven-sent, with the self-starter, the Holy Ghost, reacting to the influences of God within one's soul. This expression then is trans-

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## The Sunday School Teacher's Page

## Reaching Russia by Radio

Church in the Valley, Milesburg, Pa. Rev. Thomas E. Frantz Study 5  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' NOTES ON THE BIBLE . . . . .

Since we are still concerned about the Old Testament, we will continue with a summary of the main truth taught in each O.T. Book, so that you may be prepared to search this particular book for a subject you are interested in:

| Book            | Main Thought Or Teaching                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Genesis         | Founding of the Hebrew Nation             |
| Exodus          | The Covenant with the Nation              |
| Leviticus       | Laws of the Nation                        |
| Numbers         | Journey to the Promised Land              |
| Deuteronomy     | Second Part, Laws of the Nation           |
| Joshua          | The Conquest of Canaan                    |
| Judges          | First 300 Years In The Land               |
| Ruth            | Beginning of Messianic Family of David    |
| 1 Samuel        | Organization of the Kingdom               |
| 2 Samuel        | Reign of David                            |
| 1 Kings         | Division of the Kingdom                   |
| 2 Kings         | History of the Divided Kingdom            |
| 1 Chronicles    | Reign of David                            |
| 2 Chronicles    | History of the Southern Kingdom           |
| Ezra            | Return from Captivity                     |
| Nehemiah        | Rebuilding Jerusalem                      |
| Esther          | Escape of the Jews from Extermination     |
| Job             | Problem likened to Sufferings             |
| Psalms          | National Hymn Book of Israel              |
| Proverbs        | Wisdom of Solomon                         |
| Ecclesiastes    | Vanity of Earthly Life                    |
| Song of Solomon | Romance of Christ And The Church          |
| Isaiah          | The Evangelical Prophet                   |
| Jeremiah        | Last Effort to Save Jerusalem             |
| Lamentations    | A Dirge over the Desolation of Jerusalem. |
| Ezekiel         | "They shall know that I am God!"          |
| Daniel          | The Prophet at Babylon, Boys in Captivity |
| Hosea           | Apostasy of Israel                        |
| Joel            | Prediction of the Holy Spirit Age.        |
| Amos            | Ultimate Universal Throne of David        |
| Obadiah         | Destruction of Edom                       |
| Jonah           | Reluctant Prophet on Errand to Nineveh    |
| Micah           | Bethlehem to be Christ's Birthplace       |
| Nahum           | Destruction of Nineveh                    |
| Habakkuk        | "The just shall live by faith"            |
| Zephaniah       | Coming of a "pure language"               |
| Haggai          | Rebuilding the Temple                     |
| Zechariah       | Rebuilding the Temple                     |
| Malachi         | Final Message to a Dis-obedient People    |

Note, the above list of summary of the O. T. Books is taken from the writing of Henry H. Halley, with corrections and revisions made by the pastor. Another Summary: (1) *Penateuch and Positive Books*—The Rise and Fall of Hebrew Nation; (2) *Poetical*—Literature of the Nation's Golden Age; (3) *Prophetical*—Literature of the Nations' Dark Days; (4) *Gospels*—The MAN, Christ Jesus; (5) *HIS Gospel begins to Spread*—The Acts (6) *Epistles*—Teachings and Standards of the Christian Life; (7) *Revelation*—Predictions of His Divine, coming Kingdom. Note: Copies of this Study may be secured from the pastor at address listed above. FREE. Postage?

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your letter. When I received it, right away I got down on my knees and, with tears, thanked the Lord for His great love which has made us one through His blood. How can we thank God for your broadcasts and the spiritual strength they bring us. Every day we are able to be with you in a Gospel meeting. Many of your friends, believers and unbelievers, come to our home to listen to the Word of God with us." Still another: "You can be sure that your labor is not in vain before the Lord and before His people. All the believers in the Soviet Union listen to it. In the information about listening is passed on from one to another, verbally, and by letter." "Word comes to us from listeners in the Eastern most Islands and Peninsulas of the Soviet Union, from the Arctic North, from the South, and from many different cities and places, and they all rejoice that they can hear you. The reasons more do not write you are many. Only the daring ones break away and write. Treasure these letters. They listen to you before their receivers in tears and on their knees. They pray for you that the Lord will bless you and give you strength and the needed means for longer time of proclaiming the glad tidings, for more hours of broadcasting so that we may be fed by the heavenly bread."

