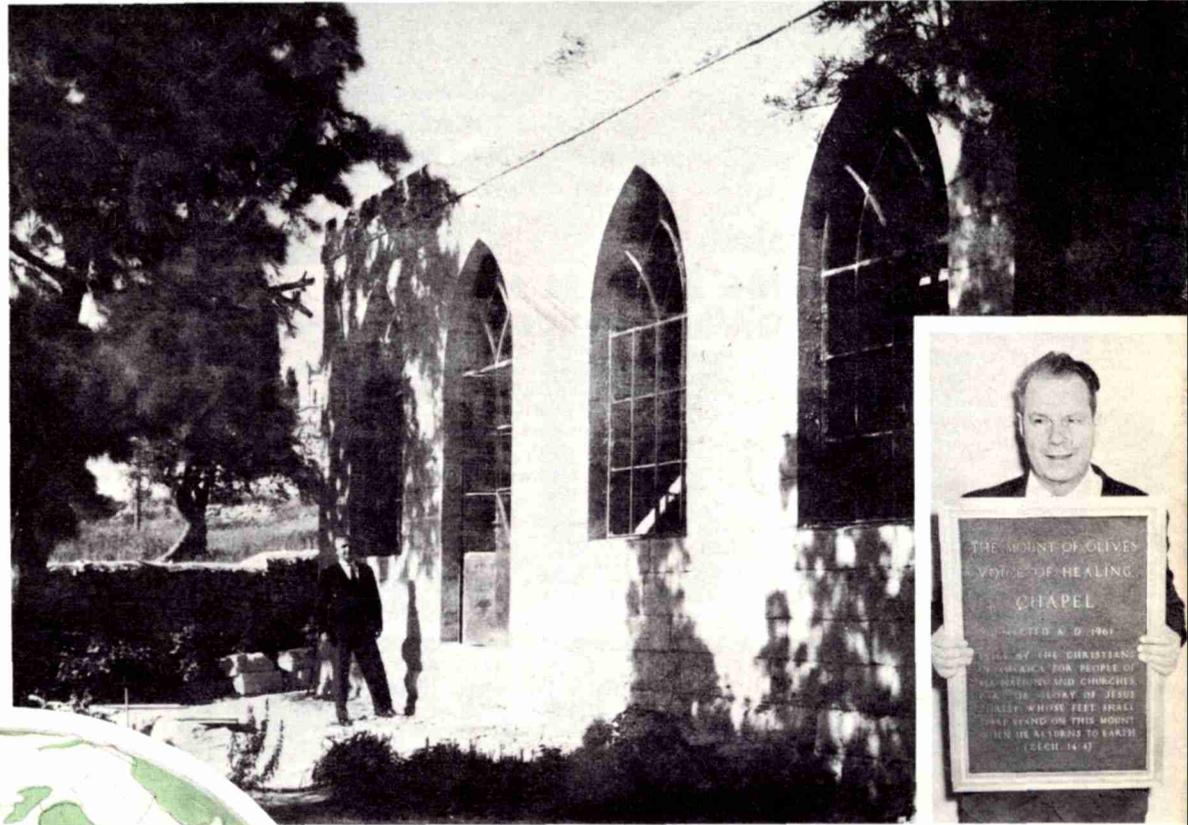
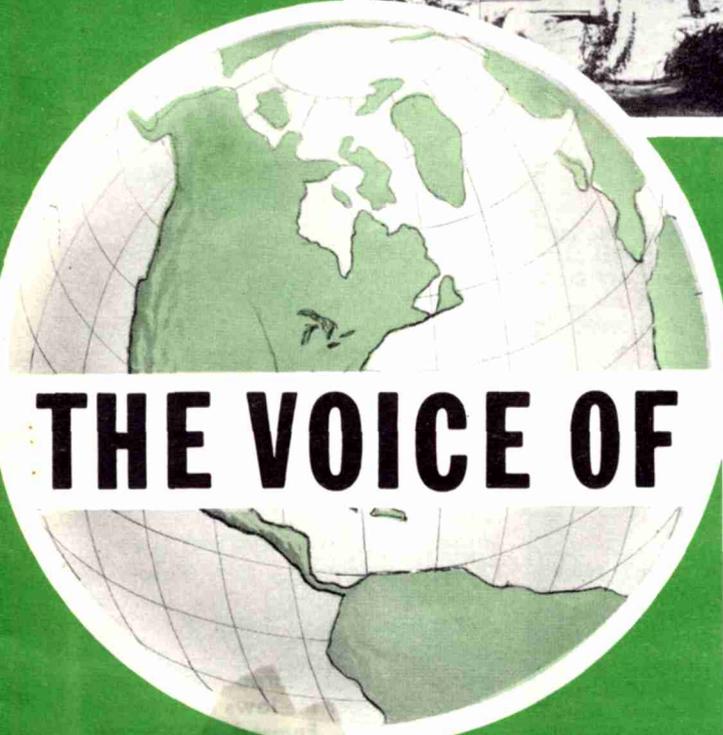


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Brother J. S. Mattar, Warden of the Garden Tomb, stands in front of the West Wall of the (yet unfinished) Voice of Healing Chapel which overlooks the City of Jerusalem. Building was dedicated May 22. Inset: Brother Lindsay holding the plaque which will be set in the corner stone of the chapel.



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These are letters addressed to David Nunn and Gordon Lindsay . . .



THE COIN OF THE WISEMEN

Before Christmas, 1960 there was a description in TVH of a treasure chest available. To me it was a novelty as well as amazing if it were possible to trace the replica of these gifts of the wisemen. I proceeded to peruse volumes of Parthian and Persian lore . . . I looked in vain for the reign of a Vardanes II, at about the birth of Christ . . . There is a Vardanes II about 200 A.D. I am curious to receive authentic verification from you. H.S., Minneapolis, Minn.

(Ed. I am quite at loss to where you got your information about Vardanes II in the year 200 A. D. It is true, there is a dispute about dates of Vardanes I and II. My Encyclopedia puts the latest date at 54 A.D. (Encyclopedia Britannica, page 986, Volume 22, Edition 1952.) Encyclopedia Britannica is not sure of this late date. Coin experts from whence original coin was secured place the coin in question at 27 B. C., which is somewhat earlier. Certainly the time of the coin's use was contemporary with Christ, and the place of its origin was Persia, home of the Wisemen.)

