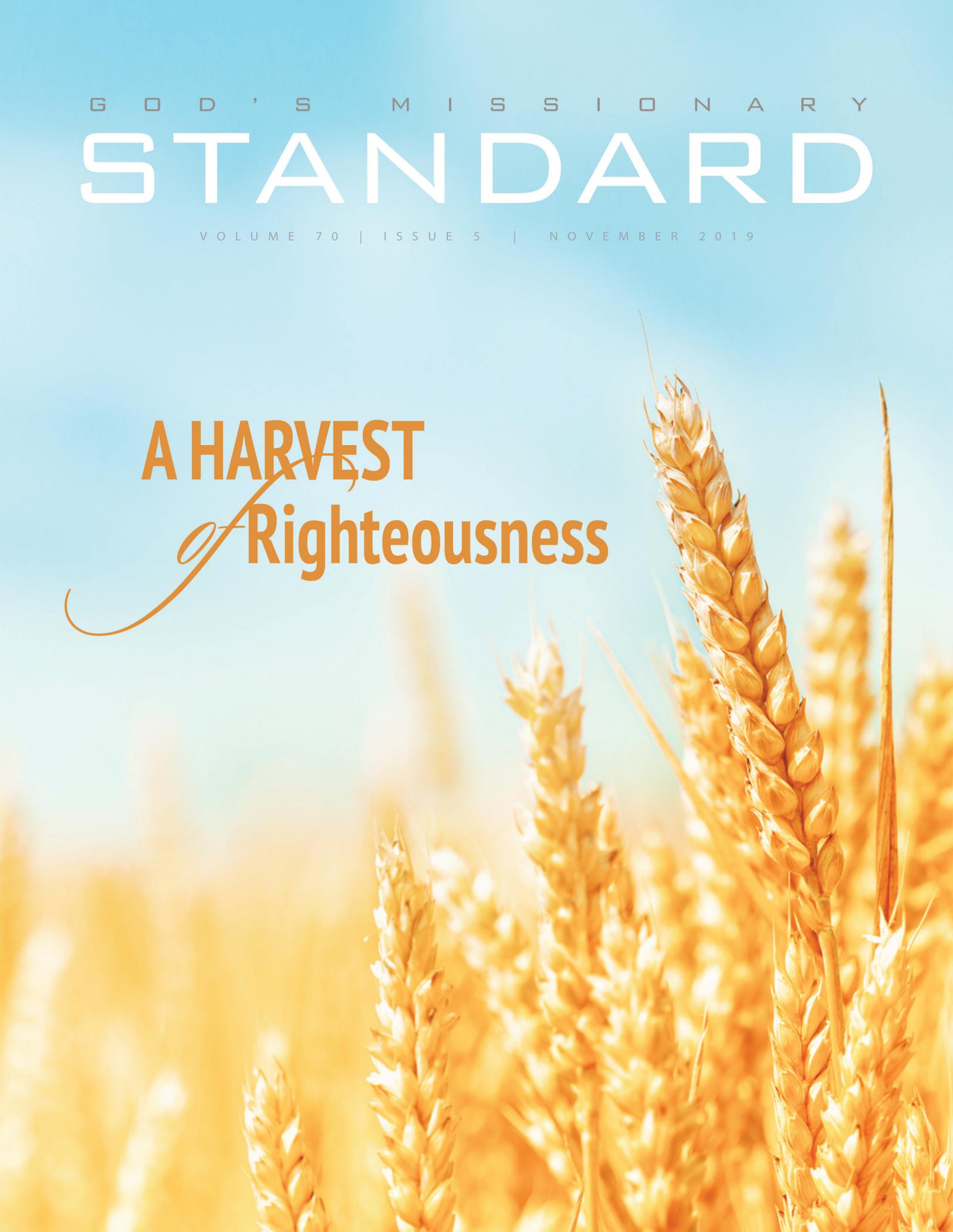


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A HARVEST
of Righteousness





DEAD MEN BEAR MUCH FRUIT



DAVID WISE

As the boys in the quarry were moving a massive rock, it slipped and caught Bobby Hamer's finger. For the first time since he had been saved in the local Methodist church the previous Sunday, he swore an oath. His co-workers were stunned at first. Then they began to laugh and taunt him about losing his religion. Before his conversion, Bobby had been known for drinking prodigious amounts of alcohol, eating glass, swallowing knives, destroying furniture, mauling policemen, and fighting all who had a mind to take him on. On that Monday morning, he had been the first one at the quarry and had testified to all his "mates" about what Jesus had done for him. They had wasted no time in testing his religion, but he had borne it all with great grace until the incident with his finger. As they continued to mock this now gentle giant, he dropped to his knees and began to cry out to God in great agony of soul. When his prayer was heard and his peace restored, he stood and looked around. Every man had taken his hat off, and a strange silence reigned in the atmosphere.