### Unbelievers Also Write

Unbelievers and atheists also write. They like to tell us off. From Russia: "I do not share with you the religious fanaticism possessing you. I have discovered that an acquaintance of mine has a New Testament and some songs which you sent her. I want to ask you, 'Why do you impose your false politics of a holy plan and treason.' I am an elderly person, 72 years old. Again I say that you should be ashamed to be engaged in such propaganda as your false evangelical faith." Another writes: "We listen to you often, but not because we agree with you." A pathetic plea: "How can we believe in God, how can we pray to Him when we know nothing about HIM?"

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## THE JOURNEYS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL—A BIBLE STUDY

### The Israelites and Their Journeys

A BIBLE STUDY  
Study No. 3

After the Renewal of the Covenant, studied in the last lesson, our attention turns to the story of Hagar, Sarai's maid, whom she had given to Abram to wife, inasmuch as she (Sarai) had no children. It is very plain that this union was a mistake, and not in the will of our God, for results prove it so. However, we can understand the feeling of Abram's wife as we read Genesis 16:2 . . . "It may be that I may obtain children by her." When Hagar knew that she was to have a child to her Master, Abram, " . . . Her mistress was despised in her eyes." (4) Sarai takes the problem to Abram, who agrees to her sending away the maid, who wandered into the wilderness where the angel of the Lord met her, advising her to return to Abram's house and submit herself to the wishes of Sarai. A prophecy is given of Hagar's son, who is to be called Ishmael (God shall hear): "And he will be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." (V. 12) So Hagar returns in submission, only to be finally cast out when Isaac is born, Chapter 21.

In Chapter 17, Verse 1: "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." With the RE-AFFIRMATION of the Covenant and the sign of circumcision of the males of Abram's entire household comes the changing of both Abram and Sarai's names as follows: Abram (Meaning, "High Father") becomes Abraham (Meaning, "Father of a great multitude"); Sarai (Meaning, "Contentious") becomes Sarah (Meaning, "Princess"). Both had an "H" added to their names. "H" stands for HOLINESS OF HEART! This ceremony of circumcision is a spiritual picture of that "cutting" out of

the old nature of carnality from the spirit and soul. God tells Abraham of the coming of Isaac (in the previous promise of Genesis 15:4, called simply his seed) and names him before his birth which is to take place the following year. Ishmael is to be the father of twelve nations and to have honour because he was Abram's son, even though born of the bond-woman.

True to the Word of God shortly after the ceremony of circumcision three Angelic Messengers appear before Abraham's tent with the news that Sarah is to have a son. Sarah's laughter seems to be a lack of faith, but note that Isaac's name means "Laughter" so perhaps she was in the spirit after all. The wonderful news of Chapter 18 is indeed overshadowed by the forthcoming doom of Sodom-Gomorrah! As the messengers turn to leave the tent after the news of Isaac is given, we see Abraham going with them a short ways, as was Oriental custom, and now from Heaven comes the thought: "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" (Verse 17) *God just* couldn't conceal His plans from such a great saint! Are we worthy of the same confidence that Abraham enjoyed? So God told him what was in store for the wicked cities, and Abraham drew near to God in a spirit of great intercession, and began to plead for the souls of the dwellers in the plain cities. First, he got the Lord to agree to spare them if 50 righteous could be found. Then, in rapid succession, 45, 40, 30, 20, and finally if only 10 people that were righteous could be found, the Lord agreed to spare the city. SUCH INTERCESSION FOR SOULS is rarely seen anywhere else in the Old Testament, and is a lesson to us in this age to plead the Blood of Christ over a lost race about us. In concern for lost souls Abraham stands before us as a great example of what God can do for all His followers, and what He expects us to be in this day! Of all great things to be said of Abraham, to be able to confess that he was a great intercessor is of worth and note!

## Conditions in the Last Age

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and Colleges are partly to blame for this terrific wave of immorality in our nation.

In many places companionate and trial marriages are now advocated and condoned. High School students are urged to attend their school dances and pal around with a number of young men until they finally find the one they feel would be most befitting for them. I have seen the fruit of this as many are trapped and never get the chance to complete their schooling.

— *Falling Away from the Faith* —

A third thing which will precede the coming of Christ will be the falling away from the true faith. When the Son of Man cometh will he find faith on the earth? Here we can see the extent of decaying love. It will sink man into the depths of doubt, indifference and unbelief until all hope of heaven is banished. Man's depraved heart will seek after everything but God. Our only hope is for God's people to pull on the bell ropes of Heaven until God moves in our direction and sends us a mighty out-pouring of His spirit upon the few faithful ones that remain lest they fall into this awful spirit of luke-warmness and decay.