DONALD GEE AND "JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE" STORY

"I thought you might be pleased to know this morning I have given one of my customary talks to students at Kenley . . . On this occasion I have used the life of John Alexander Dowie, and have based most of my talk on your excellent book about him. This is the third time during recent years I have done this, and it has always seemed a blessing to the students . . . You certainly performed a service of great value when you wrote that book, and I compliment you on the honesty with which you have compiled it. It greatly adds to the value because of this. So many such books are sheer propaganda for a personality, or a cult, rather than a bit of real history. So thanks in Jesus name.

Donald Gee, Kenley, Surrey, England

HYMAN APPELMAN

I received your TVH. Great reading. Would it be asking too much for a complimentary subscription? Also would it be imposition to ask for your books? Pray with me. God has given us 2500 on profession of faith for church membership thus far this year for His glory. Thanks a lot for all of the above.

Hyman Appelman,
Texarkana, Texas

Testimonies

Dear Brother Nunn:

Have been hearing you over XERF, the last few days, and was thrilled with your faith inspiring messages.

My wife could not sit down—only in pain, and almost screamed several times but Friday week ago as you prayed the deliverance prayer, all pain left. She testified about it in Pentecostal Church at Coachella near here. How we thank the Lord for the Voice of Healing and David Nunn.

Brother and Sister E. Dawson
Indio, California

Dear Brother Nunn:

Since 1942 I have had sinus trouble. After three operations I was still not better. I had very severe headaches and my nose always seemed to be stopped up.

When you prayed a mass prayer, I was instantly healed and my head was opened up. I thank the Lord that He did the work that the operation didn't do. I give all the glory to God.

Wayne Reynolds
Corydon, Iowa

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I thank you for your prayers. The lady I asked prayer for cancer is well. Her face is clear and signs of scabs are gone.

Mrs. W. S. G.
Adel, Ga.

Dear Brother Nunn:

I have had fungus infection in my ears for about five or six years. The doctors said it was incurable.

You prayed for my ears and now they are clear and the infection is gone.

Mrs. Oattie Vaughn
Humestun, Iowa

Dear Brother Nunn:

I'm writing you again to tell you of how God so wonderfully healed my body at Lewisville, Texas when you prayed for me.

It had been about six or eight months that I hadn't really been completely easy. Every time I ate anything, it almost cramped me to death. The pains were almost unbearable. The doctor told me that my food didn't digest.

Some people doubt that healings really last. I'm glad that I can report that they really last. I can eat anything I want and it doesn't hurt me. I give God all the

praise and thank Him for His faithful servant.

J. D. C.
Lewisville, Texas

Dear Brother Nunn:

For 22 years I had not had a left ear drum. I had one mastoid operation. When you prayed for me, God created a new eardrum! I can now hear clocks ticking or people talking.

Mrs. R. B. Stone,
Santa Paula, Calif.

Dear Brother Nunn:

For thirty years I had an outside goiter on my neck, which was very large. You prayed for me and God healed me.

The goiter dissolved gradually and is now entirely gone.

Mrs. Clara Carter
Rt. 2, Oxford, Calif.

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You prayed for me and my ear was instantly healed. The next day, I talked over the telephone and listened with my left ear. I could hear perfectly!

Mrs. Bertha McEvers
Santa Paula, Calif.

Dear Brother Nunn:

I have been almost totally deaf in one ear for 25 years. When you prayed for me, God opened my ear and I can now hear a whisper.

My ear is as good as ever. Praise God!

Mrs. Fred Irvine,
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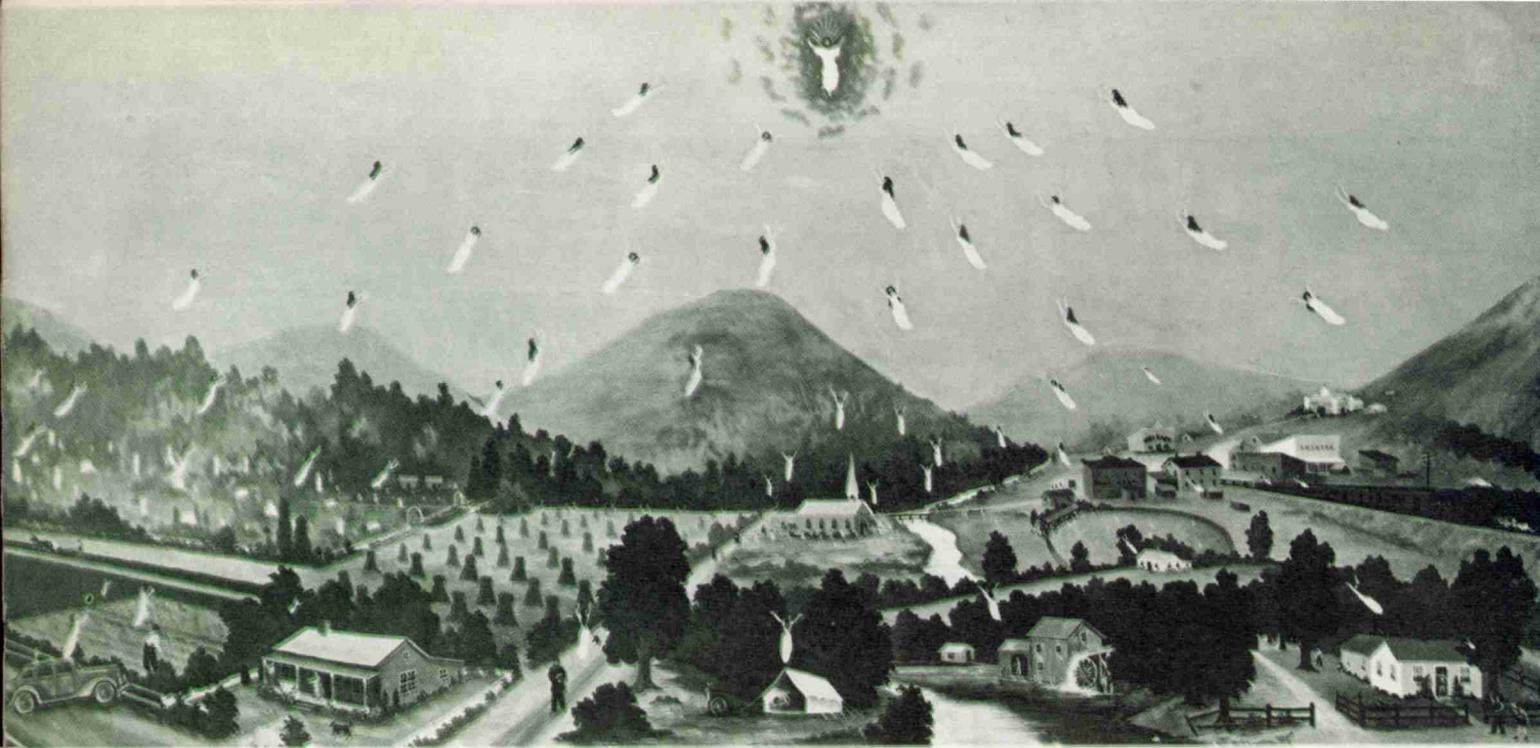
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"The Rapture of the Saints"—full-color reproduction size 10¼ x 21", available from The Voice of Healing. Price \$1.00.