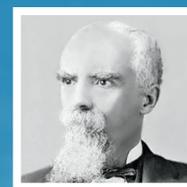
Next Sunday morning, the "town" came out to see Robert Hamer go to the Methodist chapel. On the steps outside the chapel, Bobby's pastor told the large crowd that Bobby would be testifying to the grace of God in the evening service. Folks of every sort came out that night to hear and see "Lazarus" whom Jesus had raised from the dead. The revival went on for months, and hundreds were birthed into the kingdom of God. This amazing revival did not begin with Bobby's remarkable conversion, however. It had its roots in another Sunday morning a few weeks before.

On that earlier Sunday morning, Bobby's pastor had wrestled with God until about 3 a.m. Samuel Chadwick was an earnest young Methodist preacher who longed to see "laboring" men brought to Christ. He was from the underprivileged working class and knew personally what it was like to work fourteen hour days and still have little in the way of worldly possessions. His heart was set on bringing the Gospel to those he understood so well. Yet, for

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Prayer and the harvest

Adapted from "Essentials of Prayer"



E.M. BOUNDS

Our Lord's plan for securing workers in the foreign missionary field is the same plan He set on foot for obtaining preachers. It is by the process of praying. It is the prayer plan as distinguished from all man-made plans. These mission workers are to be "sent men." God must send them. They are God-called, divinely moved to this great work. They are inwardly moved to enter the harvest fields of the world and gather sheaves for the heavenly garnerers. Men do not choose to be missionaries any more than they choose to be preachers. God sends out laborers into His harvest fields in answer to the prayers of His church. Here is the divine plan as set forth by our Lord: "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were ... as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:36-38) It is the business of the home church to do the praying. It is the Lord's business to call and send forth the laborers. The Lord does not do the praying. The church does not do the calling. And just as our Lord's compassions were aroused by the sight of multitudes, weary, hungry, and scattered, exposed to evils, as sheep having no shepherd, so whenever the church has eyes to see the vast multitudes of earth's inhabitants, descendants of Adam, weary in soul, living in darkness, and wretched and sinful, will it be moved to compassion, and begin to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest. Missionaries, like ministers, are born of praying people. A praying church begets laborers in the harvest field of the world. The scarcity of missionaries argues a non-praying church. It is all right to send trained men to the foreign field, but first of all they must be God-sent. The sending is the fruit of prayer. As praying men are the occasion of sending them, so in turn the workers must be praying men. And the prime mission of these praying missionaries is to convert prayerless heathen men into praying men. Prayer is the proof of their calling,

their divine credentials, and their work. He who is not a praying man at home needs the one fitness to become a mission worker abroad. He who has not the spirit which moves him toward sinners at home will hardly have a spirit of compassion for sinners abroad. Missionaries are not made of men who are failures at home. He who will be a man of prayer abroad must, before anything else, be a man of prayer in his home church. If he be not engaged in turning sinners away from their prayerless ways at home, he will hardly succeed in turning away the heathen from their prayerless ways. In other words, it takes the same spiritual qualifications for being a home worker as it does for being a foreign worker. God in His own way, in answer to the prayers of His church, calls men into His harvest fields. Sad will be the day when missionary boards and churches overlook that fundamental fact and send out their own chosen men independent of God. Is the harvest great? Are the laborers few? Then "pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." Oh, that a great wave of prayer would sweep over the church asking God to send out a great army of laborers into the needy harvest fields of the earth! No danger of the Lord of the harvest sending out too many laborers and crowding the fields. He who calls will most certainly provide the means for supporting those whom He calls and sends forth. 🕯

*"Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the
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It's Harvest Time!