In spite of all that Satan may do, God has a faithful few who will not bow their knee to the beggarly things of this world. Anyone desiring to make it to heaven can, as Jesus said, "Upon this rock I build my church and the gate of hell shall not prevail against it." I can well see why the poet penned the words—

*Take time to be Holy, Speak oft  
with thy Lord,  
Abide in Him always, and feed  
on His words,  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing  
to seek.*

*Take time to be Holy, The world  
rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, With  
Jesus alone;  
By looking to Jesus, Like Him  
thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct, His  
likeness shall see.*

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## Weddings

**Miller-Shope:** December 28, 1961, at 7:00 p.m. Miss Jean Kay Shope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Shope of Holt's Hollow, near Milesburg, Pa., became the bride of Mr. William J. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller, Sr., of Snow Shoes, Pa., at the Church In The Valley at Milesburg. The pastor performed the ceremony. The new Mrs. Miller is employed at the Centre County Hospital, and Mr. Miller is with the U. S. Army in Kentucky.

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**Bryant-Bryan:** January 4, 1962, at 7:00 p.m. Bessie Bryan became the bride of William Bryant at the Church in the Valley at Milesburg, with the pastor officiating. The couple will live in Howard, Pa.

## Missionary Crusaders' Meetings

### Western Zone

| Date                                  | Place                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| February 16                           | Lewistown            |
| March 16                              | Pleasant View Chapel |
| April 20                              | Milesburg            |
| May 18                                | Mahaffey             |
| June 22                               | Zerby                |
| —Rev. John F. White, Jr., Zone Leader |                      |

## It's Cold—Even on Trains

A national newspaper carries the account of London doctor and his wife's suffering frost-bite while travelling on a train, New Year's Day. Dr. J. Ivor Griffiths said he had never seen such conditions, even when he was a boy in the Welsh mountains. It seems the pair even put on two extra pairs of socks, and wrapped their lower limbs in newspapers, but still the cold sent them to bed upon their arrival. Reminds one of the cold reception one gets in some churches when the Truth is preached.

—Standard

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ONE DOLLAR BRINGS A SAMPLE COPY TO TEN FRIENDS. SEE THE BLANK IN THIS ISSUE.

## They're Mad at the Mailman

Britain's mailmen were recently denied an increase in their wages, by a "freeze-the-wage" understanding. Therefore, they have begun to "work-to-rule," which is another term for a great slowdown. Even the heads of the Government have had their mail delivered late, if at all. Mail that had been previously forwarded because the postman knew where the new Government office was now ends up at the dead letter office for a week. Everybody likes to get mail, and our Business Manager, Miss Eva Bailey of Centre Hall, Pa., is no exception. It makes her rejoice to see your renewals pouring in. Slip a dollar in an envelope, together with your proper address, making any correction of name and street number, and mail it at once. This is the U.S.A., and our postmen are very busy. Wasn't that a sneaky commercial?

## God Does Hear His Own?

"It was probably in the early nineties that Mr. Hudson Taylor conducted some very blessed meetings in the city of St. Louis, and in the church of which the late Dr. James H. Brooks was the beloved pastor.

He had been in the city several days, and great interest in the work of the China Inland Mission had been manifested, both through larger gifts, and through the establishment of centers of intercession for the work in China. While here, he was the guest of Dr. Brooks.

After the meetings in the city he was booked for a small town in Illinois where he was to give an address at eight o'clock in the evening. In order to reach the town, he was to leave St. Louis by an early train on Monday morning.

Dr. Brooks was most punctilious about meeting all engagements promptly. He therefore ordered his coachman to have the carriage at the door at quite an early hour.

The hour arrived but the coachman did not. As there seemed to be an abundance of time, they awaited his arrival with little concern. But at last, Dr. Brooks

became concerned, and they started to catch a street car. On the way to the street car, they met the coachman with the carriage, entered it, and bade the coachman to drive as quickly as possible.

Dr. Brooks watched the time and was much concerned about missing the train. But Mr. Taylor was quite at ease and said quietly, "My Father runs the trains, and I am on His business." Upon reaching the station, they found that the train had gone, and were told that there would be no other train leaving for the town mentioned before evening. Dr. Brooks expressed great regret and concern; but Mr. Taylor again reminded him that "my Father runs the trains."

Just as they turned from the ticket office, a man rushed up to Mr. Taylor, saying, "Oh, I was so afraid that I had missed you. I want to tell you how God has used you to bring blessing to me." As he turned away he slipped an envelope into Mr. Taylor's hand, which was found to contain \$75.00, marked "For your personal use."

Mr. Taylor said to Dr. Brooks, "You see my Father has just sent me my railroad fare." Dr. Brooks was amazed and asked, "Did you not have your railroad fare, and if not, why did you not let me know?" He replied, "I told my Father, and He heard. You see I never use any money except such as is marked for personal use."