Are All the Saints Raptured Before the Tribulation?

By Gordon Lindsay

Question: What is the answer to the question which is so often asked, "Do the saints go through the Great Tribulation, or, are they taken out by rapture before the Tribulation?"

Answer: The question is usually answered in one of two ways. Some say that all the saints go up before the Tribulation. Others, that everybody goes through the Tribulation.

Actually, the Scriptures are very clear on this subject. They teach that *some* of the saints will be raptured before the Tribulation. They also teach that *some* will go through the Tribulation. There is a First-fruit rapture, and there is a Tribulation Harvest. This is shown very clearly in the 14th chapter of Revelation. During the Tribulation we find the First-fruits standing on the heavenly Mt. Zion. "These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and the Lamb." (Rev. 14:4) These First-fruits are in heaven even while the Tribulation is still going on, as Revelation 14:9-11, clearly shows. Then in verses 13-16, the Harvest ingathering takes place. The Son of man comes on a cloud and reaps the Harvest. It is then that the Tribulation saints, who have gotten the victory over the Beast, stand before the throne of God. (Rev. 15:2-4) Read the 14th chapter of Revelation carefully, and the order of the First-fruits and the

(Last month our World Correspondence Course began study of the Book of Revelation. For many years we have given this important book a close study. We are happy to present this course to the 7000 members of our correspondence school. (Many other thousands secure the course beside these enrolled.) The course is sent without cost to all those who are regular donors to THE WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE. If you are not yet enrolled, write us today. The pivotal question in the study of the Book of Revelation, is whether the saints are raptured before the Tribulation, or whether they go through the Tribulation. The following article is taken from various parts of the course, which members will be receiving from month to month.)

Harvest will become clear.

Question: But do not 1 Cor. 15:51-52, and 1 Thes. 4:13-17, teach that all the saints will be raptured at the same time?

Answer: These Scriptures are a general statement of the First Resurrection. They do not go into detail as certain other Scriptures do. There is definitely an order to the first resurrection. "But every man in his own order, Christ, the first-fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming." (1 Cor. 15:23)

It is very important to properly understand this order. The Jews in Jesus' day believed in the Coming of the Messiah. Their tragic mistake was that they did not see that there was an order to His Coming. They believed that all the prophecies should be fulfilled in only one advent. This led them into a grave error, one so serious that they failed to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah.

There is an order to Christ's coming. There is an order to the resurrection. For example, John 5:28-29, appears to teach that the resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked will take place at the same time.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have

done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29)

But obviously this prophecy is a general statement of the resurrection. John in the Book of Revelation, shows us that there is an interval of 1000 years between the resurrection of the righteous dead and the wicked. "But the rest of the dead liveth not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." (Rev. 20:5) There is an order to the Resurrection. There is the first resurrection of the righteous. There is a second resurrection of the wicked.

Question: Some agree that the resurrection of the wicked takes place at another time than the resurrection of the righteous, but they say that the resurrection of the righteous dead includes all at the same instant.

Answer: They are quite wrong. There has already been a First-fruit resurrection of Old Testament saints.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rock rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints arose." (Matt. 27:51-52)

This sets the pattern for a First-fruit resurrection of New Testament saints. And what about the two witnesses? They are resurrected at a different time. (Rev. 11:12)

Question: A common objection to two raptures, is that the Church being one body cannot be divided, and, that part of the Church to be on earth, and part in heaven, would divide the body of Christ?

Answer: That is a common objection, but I have often wondered why it is ever made. If that objection is sound, then the body of Christ is being divided every day. Death separates hundreds of believers every day from the Church on earth. Indeed, Christ the head of the Church, is not on earth in body at all, but at the right hand of the Father, "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things . . ." (Acts 3:21) The fact that some believers are on earth and some in heaven, cannot divide the Body of Christ, else it is already divided. Christ is the Head of the Body, and Paul says that neither death nor life . . . nor things present, nor things to come . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God." (Roman 8:38-39)

Question: There is then a First-fruit rapture before the Tribulation?

Answer: Yes, indeed. This seems clear for many reasons.

1. The Lord, speaking of His Second Coming said, "Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:36)

2. To the faithful Philadelphia Church, Christ gave this promise.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold I come quickly: hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown." (Rev. 3:10-11)

Here the promise was given that those of the faithful Philadelphia Church would be kept from the hour of temptation that is to come upon all the world—the Great Tribulation. Notice also the warning that they were to watch that no man take their crown. Crowns are to be given those of the First-fruit rapture. We do not see post-tribulation saints receiving crowns.

3. The apostle Paul speaks of an out-resurrection and he presses forward eagerly for the prize. It would appear that this First-fruit resurrection and rapture is a prize to be won.

"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things

which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

(Phil. 3:11-14)

Paul certainly was not pressing forward to attain salvation, which he already had. He was pressing forward if by any means he might attain to this special out-resurrection.

4. There are many other Scriptures pointing to a First-fruit rapture. Notice the Twenty-Four Elders in Revelation 4, redeemed from every tribe and nation. (Rev. 4:4; 5:8-9) They are before the throne of God and have crowns. Therefore, the rapture has taken place. On the other hand, the Tribulation has not yet begun.