DAN DURKEE
PVBI President

After God saved me at the age of 14, I read in Matthew 9:37-38, *“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”* When I read that Scripture, God spoke to me to become one of those labourers. I didn’t know what that meant, so I asked my pastor. He told me that God wanted to use me in the ministry and that I needed to prepare to go to Bible college. I settled it right there that I was going to Bible college to prepare for the ministry. I didn’t know any Bible colleges at that time, but it wasn’t long until I learned about them at camp meeting. I remember on one occasion, the former president of Penn View, Rev. Paul Martin, talked to me and gave me a cassette tape of the school music. He said, “Someday, you’ll be at Penn View.”

I never dreamed that I would eventually be a part of preparing labourers for the harvest at Penn View, but that is exactly what God is doing here. Penn View Bible Institute has been preparing and sending labourers into His harvest for over 50 years, and it is still a place where a young person can answer the call and be prepared to go into missions. When you think of missions at Penn View, two words come to mind: **Develop** and **Deploy**.



In the missions program, we develop compassion for the lost within our students. This is done through passionate teaching, informative classes, local church ministries, internships, missionary conventions, and special class trips to places such as a Haitian church in Newark, NJ, Chinatown in NY City, Penn State University in State College, PA, and numbers of mosques in central PA. Our missions program is unique in that we offer a study abroad component which gives our missions students the option to study in Costa Rica for credit.

We also deploy our graduates with a commitment to actually fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus has given to us. It is easy to TALK about missions, but it is much harder to actually DO missions! At Penn View, we do MORE than talk. This is seen in the incredible number of alumni who are presently serving around the world. You see, at Penn View, missions isn’t just another program. It is a culture that is cultivated on our campus. It is a way of life! Missions is the heartbeat and heart-throb of who we are. Penn View is a place where the Mission Still Matters because the Harvest Still Matters.



Penn View has been out in front in missions preparation, and we are so excited to announce the new **Advanced Diploma in Muslim Studies**. This new program equips our students to reach the 1.8 billion Muslims who form one third of the world’s population! Did you know that 85% of the world’s unreached people groups are Muslim? At Penn View, we train Christian workers through general missionary studies, Hispanic studies, and missionary nursing. However, this new Muslim studies program will enlarge our reach to our ever-increasing, needy, unreached world! We realize that speakers of Spanish, Muslims, and children compose some of the largest segments of people around the globe. If God is calling you to missions, or if you have an interest in His harvest, we would love for you to consider studying to reach these unreached people! At Penn View Bible Institute, we don’t just TALK about Missions; we DO IT, because Penn View is a place *“Where the Mission Still Matters! Let us prepare YOU today!”* ❏

A MODERN MIRACLE



L.S. BOARDMAN *Adapted from "Scriptural Death-Route Holiness"*

Let us call this young man "Joe," though that was not his real name. At the age of thirty-three, Joe was a confirmed alcoholic and cigarette fiend with a teenage drug and crime history. For years he had been hungry for God. Several times he had been saved, but the craving for alcohol and nicotine was so intense that he could not hold out. By the time this story starts, he was at the brink of utter despair. His home and marriage were crumbling. His job was threatened. His future was utterly hopeless. When he was drinking, he was so hateful, his wife could hardly endure him any longer. And he was drinking much of the time, especially on weekends. By this time he was drinking on the job -- driving truck and drinking on the highway. Everything was falling apart. He could no longer handle it. He had given up going to church at all. He was on his way out. It would be only a matter of time.

One night he came to our home on a quick errand. I greeted him as a friend. He shocked me. His face was red and bloated. He was despondent and wanted to run. He was desperate. It seemed there was but one more step to the point of no return. We said, "Joe, you have been hungry for God for years, but these cravings are so intense that there is no way you can keep saved." He agreed. Then we told him about several men who had been alcoholics for years, who now were marvelous Holy Ghost preachers, pastoring churches, and they recovered from the gutter level only because God healed them and purified their blood and stopped the cravings. He seemed intrigued. We challenged: "Joe, why don't you come in right now, sit in a chair in our

living room, and let us anoint you with oil as the Bible says, and if God will heal you and purify your blood stream, you will never have another craving for either of the poisons that have ruined you." He consented. We further pressed him: "Joe, will you agree to come to our home every evening and be anointed and prayed for until God works this miracle, no matter if it takes weeks or months?" He promised. He was anointed. We prayed not over three or possibly four minutes, when God instantly healed him, purifying his blood stream, and the cravings were gone. The anointings and praying continued for six more nights until we all felt that it was no longer necessary. The cravings -- even to the subconscious buildup of years -- were instantly removed. Joe had stepped into a new world, but he was not yet saved.