Then Mr. Taylor walked leisurely to a man standing among outgoing trains and asked if he knew of any way by which he might reach the town in Illinois that evening. The man replied that a train would be soon leaving which passed through Springfield, Illinois, and that a train from Chicago passed through Springfield en route for the town mentioned. But he said the Chicago train would pass through Springfield an hour before the train from St. Louis was due in that place. Mr. Taylor said with great assurance that the St. Louis train would reach Springfield first that day.

So he bought his ticket and boarded the train, bidding Mr. Brooks to be comforted "as his Father certainly did run the trains." For the first time in a year and a half the Chicago train

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## The Man Without a Soul

Laura C. Evans

In the early part of the winter of 1913 a young man by the name of Henry Spencer was arrested in Chicago for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, a Chicago dancing teacher. This man was believed to be the vilest, most daring and profane man that had ever been in a court room. The newspapers called him "the man without a soul." So ungovernable was he, that, when he was placed in the county jail at Wheaton, Illinois, it was necessary to have several guards watching him. The police were particularly proud of so great a capture. The deeds and daring and desperation of this man formed the news of the day.

During the progress of this man's trial in the court house at Wheaton, some of my relatives and friends, who attended the sessions, were greatly impressed with the utter depravity and desperation of this noted prisoner. They frequently spoke to me about him until I began to think of the awful condition this man was in, and wondered if there would be any use in telling such a one of God's love. The thought came to me: "What an awful condition this man must be in and what an awful life he must have lived in order to get the name, 'the man without a soul.' What a terribly hopeless life that title represented, and how great must be his need of God and salvation."

My husband and son were in the court room on the last day of the trial, when Spencer was sentenced to be hanged on December 19, 1913. As we sat around the supper table that night, my oldest boy, who had been with his father at the trial, said to me, "Mamma, I believe that something could be done for that man." I said, "Why do you think so, my son?" He replied, "I saw him smile when he was called so many vile names, and that smile showed me that the man had a heart. I wish you would go and speak to him." I then told my husband again that I felt I must go and speak to Spencer. "Very well," he said, "I believe the Lord has called you. I would go in His Name and speak to Spencer about Christ."

On December 10th I went to the jail. On my arrival the sheriff went to Spencer's cell and said to him: "There is a lady here from Wheaton who wants to speak to you. Will you treat her right and not abuse her?" Spencer replied, "All right, send her up."

The sheriff then took me upstairs and introduced me to Spencer. I took a chair and sat down outside his cell. I wish I could describe to you what I saw—a man beaten, driven, haunted by the devil. If ever there was a man who looked as if he needed God's love, it was this poor, condemned man.

I began by saying, "You may wonder why I came to see you. I came because I had to come. I am a mother of three boys and when I think of all the love I bestowed upon them and the care and guidance they received, and then read in the newspapers that you have never known what it was to have a mother's love or a father's care, I felt that you had been denied the greatest blessing that anyone can be denied, and that is a mother's love and care. I

came because I know that for you to get the name 'a man without a soul' must have meant a hopeless and desperate life. I came because I knew that your heart must be bleeding, torn, hungry and broken. Is not this so?" Spencer replied, "Yes, it is."

I then continued, "You have missed a mother's love, but I have come to tell you about a love that far exceeds a mother's love and if you will listen to what I have to tell you, and accept what I am going to offer you, you can be the happiest man in Wheaton, even though you are in jail and have but nine days to live." Spencer was interested. He gave his attention to the message while I told him the way to salvation, asking the Holy Spirit every moment to guide me that I would not make one mistake. I did not have to tell him he was a sinner; he knew that already. I told him about the prodigal son and the thief on the cross and how Christ saved that thief. Spencer made the remark that he had never heard of anyone having a kind word for a thief.

After fully explaining to him the way of life, and feeling that I had made the plan of salvation as plain as I could, I told him that I was going to ask him to do the hardest thing a man could be asked to do. I said, "You have always loved to do hard things, so I am told. You have been a staunch soldier for the devil. You have been fearless in his service. Now I am going to ask you to do this—to give your heart, with all its ambitions, its sins, its hatred and willfulness, over to God, and ask Him to take you as you are, and to cleanse you from all your sin. I want you to promise that from now on you will live for Him and serve Him as fearlessly as you have the devil. Will you do that, Spencer?" He answered, "I will." I then said, "Shall we pray?" He said, "Yes."

We knelt down, he in his cell, and I on the outside. I offered a prayer to God, and after that I asked him to follow me in simple prayer, which he did. After the prayer was finished, he said, "While you were saying that prayer, all I could say to God was 'God, help a crook like me, as You helped the thief on the cross.' I felt forty pounds lighter after I had offered that prayer."