5. There is not space to more than mention the Manchild company of Revelation 12, who is caught up before the Great Tribulation. Some say that the Manchild represents only Christ. They are right, in that Christ is the Head of the Manchild company, but He is not all the Manchild Company. The Book of Revelation is a prophecy, not a history of the past. *Christ had already ascended to heaven, 60 years before the prophecy was given!* This would be strange prophecy, foretelling things that took place 60 years before! The Manchild Company (which includes Christ as its Head) is to rule the nations with a rod of iron. (Rev. 12:5) This company then includes the overcomers who are thus referred to in Revelation 2:6-27.

There are many Scriptures that indicate that there will be a First-fruit company rapture before the Tribulation.

Question: Did Jesus teach that part of the people looking for His coming would be ready for the rapture and part left behind?

ANSWER: Certainly the parable of the Five Wise and the Five Foolish Virgins teaches this. The term "virgin" speaks of believers, separated from the world. (II Cor. 11:2) The foolish Virgins were looking for the coming of the Bridegroom, but they were not ready when the Bridegroom came. They were "virgins", but they were negligent in their preparation for the coming of the Bridegroom.

Question: But were not the Foolish Virgins, wicked sinners doomed for hell?

Answer: As we have said, the term "virgins" in the Scriptures denotes saved people. There is, also in the context, a class of religious hypocrites mentioned. (Read Matt. 24:48-51) These are indeed destined to be cut asunder and their portion allotted with the hypocrites. To these Christ will say, "I never knew you: depart from me ye workers of iniquity." (Matt. 7:23) But Christ does not say this to the Foolish Virgins. He does say, "I know you not." As the Bridegroom, He could not recognize them as members of the bridal party. They were not qualified. But He did not say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Question: But some say that if people are saved during the Great Tribulation they are being given "a second chance"?

Answer: That there are saints on earth during the Antichrist's reign is plain from Revelation 13:7, "And it was given him to make war with the saints and to overcome them . . ." We have to accept this as fact.

The so-called "second chance error" refers to people having a second chance after death. In this life people get second chances, and in many cases hundreds of chances before they die. Christ stands knocking, knocking, at the door of their heart. People who wait until the Great Tribulation to get converted of course do so at their own risk. Indeed, the sinner may die at the next instant, not to speak of time in the future. As the study of Revelation plainly shows, those who dwell in the realms of the Antichrist must take the Mark of the Beast—a mark of perdition—or be martyred. Why wait then until the Tribulation to be saved? Moreover, people who deliberately reject Christ at any time, may suddenly be given over to evil. God says, "My Spirit will not always strive with

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Gordon Lindsay

R. W. CULPEPPER AND W. V. GRANT BRING GREAT BLESSING TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA IN SOUTH AFRICA

by R. W. Culpepper

R. W. Culpepper reports:

"In the midst of our Durban Campaign, we received the shocking news that the Indian Government had held up our visa and we would have to postpone our Meetings in India. In the midst of such wonderful Meetings, this came as a real trial to our faith. However, God knew all about it and 'all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to his purpose'.

"Unbeknown to Bro. Grant or me, there are 450,000 people from India in South Africa. *The Door was swung wide open* for us to minister to these needy people of India.

"A number of the Missionaries and some of the Indian Christians had heard about our other Meetings in India and felt that this was an answer to prayer.

"The Hindus came by the thousands to attend the Campaign. Pastor Missionaries J. F. Rolands and Hansen along with the Indian National Pastors, who have long laboured with the Indian people of Natal, worked hard to make the meetings for the Indians successful.

"The Indian Hindus are miracle-minded people; at their religious ceremonies they 'walk on fire', sharp knives, and spikes. They stick spikes through their tongues and put hooks with weights on them by the hundreds right in their flesh. I have seen these almost inhuman and unbelievable things with my own eyes, as they try to purge themselves from sin and please their gods.

"When they came to our Services and saw God heal blind eyes, deaf ears and cripple limbs, they were heard to say 'This is what we want, a demonstration of the supernatural.'



Culpepper-Grant Indian Campaign, Natal, So. Africa. Rev. Culpepper is speaking from the bed of a pick-up truck.

"One man who had been a Hindu Priest for 30 years was brought to the Allen Ford Stadium paralyzed . . . God healed him completely and he left the Stadium a born again Christian.

"A Hindu Princess who was offered to idols when she was a baby and had been demon-possessed for 18 years, was delivered instantly. For 8 years she had cried continuously. She had been taken to Hindu Temples and every doctor in her area, but found no help nor deliverance. Praise God she is now free. She returned to several Services and testified of her new found joy.

"Three nurses brought one lady who had been bedfast for 3 years and she was healed instantly.

"A man deaf for 28 years could hear perfectly.

"An Indian Immigration Officer attended the Meetings and asked for a special prayer for his sick wife and his people.

"Dutch Reformed Missionaries came; Pagan Priests and people from far and near—on and on they came to see the Mighty Works of God.

"When these needy people saw thousands of people were healed in the Mass Prayer, they believed—Thank God. The Miracle is the Thing that draws the Heathen to Christ.

"Thousands came to Christ—Yes, This is God's hour of Visitation. The Harvest is white and the Laborers are few. Won't you pray that the God of the Harvest will raise up more Labourers to help gather these precious souls before the night comes and no man can work."

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man." There are people living this day who are receiving their last chance. These people may still be alive tomorrow, but God's Spirit may no longer be dealing with them. (1 Jn. 5:16) "He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be cut off, and that without remedy." (Prov. 29:1)

Question: Would you say then that the saints who go through the Tribulation are being punished?

Answer: Very likely those left behind will look at the matter in that way. Many uncomplimentary things are said about the Tribulation saints. However, I would look upon it not in the light that they are being punished but that they have missed the prize. There is a crown to be won after we are saved. Does it look as if all the believers in the average church are winning that crown? Many saints are still very carnal. Others make no spiritual progress, year after year. Many have no burden to reach the heathen. They resent those who emphasize this great responsibility of the Church. Jesus said, "Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things and stand before the Son of man." It will take the Tribulation fires to ripen the Harvest. While these of the Harvest-rapture will not be given thrones like the First-fruits, they nevertheless will rule and reign with Christ a thousand years. Notice the two companies in Revelation 20:4. Some were given thrones, but not those who went through the Great Tribulation.