A few weeks passed. Getting Joe back to God and soundly converted was not so easy. However, a few weeks later God put a small town on his mind which was nearly two hundred miles away -- a place he had never seen. Sunday afternoon he drove there with his wife and child. Consulting the phone directory, he felt that God directed him to a holiness preacher. He walked into that service and could feel the intense hovering of the Holy Spirit. That night he went to the altar, and God saved him.

The restitutions which followed for a few weeks, reaching back into the terrible teenage years, brought Joe closer and closer to the experience of heart-cleansing by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. At that point in time, Joe read the unpublished manuscript of this book and said, "This cut me to the heart and put me under

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CALLED TO BE RIGHTEOUS



BRIAN BLACK



CALEB BLACK

Standing on a little knoll, the farmer looked over his fields. The grain crops, ripe and white for harvest, presented a major problem. Poisonous seed had been mixed in with the good. His workers had wanted to weed out the harmful plants soon after the wheat began growing, but the master had refused. It was hard to tell the good from the bad in the early development. Now he commanded his men to go into his fields and search out all the bad plants, gather them together, and burn them. Then they were to gather the good grain into his barn.

Christ related this parable in Matthew 13 to describe the development of the church. In the end of the world, Christ will send His angels to separate those who commit iniquity from the righteous. The evil plants or tares will be burned, and the good grain or righteous will then shine forth in the kingdom of the Father.

If righteousness is necessary for the kingdom of God, what exactly is it? Merriam Webster's dictionary says, "acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt of sin." Scripture equates unrighteousness with iniquity and also compares it to sin, stating, "All unrighteousness is sin," and, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I Jn. 5:17, and I Jn.1:9)

THE POSSIBILITY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Many in our day do not believe it possible to live a righteous life. They quote from an Old Testament passage that "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." (Isa 64:6) We certainly agree that we are sinful and filthy of ourselves, but through the sacrifice of Jesus "shall many be made righteous." (Rom. 5:19) Scripture shows many examples of righteous people such as Zacharias and Elizabeth (Lk. 1:6), Abel (Heb. 11:4), and Lot (II Pet. 2:8). It describes others who are righteous without giving names (I Pet. 3:12 and Matt. 13:17). These are just a few references to individuals whom God clearly considered to be righteous.

Throughout history the Church has held the belief that righteousness was possible for men. Clement, a first century church leader, stated, "Since they follow the ordinances of the Master, they commit no sin."¹ Augustine, about A.D. 400, said that "we are righteous even as He is righteous."² Thomas Aquinas, the leading church scholar in the High Middle Ages, stated, "men were made righteous

through faith.” John Wesley, who would be the spiritual father of our movement, said, “If any unrighteousness remain in the soul, it is not cleansed from all unrighteousness. We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.”³ Today, sincere Christians can still testify to the empowerment of God to live righteous lives. Scripture presents righteousness as possible, provided, and required. Holy living should be the greatest desire of all who name the name of Christ.

THE PROVISION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Well, what about today? Does God still expect people in our day to be righteous? Yes, but righteousness can only be achieved by the Holy Spirit operating through the power of the blood of Christ. Through Him “shall many be made righteous.” (Rom. 5:19) Christians are challenged to “follow after righteousness,” (I Tim. 2:22) “that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Rom. 8:4) In fact, the way to identify those who are of God is based upon a person’s righteous lifestyle. “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God.” (I Jn. 3:10) The entire reason Christ came was to make sinful men righteous, to “destroy the works of the devil.” (I Jn. 3:8) As Thomas Aquinas stated, “Now the end of every law is to make men righteous.”⁴ Scripture is clear -- we can be righteous!