I then said, "Now Spencer, you are a child of God, and I am going to show you by what authority I dare say this to you." I took from my muff a New Testament and asked him if he would like to see in print just what I had been telling him. He said very eagerly, "Oh, yes, I would. Have you got it? Can you show it to me?" I said, "Yes," and opening my Testament, read John 1:12; 1 John 1:9 and John 3:16. After I had read John 3:16, he said, "Oh, I have seen that passage on a sign some place. Let me read it for myself."

I then handed him the Testament and he read it, I told him to make the promise of the verse his own.

Before leaving him, I said to him, "I am going to give you this Testament.

I want you to read the Gospel of John, especially." I said, "May I come again to speak to you?" He said "Yes, please do, come tomorrow; come about the same hour."

I went to jail the next day rather anxious to know how I would find Spencer. But as I came up to his cell he greeted me with these words: "Good morning, I am twenty-four hours old." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "I read in the third chapter of John about the new birth, about Nicodemus coming to Christ. I was born again yesterday morning. Until then I had been dead; now I am alive, and am twenty-four hours old." I said, "You surely are, Spencer, thank God for it."

Then he said, "Oh, Mrs. Evans, I have tried so hard to memorize John 3:16, and at last I have got it." And with the joy of a little child, he handed me the Testament for fear that I would not know whether he quoted it right or not, and said, "Here is the Testament. You see if I am repeating it right." He quoted John 3:16 hesitatingly, but joyously and correctly.

It was really wonderful to note from day to day, the marvelous growth in grace this man made and his literally devouring passion for the study of the Bible.

Spencer had given up smoking because he did not think it consistent with his Christian life.

On December 18, 1913, Henry Spencer was granted a reprieve until January 16, 1914. Another stay was granted until July 1, 1914. It was really amazing to hear him talk about his departure the day preceding December 19th—the day set for his execution, also between those days and January 16, 1914, the day set a second time for his hanging. Strange to say he seemed keenly disappointed when he was informed of these reprieves. His lot in the world had been so hard and his life so void of happiness that this world seemed to hold nothing worth-while for him; whereas the new-found faith that had become his during the past few weeks had brought such peace to him that but one thought possessed him, and that was to leave this world and enter into the future life of blessedness, which he believed he would do. Never once did he show any interest at all in the efforts of his attorneys to secure a new trial or reprieve him.

Spencer was never so happy as when he was near the date of his hanging. If there was ever the slightest shadow of disappointment on his face it was when he got his reprieves. When I used to ask him, "Do you really mean to say that you are anxious to go and leave this world?" He would say, "Yes, yes, Mother, this life is nothing to me. It has meant nothing but sin and shame. I never had a friend nor anyone to take an interest in me or say a kind word to me until you came to this prison to talk to me."

I have seen people make preparations to go on a pleasure trip. I have seen the joy of anticipation on the part of those going to visit their own homestead. But I have never seen a joy such as this man had in the anticipation of leaving this world. As he would look over the things that he would wear on the scaffold, he would smooth them

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## The Need of a Soul-Burden

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will promote growth, encourage new life, and revive sagging life. Neither can the professor of religion, "without water," be a blessing to the dying world about him. Passionless, he stands in the hour of peril, as the threat of world destruction through thermo-nuclear warfare looms heavy on the horizon of time. His neighbors, his family, his circle of friends — all lost in sin, and little he seems to care. He has not that burden of prayer that accomplishes things at the Throne of Grace. In the writer's early ministry, he remembers two sisters, who shared their last days together. The one testified of having a wonderful season of prayer that very day in their little Florida home, and when the one sister saw the other had gotten "hold on the horns of the altar," she shouted: "Tell Him, sister! Tell Him sister! Tell God our requests! Tell Him, sister!" When we talk in this manner, some blink their eyes and think us to be slightly demented. "Horns of the altar?" What does he mean? It is so sad to see such lack of deep spiritual understanding today! If you have ever had "hold on the horns of the altar," brother, you know what this preacher is talking about!

They tell us of the little sister who shouted up and down the aisles in a certain revival, testifying that God had promised her that her old, wicked husband would be converted in that meeting. This went on for several nights, and many of the people thought she was in a mental delusion, for the old fellow never came near the church. Despite their discouraging glances and smart remarks, each day she plowed through on the promise, and every night she rose with the same story: God would save her husband in this meeting. One night, after the congregation had lost all hope of seeing him in the church again, the door opened and he shuffled in to take a seat by his little wife, who raised her hand in victory and glory. However, her victory was short-lived, for the old man literally stamped out of the meeting when the preacher hit on his sinful habits. More murmuring went on about her,

but the next night she prayed through on it again. Finally, the last night of the scheduled meeting came, and he was back with her again, much to the astonishment of the crowd. When the evangelist (and a famous one, too) rose to preach, the old sinner stood up, and said, "Mr. Preacher, if you could hold your sermon a bit, there's an old man here who has lived all his days without God, and he would like to come down to that altar now and seek the Lord."