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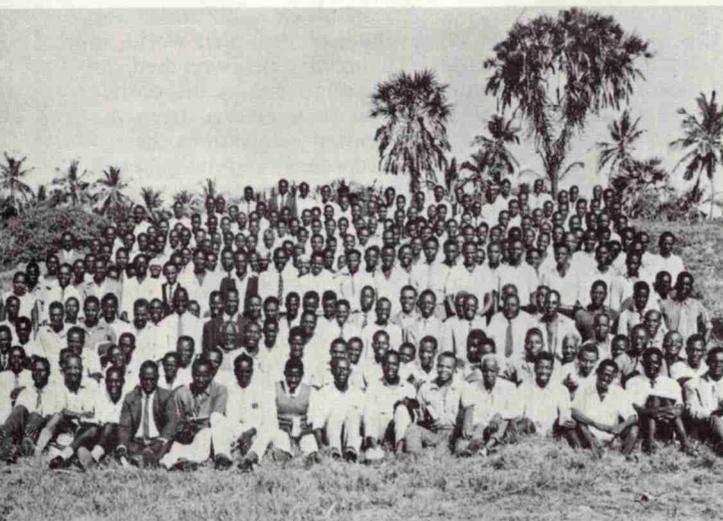
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Hindu priest healed who was crippled and paralyzed.



Nairobi Training Center, 1961



Missionaries and Visitors at the Mombasa Training Center 1961. In the background Dr. Krapp's Memorial is seen. Dr. Krapp was the first missionary to set foot on East African soil (1840). The Princess Park, a Municipal Park given to us for the month of February by the city of Mombasa is close by Dr. Krapp's Memorial.



Missionaries and friends in the Mombasa Training Center. (1961). From left to right: Brother Eklund, Brother and Sister Olson, Sister Dodzweit, Brother Rasmussen, Sister Eklund, Sister Sickler, Brother Dodzweit, Brother Vick, Brother Benterud, Brother Mattsson Boze and Brother Sickler.

Report on the African Project

I received a call from God to do this work in this part of Africa. In 1958 when we had our first Training Center, we trained 40 young men. In 1959 it grew to 130. Again in 1960 it had grown to 220. (We have been careful in our selection and in 1960 we rejected between 75 and 80 applications.) This year we trained between 350 and 400 in 2 Training Centers.

The first Center was in Nairobi, the Capital of Kenya, East Africa and probably the hottest spot politically outside the Congo. God helped us so that we could rent a Military Camp, but we had to promise to vacate within 48 hours should an emergency arise. We prayed and fasted and God permitted us to go on with the training for the set time, the month of January.

In February we moved to Mombasa on the Coast where we have had 3 Training Centers before. There we trained 254 young men. A Municipal Park, the Princess Park, was given to us by the city of Mombasa for the month

The Gospel of Jesus Christ fits the African like a glove. Introduce Him and you have revival wherever you go in Africa. Africa shall not become a new "Red China" as many feel, but a Continent that shall be penetrated to its very core with the Gospel.

Many of the African leaders have grown up on Mission stations and have great respect for the Gospel. As far as we are concerned, we join them who say that **AFRICANS CAN EVANGELIZE AFRICA**. In the Voice of Healing last year I gave a full picture of the now Internationally known "African Project" and all who cooperated to make it a success. Today I am reporting on our little part in this great Project, the training of the Natives.

of February, free of charge, for our work. It is right by Dr. Krapp's Memorial Monument, the first missionary to set foot on East African soil.

The Schools have been greatly blessed of God this year. The presence of God has been outstanding and the unity has been perfect. I feel so privileged to be able to have a little part in this great African Project. I wish you could hear the testimonies from these young men. There isn't a sickness in the catalogue that has not been healed through the instrumentality of these young men, and

FLASH! Evangelists Culpepper and Grant will be in Mombasa for a short campaign. We expect to receive reports soon of the building of the revival center. Many have contributed to the success of this great revival. The Winning the Nations Crusade is happy to have a substantial share in it.

through them about 5,000 people have been baptized in Kenya last year. I counted 12 testimonies of people having been raised from the dead.

There are several groups cooperating in the School, of which the Elim Missionary Assemblies, Lima, New York is the largest. Then we have the Kenya Faith Mission, the Apostolic Church of South Africa and the International Pentecostal Assemblies of Kaimosi Mission. The missionaries who have cooperated in leading positions are: Milburn Sickler, Walter Olson, Arthur Dodzweit, Charles Neilson, Gleen Ford, Paul Johansson and David Clark. In Kenya there are naturally many more people baptized, as through the Canadian Pentecostal Assemblies and other groups, which numbers I do not know. But the Pentecostal

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Marietta's Visit to Heaven

from
"Scenes Beyond the Grave"

"SCENES BEYOND THE GRAVE", or "The Visions of Heaven and Hell", by Marietta Davis, from which this article is taken, is the finest and most detailed account of its kind in print. It was first published by a Baptist minister, Rev. J. L. Scott, as an authentic account of Marietta's visions. The book has been acclaimed by ministers of many churches.

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The book, **SCENES BEYOND THE GRAVE**, stands as the fullest account we have of conditions in that world which exists on the other side of the grave. It is marked by absolute fidelity to the Scriptures, and throughout its pages the narrative carries the ring of authenticity. It is understandable that Marietta should have been chosen for the mission of visiting the world beyond, for she possessed unusual powers of expression and her descriptive ability is unrivalled, as to suggest that she was moved by Divine Inspiration.

The one who took down the narrative from Marietta's own lips, was Rev. J. L. Scott, a Baptist minister and the young woman's pastor. He relates that before she had this visit to the world beyond, Marietta was in some doubt as to her future state; but afterwards she was filled with joy and rejoicing over the unspeakable things which she had seen and heard.

The excerpts published in this issue represent only a small part of the book of 166 pages. Other chapters show her visiting various scenes of heaven. Also she is given a view of the horrors of hell itself.

(This book is obtainable from our office. Price \$1.00)

"Marietta, wouldst thou know the condition of the departed members of thy race, and be made familiar with the effects of the habits and associations of perverted man? Measurably thou mayest; but know thou that their condition is varied. The departure of the spirit from its unsettled and shattered habitation below, worketh no change in its nature."

MAN AT DEATH GRAVITATES TO HIS OWN PLACE
THEN MY VISION was opened to a new scene, to a place where time and eternity met, and there was revealed a scene of indescribable misery. "This," said my guide, "is but a faint view of the effects of the violated law."