Since Christ took our sins upon Himself, every sin can be forgiven if it is confessed to Him. (I Jn. 1:8) Furthermore, Christ has made provision to purify the corruption of the heart. Jesus suffered “that he might sanctify the people with his own blood.” (Heb 13:12) Christ made provision for righteousness in both life and heart.

THE PENALTY FOR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is absolutely necessary. Without righteousness, a person cannot know God. Instead, they are a child of the devil. Through the inspiration of the Spirit, the Apostle John vehemently describes these facts in I John 3:6-9.

“Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him neither known him. Little children let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy

the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

John clearly states that God has a zero tolerance policy for unrighteousness. Either be righteous or face the penalty for sin. Righteousness is not only a biblical possibility; it is also a biblical provision and a requirement for heaven. Harvest time is soon to come. The angels will remove the wicked tares from God’s field, the earth. Then the good grain -- the righteous -- will be gathered to heaven. Are you the tares or the good grain? ❑

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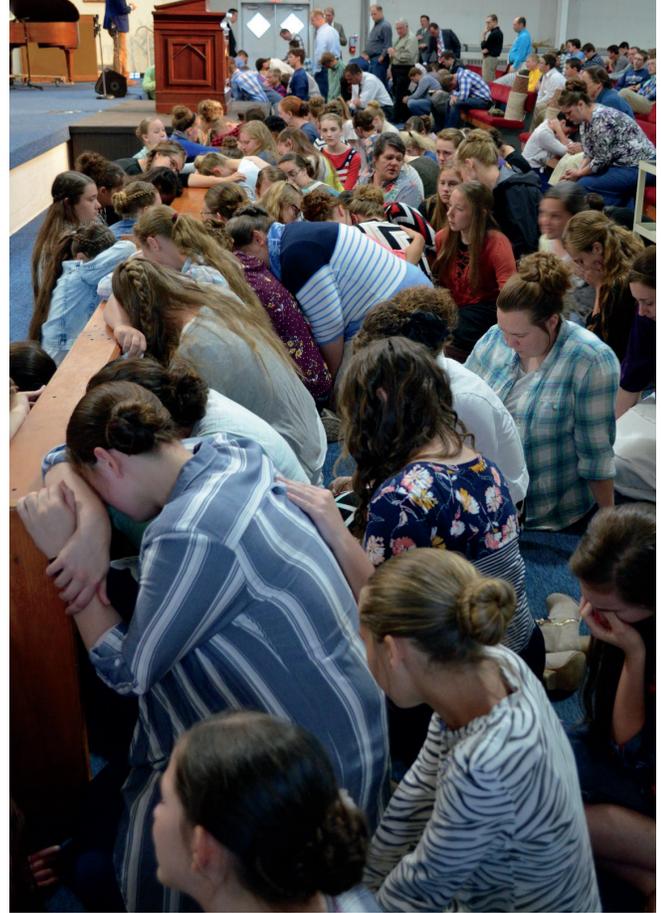
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God's Missionary Youth Camp 2019 was incredible! The theme for this year's GMYC was "Chosen." Two hundred campers were in attendance and enjoyed the anointed ministry of Rev. John Zeigler and the singing of Penn View Bible Institute's Majesty. God's presence was evident all throughout the camp as dozens of young people sought God and chose to put Him first in their lives. We give God praise for how He is blessing and using GMYC in an instrumental way to impact young people in God's Missionary Church and beyond!

Make plans now to be part of GMYC 2020. The dates are June 8-12, and we are looking forward to having Evangelist Chris Cravens as our youth speaker.
- Matthew Maloyed





KIDS CAMP '19

I wish everyone had the opportunity to walk across the idyllic campground in Hanover as 88 children enthusiastically lift their voices in praise to God! There is no more beautiful sound this side of heaven!

The 2019 God's Missionary Kids' Camp was one of the best! We had 154 people at camp including 88 campers, 34 adult staff, and 32 junior staff. We appreciated the anointed ministry of Frances Stetler. She takes this ministry seriously and was faithful to follow the leadership of the Spirit in preparing and presenting solid Biblical truth in a way that resonated with the children.

All of our young people did a tremendous job of leading teams, preparing for and staffing activities, helping with the services, keeping the grounds clean, working in the kitchen, and many other areas of service. It is a delight to see young people realize the joy of serving Jesus! If these young people continue to serve God, the future of our conference is bright. They are the church of tomorrow, but they are actively engaged in kingdom work today!