With his little wife shouting alongside, he struggled out to the altar, and in a few moments, heaven had claimed another redeemed soul to be added to the Lamb's Book of Life. When he was asked to mount the platform and testify, his experience under the burden of sin had been so terrible because of his wife's prayers, that the old brother testified in power. Nearly one hundred people ran to the altar as he testified, and the greatest revival ever known in those parts broke out that night and went on for weeks, we are told. It was the soul-burden his wife had, that resulted in this great victory.

*The Sin—*

The gospel chorus says,

*"Lord, lead me to some soul today;  
Oh, teach me, Lord, just what to say:*

*Friends of mine are lost in sin,  
and cannot find their way.*

*Few there be who seem to care;  
a few there be who pray;*

*So melt my heart, and fill my life—  
Give me one soul today."*

Stephen prayed, "Lay not this sin to their charge," and he could ask that of God, for they were persecuting him because of their ignorance of gospel truth and experience. But can *we*, as true servants of God, ask for God to "lay not this sin" to the "charge" of professors of religion? The Church is not bothered so much by worldliness, though its ugly head rears here and there. We are not bothered so much by legalism, though some are still insisting on certain ideas and concepts of men; but this *lack of SOUL-BURDEN* will cause our generation to arise up in the Judgment

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR RENEWAL TODAY. ENCLOSE YOUR DOLLAR AND MAIL TO: MISS EVA BAILEY, CENTRE HALL, PA.

and condemn us! Someone prayed for you, brother, and someone prayed for me. God helps His children, and may He help us now to be "clouds *with* water," that we may precipitate a mighty downpour of spiritual showers that will be a gulley-washer, a sod-soaker, a trash-mover of old-time glory and power. Amen and Amen!

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## God Does Hear His Own?

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was an hour late; Mr. Taylor stepped from one train to the other, and reached his destination in good time and wired Dr. Brooks: "My Father runs the trains."

On the next day, the papers reported the wreck of the train on which Mr. Taylor had proposed to journey. "According to your faith, be it unto you."

—From *China's Millions*

## God's Spirit at Work in Us

ferred to the physical members such as crying, laughing, clapping of hands, and running or jumping for joy. Let's let the Spirit testify of Christ to us at all times.

*Conclusion*

When one is purged from the nature of Adam, sealed with the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, Guided by the Spirit, and witnessed to by the Spirit, then he is the most blessed person who lives. We need Holiness in our hearts, homes, churches, and government. The purifying, cleansing stream is still important to our future, for the Word declares that "*Only the pure in heart shall see God,*" so if you are a born-again Christian you can be a candidate for Holiness, and why not let the Spirit move into your heart today and do the important work He was sent to do for all the true followers of God. He is waiting and willing to be your best possession, so let Him abide with you today!



## Vital Facts About the Bible

About forty men were engaged in the writing of the Bible, during a period of about 1,600 years—that is from 1500 B.C. to A.D. 100.

These men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (II Peter 1:21.) They wrote not in words of human wisdom, but in words divinely taught. (I Corinthians 2:13.)

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The Old Testament contains 39 books; the New Testament 27 books. In point of length, the average word of the Bible contains fewer than five letters.

The word "Jehovah" occurs 6,855 times.

The word "Lord" occurs 1,853 times.

The word "and" occurs 46,277 times.

The book of Esther contains ten chapters, but neither the word "Lord" nor "God" is mentioned.

The middle chapter and shortest is Psalm 117. It contains only two verses.

The middle verse in the Bible is Psalm 118:8.

The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.

The middle chapter of the Old Testament is Job 29.

The middle verse of the Old Testament is II Chronicles 20:13.

The shortest verse in the Old Testament is I Chronicles 1:25; the longest, Esther 8:9.

The middle book of the New Testament is II Thessalonians.

The middle chapter in the New Testament is between Romans 13 and 14.

The middle verse in the New Testament is Acts 17:17.

The shortest verse in the New Testament in English, is John 11:35; in Greek, I Thessalonians 5:16.

The longest word in the Bible is found in Isaiah 8:1.

All the letters of the alphabet, except J, are in Ezra 7:21.

The nineteenth chapter of II Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are nearly identical.

The Bible holds distinction of being the first printed book.