Over battle-fields were congregated spirits of the dead, and according to the moral nature of the dying, was that of attending spirits who awaited their arrival in the spirit world. In like manner, all classes and conditions are effected, since this intermediate state of vestibule of the spirit world, is visited by beings varying in character from the unholy and wretched, to the bright and sanctified angels who in multitudes congregate at the portals of death, as messengers of God. And all classes as they emerge from the physical form are attracted to and mingle with kindred associations, beings to whose character they assimilate. Those of discordant and unhallowed natures are attracted by like elements, and enter into regions overhung with clouds of night; while those, who for the love of good, desire pure associations, are by heavenly messengers conducted to the orb of glories appearing above the intermediate scene.

My guide took me by the hand, saying, "These beings moving about thee, once the inhabitants of earth whence thou art, having left their mortal dwellings, are commencing a new state of existence. Their surprise is the effect of their sudden change from external objects to the spiritual." Then she led me toward the cloud of light.

THE INFINITE UNIVERSE

While passing the intermediate, she touched me again, and I became conscious of additional and expanded vision.

"Behold," said she, "the countless, planetary hosts. Mark the rolling orbs, suns, and systems of suns, moving in silence and harmony. The vast expanse is occupied and peopled with universes, constructed in infinite wisdom. These are inhabited by holy beings, happy and immortal, though varied in degree of development and refined spirituality."

THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

Again the organs of perception were touched, and lo! above and around me, and far in the distance, were passing and repassing with the quickness of thought, spirits of pure light.

"These," said my guide, "are ministering angels; their supreme delight is to go upon errands of mercy. Their home is with the ever blest. They are employed as guardian protectors and messengers to those in conditions below them."

While beholding them ascend and descend, one drew near me, in whose arms, and borne upon whose angelic bosom, was an infant spirit. The angel passed, and I saw that the nourished nestling rested in calm security, apparently conscious of its safety in the hands of its protector. "Whence came this?" I inquired; and the angel answered, "I received it from a heart-broken mother at the gateway of death, as the spark of life expired in the external world, and am conveying it to the sphere of infancy in the paradise of peace."

ENTERING PARADISE

As the infant's guardian spirit proceeded, we moved silently in the same direction, until the scenes below perished with my vision, and my being was absorbed in the bright light descending from the orb we were approaching. Soon we entered a plain, whereon were visible trees, bearing fruits. Passing through these shadowy groves, I was delighted with the melody of the birds, whose warbling notes arose in sweetest song. There we paused. Supposing that I was on some terrestrial orb I inquired its name.

My guide answered, "These trees, these flowers, these birds occupy the outer expanse of the spiritual paradise. Here the redeemed are first conducted by their guardian protectors, as they leave the valley and shadow of death, and here they are taught the rudiments of immortal life. Here they receive instructive lessons relative to their heavenly abode, and learn the nature of pure love, unmarred by sin. Here friends who have advanced

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Audience attending the Reid campaign in General Trias, Cavite, Philippines.



Tommy and his father, Al Reid, whose ministry in the Philippines resulted in the founding of 17 out-stations.



Congregation inside new church. Established as a result of the "Mother Church Plan" of Bethel Temple, and a great open-air deliverance crusade conducted by the Reid Party.



Lady paralyzed for ten years, healed. Miracle typical of many which are reaching thousands of Filipinos for Christ.

The Revival in the Philippines

by TOMMY REID

(The Reid Party went to the Philippines as one of our teams in the great crusade held there two years ago. They were asked to stay and take charge of Bethel Temple. During the year and a half that followed they were instrumental in founding 17 out-stations. We consider their work as one of the greatest aftermaths of the meeting in Manila.)

IN THE YEAR 1952, a tremendous Revival commenced in the Philippines, under the ministry of Reverend Lester Sumrall, and Clifton Erickson. The great Revival, in which multiplied thousands were saved and healed, was publicized throughout the world. With the Christians in the Philippines, the world rejoiced for the wonderful works of God.

The amazing thing about "Revival", is that it does not last merely for a month, or a year, but rather is only the beginning of a move of God, within a nation or a group of people. Today, almost eight years later, this "Revival" still burns within the heart of the great Philippine nation. In fact, it actually gains momentum as it moves out into the Provinces.

Arriving in January 1959, in the city of Manila, with other Evangelists of the Great Commission Congress (sponsored by the Voice of Healing), we had the privilege of seeing this Revival for ourselves. Upon our arrival for the great Crusade, we were asked to remain in Manila to pastor beautiful Bethel Temple, built under the ministry of Lester Sumrall, as a result of the great Crusade mentioned above. Today this great church ranks with the largest and finest of all Pentecostal Churches in the world.

After the Manila Crusade, we assumed the pastorate of Bethel Temple, and from this position, we were able to conduct great open-air crusades throughout the nation. Teams of fine national workers were available from the congregation of the great church. These fine workers assisted us in the Crusades, then assumed the responsibility of pastoring the various churches, built as a result of each Crusade.

As a direct result of these Crusades, we opened seventeen new Churches on the island of Luzon. Many of these fine churches were built around the city of Manila, while others, were as far distant as the Bicol region of Southern Luzon, about 400 miles south of Manila.

Seven new buildings were erected, to house these new Congregations. The entire finance for each building was given by the people in these new Churches, with assistance from the Missionary arm of Bethel Temple, Manila.

The first step in entering a new community would be to send a team of workers to conduct a Vacation Bible School. Here the hundreds of children in a new community, would learn the story of Christ, as well as the many thrilling songs and choruses, which we would use in the coming meeting. Within one week, our station wagon would be readied, and we would be on our way to conduct another great "open-air" Deliverance Revival in this community. Handbills would be

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New church at Bulan, Sorsogon, is typical of buildings erected completely with Filipino money given by Bethel Temple, Manila, and the congregations of the outstations.



Congregation inside new church. Established as a result of the "Mother Church Plan" of Bethel Temple, and a great open-air deliverance crusade conducted by the Reid Party.

distributed, a song truck sent through the city, and at 7:30 P.M., the first service would begin. Usually the first night in a new community, we would see a crowd of between two and five thousand persons.

Such a community was General Trias, Cavite. Our meetings began on Monday night, and a great crowd of about three thousand persons gathered on the Town Plaza. The Congregation was most attentive, as we told them about God's love and grace. Then they were amazed at the tremendous truth, that God would actually heal their physical bodies today. We first called the cripples up to the platform, for prayer, as we always noticed our greatest result was in praying for cripples. The first young man to respond was a boy of about 18 years of age, with a leg that was almost four and a half inches short. He had been sent to our services by Felix Monolo, founder of the "Filipino Church of Christ" (a cult similar to Father Divine in America), for the sole purpose of making fun of Divine Healing.