How do you measure the success of a ministry? Is it a success just because people enjoyed attending? Is it a success if the financial goals are met? Is it successful only if the attendance goals are reached?

While financial and numerical success are important, and we certainly want people to enjoy

the event, these metrics certainly are not the most important by which we can gauge success.

To me, the most important metric is impact. Does this ministry impact lives?

Each year we hear stories of a child who was saved at camp or a young person who really made spiritual and developmental progress. Yes, GMKC is impacting lives! I began to realize the success of the 2019 Kids' Camp on the Monday night of Penn's Creek Camp. The song evangelists began to sing a song called "Money Can't Buy." As soon as they introduced the song, children who were scattered across the congregation began to smile at each other and whisper "This is our Kids' Camp song!" They were delighted that the evangelists were singing "their song."

The lyrics to the chorus read like this:

*"Money can't buy the peace that I feel.
Money can't buy salvation that's real.
Contentment on earth, and a home in the sky—
These are wonderful things that money can't buy!"*

If just one child internalized the life-changing message of that little song, then every penny spent, every hour worked, and every mile travelled for God's Missionary Kids' Camp was well worth it.

- Solomon Shaffer

continued from **page 5** awful ‘death-route’ conviction.” He then requested he come to our home every evening to pray, to dig out and confess out his carnal traits and die out to them all, which he did. God made Joe passionately hungry for holiness. He asked us, “Could we come to your home for nightly visits until God sanctifies me holy?” For the next fifteen nights these vigils continued, digging out, dying to carnal traits, and facing traumatic issues. Then followed the memorable Sunday night when Joe went to our local church service. A visiting preacher brought a powerfully anointed message on the prerequisites to sanctification (or heart holiness). God settled down. Joe hit the altar and in a few minutes took the leap of faith, and the Holy Ghost approved of Joe’s “death-route” commitments and sanctified his heart. The witness was unmistakable. Every person in the room could feel it. Many issues had been settled, and this outpouring of the Holy Ghost confirmed it all.

Many more details could be mentioned and enlarged upon as Joe went down that dark, lonely “death-route” trail to his personal crucifixion, but all would be far too voluminous to bring into this account. Joe could have taken it by faith scores of times without ever plowing to the depths, nailing old carnal self to the cross, or possessing the sweet anointing of the Holy Ghost which he enjoys today. We close this account by stating that Joe’s entire personality is radically changed. In his dying, God told him he must never defend himself, fight his own battles, or make his own decisions. God insisted on HIS hand at the controls, and Joe agreed to it for time and for eternity. In the days before Joe was sanctified, God put it on his heart to write three gospel tracts, “Are You Satisfied?” and “Teenage Problems” and “Is Drinking Fun Anymore?” and much of his spare time is spent handing out tracts and telling people what God has done for him. Praise God forever! To Him be all the praise! ❖

continued from **page 2** the early years of his preaching ministry, he saw very little fruit from his labors. It was at this time that he recognized the need for the power of the Holy Spirit in his life. His outward life was clean before God, but strangely enough, the Lord put His finger on Chadwick’s sermons. These sermons represented the best of the young preacher’s intellect and efforts. He put himself completely into the preparation and presentation of these messages. His weekly sermons began to be an idol in his life; the subtle motive of his heart was that these messages would bring revival. The Lord was letting him know that even something as noble as giving oneself wholeheartedly to the work of the Lord could be tainted by human pride. The battle was on. Chadwick saw that Pentecostal power would only come through Pentecostal purity. The Spirit of God spoke to him about burning all his sermons. For him, this was like facing his execution. These sermons, as fine as they must have been, represented the “arm of the flesh” and were tainted by a strain of self-righteousness and pride. At 3 a.m., his “revival” sermons went into the fire, and the fire of Pentecost moved into his soul. He testified to sanctification that morning before his people, and by the end of the day, seven souls had found God through his ministry.