The first Bible printed in this country was in the Indian language in 1663. This translation was made and published by John Eliot, called the "Apostle to the Indians."

The first English Bible printed in this country was in 1782.

The first translation of the Bible made in America was printed in 1808. It was the work of Charles Thomas.

The first translation of the New Testament published in America was printed in 1826 by Alexander Campbell.

It is not generally known that Noah Webster, author of the famous "Webster's Dictionary" and the "Blue-back Speller," made a translation of the Bible, which was published in 1883.

The King James Version of the Bible was first published in 1611.

The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250.

The New Testament was divided into verses by Sir Robert Stephens in 1551.

The whole Bible, divided into chap-

ters and verses, first appeared in 1560 in what is known as the "Geneva Bible." It was so called because it was prepared by the Reformers in Geneva. It is also called the "Breeches Bible," because Genesis 3:7 is translated: "They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches."

The Bible is the most translated book in the world. It has been translated into more languages and dialects than any other book.

It is the best book in the world.  
—B. G. Goodpasture, Congregational Methodist Messenger

100 BILLION FOR UNITED NATIONS BONDS. PENNIES FOR MISSIONS. HOW SAD!

## The Ministry of Letter Writing

The preaching ministry of Saint Paul was augmented by rich letters from his prolific pen. The breadth of his thinking and the deep truths that God revealed to him mightily affected the religious world of nineteen centuries ago. An incalculable measure of his influence has extended from his day to this present hour. Unquestionably his letters helped to shape our Christian civilization. All the unrecorded words of that great man are lost to us but his letters remain.

Here is a ministry that ministers and laymen can effectively conduct. It is to write letters upon every opportune occasion.

A minister may greatly extend his influence by writing letters. A layman will also build and strengthen the church by kind, wise, and sincere letters.

To whom shall these letters be written? These letters can be written to local businessmen and civil officials expressing appreciation for some kindness to the church or duty well done in the interest of the citizenry. The sheriff might be commended for good law enforcement; the mayor for a constructive plan; the postmaster for his friendly service; the telephone operator for his night vigil and the school principle or superintendent for his Christian attitudes.

The alert minister will study the local paper. He may then send notes of sympathy to the family where a loved one has died. He can in his letter encourage them to look to Christ and to live for God. He may enclose an appropriate tract. He may write to the home where sickness troubles and point the sick to the Great Physician. He will remember the patients in the hospital from his community and although they may not be of his church, they will nevertheless appreciate his get-well card and remarks of personal concern.

He can follow the children of the Sun-

HAVE YOU READ THE THRILLING STORY OF THE MISSIONARY WORK TO THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN? IT'S IN THIS ISSUE.

day school to their homes (not to the exclusion of pastoral calls) by a kind and friendly letter. In this letter he might express appreciation to the parents for their children. He commends them on their desire that they receive a sound religious training. If the whole family attends, he might suggest what a beautiful picture their family was when they were all together. If the parents don't attend, he reminds them that they are all welcome and that a class awaits them, also.

The pastor looks for excuses to write. He is careful not to overwork this ministry but not to neglect it either. We all like personal letters. Most of us appreciate just being appreciated. If someone (especially if they don't attend) renders some service to the church or grants a special concession on church purchases, or sends a contribution, the pastor has a good reason to commend them on their interest and large heartedness. In most of these letters suitable tracts may be enclosed and few if any will take offense. Often he will offer his service to the people he is writing and urges them to feel free to call him if they ever need his help.

What comes out of this? It keeps the minister on his mental tiptoes. He is constantly thinking of reaching the lost and strengthening the position of his church in the community. His church grows in prominence. Unwarranted prejudices break down. People attend more freely. When he has won their attention by just a few words of thoughtful gratitude or loving concern, then he has a chance to influence them for Christ. His ministry expands. His influence widens. Many will discuss his church and consequently the interest in the church is kept alive. The people of the church sense something of the thought of Mordecai to Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" There is an undercurrent of expectancy and an awareness of life.

The cost is small. A stamp, a sheet of paper, an envelope, and a few minutes of thoughtful writing is less costly in time and gasoline than a personal visit. The personal visit must not be neglected, but by doing both the pastor's ministry develops efficiency, effectiveness, and success. Let the letter be carefully written. Let it be done with an eye single to God's glory. Friends will then be won and the church will grow.

—Contributed by a Pilgrim Pastor

## Reaching Russia by Radio

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*A final plea*

We appeal to all Christian readers to pray for this ministry of reaching Russians with the Gospel by radio.