When he came to the platform, we immediately recognized this fact, and told him he was not fighting man, but fighting God. God turned this into one of our greatest miracles. In a few minutes of time, the young man began to cry, and confess that in his heart he had faith in God. We placed his short leg upon our knees, and within thirty seconds, the leg was made to normal length. The crowd almost went wild, and hundreds of people surged forward. We prayed for many other cripples that night and almost a score of people were delivered from canes, crutches and other assisting devices. People were brought by all types of transportation, to receive the Healing Power of God.

Outstanding during this Revival was the healing of an eight year old girl, crippled with polio. During the mass prayer, the workers began to call out, "Miracle, Miracle". We stopped the meeting, while they brought the "Miracle" up on the platform. We watched as a perfectly normal eight year old girl was brought up the steps to stand beside us. Now she was perfectly healed, and walked before the thousands of people as well as any other eight year old child,

who had never known polio. The Mother informed us that her daughter had been brought to the service that night as a hopeless cripple, completely unable to walk, but now together they raised their hands in Praise of the great Healer of the Human body.

As a result of this Revival, we built a lovely church building, and a parsonage for the pastor. The local congregation paid completely for both building and parsonage. Such results are typical of that obtained throughout the Philippines as a definite program for building local churches is maintained in every Deliverance Crusade. This has been the vision of Brother Gordon Lindsay, in his "Winning the Nations Crusade".

One of our great Revivals took us far south to Bicol region of Southern Luzon, with Brother Reuben Candalera, (former Methodist Superintendent, now Pastor of Bethel Temple in Manila). The Bicol area has no missionaries of any Denomination, and is a completely new field for Protestant Missions. Our first service was in the Barrio (small town) of Pulot. The first lady to be prayed for was a hopeless paralytic. She had been crippled for ten years, unable to walk, and instantly, we saw her as she left those who were holding her, and began to walk perfectly in front of thousands of people. The next morning thousands of folk gathered around her house, to find out if the healing she had received was still good. She came out on the porch walking, with her hands raised to heaven shouting, "I'm still healed". In this community as well, a lovely new church building was erected, and a congregation established.

One of the most outstanding nights in our memory, was the first night at Pilar, Sorsogon. The crowd on opening night, was the largest we had ever seen. The Plaza was jammed with people.

A Medical Doctor invited us to this community. His position and standing in the community, gave us favor with thousands. As we ascended the steps to the platform, we saw faith evident on thousands of faces. As usual, a tremendous interest in our prayers was shown at the salvation appeal, as perhaps 5,000 people raised their hands for salvation

It was then time to pray for the sick. When we asked for those that needed Divine Healing to come as far forward as possible, thousands moved toward us. Our bodies were tired from a long trip that day, but a great task was ahead of us. We began to pray for the hundreds.

THE MIRACLE OF IRVING DE MESA

Among our greatest thrills, was the ministry of a young Filipino Bible School graduate by the name of Irving De Mesa. Irving was greatly inspired by the Healing Ministry he had seen in the lives of others, and we encouraged him to launch forth in a ministry of Deliverance himself. Little did we know then, the great things that were to follow.

Irving and a co-worker, went to a small town in Cavite Province. Here they began to pray for the sick, and God began to perform Miracles. The deaf were made to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind to see. Great crowds began to gather to hear Irving preach the Gospel, and pray for the sick. Together, with his co-worker, he established a great church in this community. By the third night of his meetings, the people were bringing Bamboo, Nipa, and other lumber, for the erection of a building. On May 1, 1960, there were 793 in Sunday School in this great new church. Today, through the help of Lester Sumrall, a beautiful new Temple is being erected for these hundreds in the city of Niac.

But this is not the end of the story. Irving's ministry continues to grow. He has held Revival in other communities, with the very same results. In the town of Tarnate, Cavite, between three and five thousand people gathered every night to hear and see this young man of faith. Another Church was established and erected, as a result of his faith.

This young man is typical of our fine Filipino workers, that are going throughout the nation, trained in our Bible Schools, to preach this glorious Gospel of Deliverance.

As a direct result of our Healing Crusades, throughout the Island of Luzon, seventeen new churches were opened. On May 1st, these seventeen new churches had a total attendance in Sunday School, of approximately 3,100 persons. **THANK GOD FOR THIS LAST DAY OUTPOURING OF HIS SPIRIT.**

ARE ALL THE SAINTS RAPTURED BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

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"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Question: Some tell us that the only people saved during the Great Tribulation will be the Jews.

Answer: This is quite incorrect. A multitude no man can number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, came out of the Great Tribulation:

"After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; . . . And I said unto him, Sir thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:9, 14)

We cannot theorize on these things. We have to go by what the Scriptures say. There will be a great multitude of people of every nation that will come out of the Great Tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Nevertheless, after the Tribulation Harvest is over, the day of mercy is past. Then the impenitent will pray for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them. (Rev. 6:12-17)

Question: What are some of the qualifications of the First-fruits?

Answer: We do not have space here to mention the many things that might be said. But we make the following remarks:

1. God's people have the responsibility of preaching "the gospel as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) We must do our part to bring back the king. How can we claim to be of the First-fruit rapture, unless we are consistently doing our part in reaching the nations with the gospel? How can we welcome back the Saviour if we have not done our part in the Great Commission by helping to get the gospel to every creature? (Mark 16:15) Yet we say this at the risk of offending some. Those who contend that the days of revival are past and withdraw into a corner to await the coming

of Christ, doing nothing to promote revival, will likely find that they are in the class with the man that has buried his talent.

2. A place in the First-fruit rapture, is not reserved for those who have special gifts, or who are great evangelists. Indeed, those in the forefront are subject to peculiar temptations, and if they are not on the alert, they may lose their crown. (Rev. 3:11) The First-fruit company is made up of those, who in their consecration have withheld nothing from God. They will be like Enoch (a type of the First-fruits), "Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." (Heb. 11:5) The First-fruits "are they who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." (Rev. 14:4) Having followed Him closely on earth, they will follow Him in Heaven. Of them it is said, "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." (Rev. 14:5)

3. The First-fruits will be men and women of prayer. The prayers of the saints will be offered to God, just before the kingdom of God comes. (Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4) What prayers? The prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." (Matt. 6:10) Elijah "was a man of like passions as we", but he was above all, a man of prayer. He prayed seven times and the earth brought forth rain. "Elijah saints" will pray and rain will come from heaven—the latter rain! Elijah's translation was another type of the First-fruit rapture.