The Lord Jesus spoke of a grain of wheat falling into the ground and “dying.” Without this “death,” the grain would remain alone and remain fruitless. But by “dying,” a great harvest of “fruit” would come forth. This speaks to the very heart of Christian experience. As we enter the Christian life, we turn from all that we know to be sinful in the crisis of repentance. The crisis of sanctification, however, involves a thirsting for purity that brings us to a place where we are willing to make an even more complete offering to the Lord. This involves a consecration of all that we are, all that we have, and all that we ever will be. In a sense, we are not turning from the bad as we did to get saved, but we are dying to all the good. This type of sacrifice is the price of heart purity. The issues wrestled with differ from person to person, but the struggle is the same for all who would wish to be filled with the Spirit of God. It is not easy, but it is the only way to a life of usefulness and fruitfulness. When the cross of Christ is fully embraced, the blood of Christ can fully sanctify, and the Spirit of Christ can endue with power from on high. The God who sanctified Samuel Chadwick is still looking to reach the Bobby Hamer’s of our day. He needs “dead” Christians to reach living sinners. ❖

president



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May 20: Camp Hill, Hanover Camp board meeting. We appreciate the work of camp president Rev. John Mark Fisher and the board to see the camp go forward.

May 21: Penn's Creek for the 50th wedding celebration of a wonderful, faithful couple, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Plank.

May 22: World Mission board meeting.

May 23: PVCA elementary graduation. Congratulations for a job well done!

May 24-25: Linden, TN. Attended the funeral service for Rev. Robert Walker, founder of the Fort Myers Rescue Mission. What a legacy he left behind of reaching the lost and homeless!

May 27-June 03: Preparation and trip to Colorado Springs for our Western district conference and services. The Rev. Jeff Stratton family were used of God to encourage and strengthen God's family.

June 04: Evangelical Hospital. I visited Sis. Gertie Mason, who was having surgery.

June 05-07: I mowed and trimmed the headquarters building and did administrative work.

June 08: G.M.Y.C. workday and met with PVBI President Durkee about lights in the camp grove.

June 10-12: G.M.Y.C. God moved once again and gave victories and spiritual help to our young people. Praise His Name! A special thanks to Rev. Matt Maloyed and Rev. Aaron McCarty for your leadership.

June 13-15: Ohio. We were privileged to prepare and participate in the beautiful wedding of Nathaniel and Karen Gessner. We appreciate their desire to please God.

June 16: Jackson. It was great to see Bro. and Sis. Major again. Please pray for them. They're both on dialysis 3 times a week and have other physical challenges. A few of them still meet on Sunday afternoons for church services.

June 17: Penn's Creek, General Board meeting. We welcome two new ministers to the Conference: Rev. Nick Rine and Rev. Jeb Stigell.

June 18: Sermon and other preparations for my trip to Belize.

June 19-25: Belize. World Mission director, Rev. Wilmer Paulus and I preached, attended a board meeting with the local church board, attended a funeral on Sunday morning of a relative of Rev. Aaron Gillett, and were involved in getting supplies for a work team of 19 coming from our Millmont church. Bro. Paulus and I also received a motorcycle ride from the pastor. God is using the Gillett family. Keep them in your prayers and support.

June 26-27: Delmar, Maryland. Rev. Jeb Stigell was voted in and has accepted to be the next pastor. His grandfather was involved in starting the church many years ago. We are excited about the Stigell family being part of G.M.C.

June 28: Sermon preparation for Mt. of Blessings Camp.

June 29: Mt. of Blessings tradition is that the conference president preaches the first Saturday afternoon service.

June 30: Mt. of Blessings Camp. Rev. Joe Smith preached a challenging message on Luke 15: "This man receiveth sinners." May God help all of us to be friendly and have a passion for the lost.

July 02: I worked on my conference message and presidential notes.

July 03-24: I went to 10 camp meeting services: Hanover Camp, Kids Camp, Mt. of Blessings, Ono, Beulah, and Oakland Mills.

I visited Rev. Mike Hoskins twice in Mt. Nittany Hospital. It was an honor to participate in the wedding of Rev. Shane and Danae Walters. We know God is going to continue to use this young



JACOB MARTIN

couple. I also attended the funeral of Sis Anita Morley's mother. I met up with three different preachers individually to discuss burdens on their hearts. I also had three board meetings: GMYC, Crusaders and PVBI. I attended a service at our Northampton church and worked at our Penn's Creek Camp workday.