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## Stories I Shall Never Forget

By BOB PIERCE

Off the coast of Maylaya, there is a small emerald isle known as Sumatra. Nowhere in the world is the tropical jungle more dense than on this island. And yet, within its great jungle live an estimated eight-million people. In the heart of this forbidden land live the Kubu Tribesmen, who, at the time of our story, had never been contacted with a message concerning the true and living God.

Hubert Mitchell, a missionary, had dedicated himself to the purpose of taking the Gospel to the wild tribesmen of the interior. As Mitchell and his native workers fought their way into the jungle, the problem was not the tribe's inaccessibility but the question: "How can I explain the reality of God's love to these people?"

Through 50 miles of dense, humid jungle they trekked. Finally they reached a large clearing. And here they found themselves surrounded by an entire village who had moved out of hiding as one man.

As the Chieftain and the villagers watched, they were intrigued by that great, soul-warming smile that often found its way across Hubert Mitchell's face. Hubert was quick to sense their interest and instead of following out the usual practice of presenting them with beads, the missionary lost no time in telling the people about the love of God—the story of Jesus Christ. He related from the Bible the account of Christ's suffering and trials before His crucifixion. As the missionary told about the cross and the part it played in the death of God's Son, the Chief frowned and looked as though he wanted to speak. The missionary paused.

"What is cross?" the chief asked.

Surprised, the missionary wondered for a moment how he might describe a cross to these people who had never seen or heard of one. He tried to scratch a picture of a cross in the hard ground, but it meant little or nothing. Turning to his native workers, Hubert told them to cut down a small tree. He fastened two of the larger branches in the

shape of a cross. The native leader looked at the cross with great interest — but he wanted to know more: "How was Christ fastened to the cross?"

To better illustrate what happened, Hubert Mitchell laid the cross on the ground, stretched himself upon it and told how the soldiers had driven nails into Christ's hands and feet to add to His agony and to hold Him on the cross. "Christ died on the cross like this for you — and for each one in your village."

But the chief asked yet another question: "What is nail?"

Well, that would be easy to explain! "A nail is . . ." but Hubert Mitchell stopped. How did one describe a nail? There was nothing in the entire village or in his own gear that even looked like a nail. A small nail? A pin? Nothing!

Quite dejected, Hubert began his evening meal of rice and fish, and for dessert idly picked up a can of Japanese oranges. He poured the oranges into a dish and started to toss the can to curious children; but before the can left his hand he heard a rattling sound inside it. There in the bottom of the can was a nail! By accident or by the hand of God, the fact remained — there was a nail! Hubert breathed a quick rejoicing. There was no doubt in his mind but that God had allowed the nail to be with the fruit.

Nail in hand, Hubert Mitchell rushed to the Chief, demonstrating how the point of the nail was pounded into the hands and feet of the Savior. The Chief held the nail in his own hand, pressed it into his own flesh. Now the story of Christ was real to him; the cross and the nails were tangible things.

Walking over to the same spot where Hubert demonstrated the cross and nails, the chief placed a basket filled with a python skin, bear and tiger claws.

"These are my dearest treasures. They are all I have. I give them to Jesus because of what He has done for me."

The Chief and the whole village that night accepted Christ as their Saviour. The Chief was so

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100 MILLION SOULS IN AMERICA MAY NOT KNOW THE SAVIOUR. DID YOU SAY YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO, CHRISTIAN?

moved that he left his village and acted as a guide on a two weeks' trek through the jungle in order that Hubert Mitchell might preach the Gospel to all the tribesmen of the area. And throughout the entire trip, clutched tightly in the Chief's hand, was the nail . . . a never-to-be-forgotten symbol of the suffering and death of the Saviour who had become His Lord and Master . . . a living fulfillment of Christ's promise, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Me." — *World Vision*.



## Conditions in the Last Age — Signs of His Second Coming

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*Take time to be Holy, Let Him be thy guide,*

*And run not before Him, What-ever be-tide*

*In joy or in sorrow, Still follow thy Lord,*

*And looking to Jesus, Still trust in His word.*

*Take time to be Holy, Be calm in thy soul;*

*Each thought and each motive, Beneath his control;*

*Thus led by His Spirit, to fountains of love,*

*Thou soon shalt be fitted, for service above.*

This is a sure cure for spiritual decay and lukewarmness in one's life.

## The Man Without a Soul

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out and look at them as a bride would look at her outfit.

When they were putting up the scaffold and the sound of the hammer would be so loud that we could scarcely hear ourselves read and pray, he would say at my remark about the awfulness of the sound: "Why, Mother, do not worry? They never did a greater thing for me than putting up that scaffold. It will only be for a moment. Think what this means to me to be able to leave this world that has meant nothing but sin and shame and hard fighting, to be with God. You ought to be thankful all your life that you made the biggest crook that ever lived, love Jesus."