July 25: G.M.C. Conference. It was a joy to see all the ministers, their wives, and delegates come in for the day. God met with us in a special

way in the communion time. Sis. Tillis's song and Vice President Jeremy Fuller's message before communion were powerful. The Conference message was 1 Chronicles 27:28, "In Charge of the Oil." 1. The Place of the Work, 2. The Purpose of the Work, 3. The Passion of the Work, 4. The Person of the Work. 1 Corinthians 12:18, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him." May we all serve faithfully where God has placed us!

July 26-Aug 04: Penn's Creek Camp. God used each of the workers to accomplish His will. Many sought God at the altar of prayer. God's special presence was with us in our services. Lebanon Valley Gospel Band helped to make the last Sunday night extra special.

Aug. 05: Penn's Creek Camp clean up day. A big thank you to all who helped before, during, and after camp.

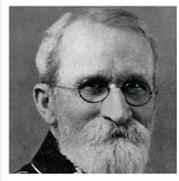
Aug. 07: Sunbury. I rode the church bus to pick up children for V.B.S. It was refreshing and rewarding to see the excitement in the children.

Aug 08-09: Preparation for Sunday's sermon. I also visited Rev. Mike Hoskins in Mt. Nittany Hospital.

Aug. 10-11: Rome, NY. It was an exciting day to install Rev. Barry Sweitzer as the new pastor. We believe God is going to continue to strengthen the work and bind the church family and pastoral family together. Pray that new people will be saved in this community.

Aug. 13: Wilkes Barre General Hospital. Went to visit Rev. Warren Major. He has been struggling physically for a while now. Please keep him and his wife in your prayers.

Aug. 14: Elim Grove camp. Rev. Harry Plank preached a good message on being clean. One new person prayed for salvation. Praise the Lord!



SAMUEL LOGAN
BRENGLE

Whitened Harvest Fields

*Adapted from "Love Slaves" **

Before fields are ready to harvest, they must be plowed and sowed and tilled. When Jesus said to His disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest," He looked upon a land plowed by God's faithful judgments, sowed deep with the toils and sacrifices of prophets and teachers from Moses to John the Baptist, and watered with the tears and blood of those who had sealed their testimony with their lives. When young Adoniram Judson went as the first American missionary to Burma, he found a land covered with age-long growths of superstition and ignorance. For years he plowed and sowed in hope. He struggled with difficulties of language and spiritual darkness. After seven years, with as yet no converts, a friend wrote and asked him what the prospects were. He replied, "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God." Already the fields had whitened unto harvest, and shortly after he had written to his friend he was reaping what he had sown -- thirty thousand souls were won to Jesus and organized for service. It is not often that a man sows in tears and reaps in joy as Judson did. The plowers and sowers often toil in hope and yet must wait for the reapers, who enter the fields and gather in the harvests upon which they themselves have bestowed no labor... When the harvest is ripe, it must be gathered in haste, or it will be lost forever. Our harvest is at hand. The children are waiting for us to gather them into the Saviour's fold. The great crowds of the unsaved in the homelands and the vast pagan and heathen populations of foreign countries need our faithful ministry speedily. How shall we reach

them? Where shall we begin? What shall we do? We must determine to reach them. There must be mighty ingatherings of the people. To this end there must be mighty outpourings of the Spirit, and for this we must give ourselves fully to God... If we do this, and wait in faith upon Him, we shall see such Pentecosts and revivals as shall pale all those that have gone before... We can all aid in the reaping of the harvest by watchful diligence and expectant faith in prayer. Did not Jesus command us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers? And shall we not fulfill so simple and yet so urgent a command? Multitudes cannot go to fields of active service; many have but little, if any, money to send; but all can pray and plead His promises till He rain righteousness upon the earth. I know a man intimately who offered himself for foreign service, but was rejected; then he sought and obtained the fullness of the Spirit, and gave himself to prayer and such service as he could offer at home. God heard and answered his prayers and blessed his labors, and today he hears from the four corners of the earth of those who have been saved and sanctified and blessed through things he has said and done. God will be well pleased with those who pray, and will bless them, and will visit with grace the ends of the earth in answer to their petitions, and they shall surely receive wages. O Lord, pour out the spirit of prayer upon Thy people, and help us to win the world to Thee! ❏

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