4. The First-fruits, being "virgins" (Rev. 14:4), will not compromise with the world, nor violate their vow of separation unto Christ. (James 4:4) Worldliness completely saps the spiritual strength of a Christian. The Church has now entered the Laodicean period. A flood of worldliness is now seeking admission into the Church, but alas, it is finding entrance into some Full Gospel churches — ironically enough at a time when there is a true revival breaking out among many supposed cold denominational churches. It seems needless to say that worldly Christians who insist on finding their amusement in worldly places and among worldly companions will not be ready for the rapture.

The call of the Bride is spoken of in Psalms 45:9-11.

"Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him."

It is not comely, however, for any one to proclaim himself as having obtained the prize. The Apostle Paul did not. (Phil. 3:12) The race is still to be won. The announcement of the winners

will not be made, the reward will not be given, until Jesus comes.

Question: Some think that they will be raptured, so they can take things easy in heaven while their brethren on earth will go through the fires of the Great Tribulation?

Answer: This idea is puerile. The whole universe will suffer as it were, while saints are in Tribulation. (Rev. 10:10) The view that those raptured will loll about in Elysian fields of paradise, during the Great Tribulation is wrong. The First-fruits are raptured to heaven so they can take part with Christ in dispossessing the usurpers. Notice how busy the Twenty-Four Elders are. A close study of Revelation shows the saints taking a very responsible part in winding up the events of this age.

Question: Are their only 144,000 in the First-fruit rapture?

Answer: This is commonly taught by extremely sectarian groups, who invariably denominate themselves as the 144,000. Such claims are bogus.

There will be a company of 144,000. But there will be many more included in the First-fruit rapture. The Twenty-Four Elders and John, the Apostle are not in the 144,000, but they are certainly of the First-fruits! (Rev. 14:3)

REPORT ON THE AFRICAN PROJECT

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Assemblies of Canada have a great work there, upcountry.

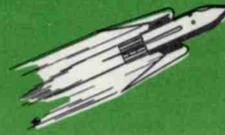
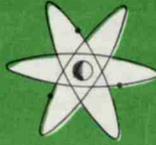
It was a special great joy this year to have with us in the School, Rev. and Mrs. Alan Banks, Albany, Oregon, Rev. A. W. Rasmussen of Tacoma, Washington, Rev. Ivar Benterud of Canada. Besides these brethren we had the privilege of having Rev. John Vick of the Rock Church in New York City with us. The Rock Church and Pastor Vick have been used by God to give bicycles to all the evangelists each year, and naturally Rev. Vick had a very special welcome. God has used all of these brethren in a wonderful way and through their wonderful cooperation and the cooperation of the missionaries, the School was made a great success.

We hope to get back to Kenya next year to train the natives, and God willing, we will also begin to train the women as child evangelists, the same way as we are now training the young men.

We are looking forward to great things in the kingdom of God, believing we are now on the very threshold of a glorious outpouring of God's Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Jos. D. Mattsson Boze

THE MARCH OF PROPHECY



(A FEATURE TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF WORLD EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNUSUAL PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE.)

RUSSIA PUTS MAN IN ORBIT

On April 1, 1961, on the hundredth anniversary of the U. S. Civil War, Russia reputedly put a human being in orbit, the 27 year old Yuri Gagarin. A man in orbit travels some 18,000 miles per hour. Gagarin claimed that although he was weightless, he could do things equally well in space that he could do on earth. In one sense it appeared to an epochal achievement, though the circumstances involved in its accomplishment augur no good thing for the world.

Russia gave Gagarin an unprecedented welcome, a celebration marked with the most vulgar boastfulness. "Let other countries try to catch up," Khrushchev said. Nevertheless, it is an achievement of a kind and shows that Russia is prepared to go all out to make spectacular goals for propaganda purposes. The Soviets are geared for war, and it is evident that their war machine is sufficient to destroy civilization, and is restrained only by the fear of being pulverized itself.

But did Gagarin really make the trip? Did he really orbit the earth, or was he a stand-in for a dead man? There are inconsistencies in the Russian's story. Careful computation appears to show that the time-table produced by the Russians is completely off. Gagarin's account of seeing plowed fields on collective farms at a height of over 100 miles seems also false. U.S. aviators have gone up to 32 miles of altitude, and at that distance all that could be seen were prominent geographical details such as mountains and seacoasts. Gagarin was very evasive on many things, and his story seemed almost too pat. Many sober commentators are of the opinion that the whole thing is a monumental hoax, and that Gagarin was parachuted from an airplane.

Actually, the "London Daily Worker" reported that a man was placed in orbit during the preceding week. This man in the orbit came back alive, but suffering from the effects of the flight, Gagarin was thus made a stand-in. (U. S. News and World Report, May 1, 1961)

Communism is a system built on lies. It will shrink from nothing in making a propaganda beat. Russia wishes to exalt herself above the stars. If she can do it with lies, she is quite as well satisfied. (Isa. 14:13-14)

THE CUBAN FIASCO

The easy confidence of the administration was badly shattered by the Cuban fiasco. We do not doubt that our leaders did what they thought was best, but certainly their efforts have been confounded. First of all, our government was given full information that Castro was a Communist back during the days of his guerilla warfare. Castro's brother Raoul received his training in Communist countries. Our government chose to ignore these facts, and lent aid and sympathy to the Castro movement. The bearded fanatic soon showed his true colors when he came into power. Breaking every promise that he had made, he rapidly reduced the country to a Communist satellite.

Our government aided the refugees of free Cuba to organize and an invasion of Cuba took place in late April.

But the U.S. reckoned without host. Russia has been sending in ship after shipload of guns, jet fighters and tanks. The invasion was a suicide attack and the free Cubans were killed, captured or driven off the island. Khrushchev has seized the incident as a propaganda windfall, and sanctimoniously denounced the invasion as a "crime which has revolted the world." More arms are speeding from Russia to Cuba. The Latin-American countries who were sympathetic to America are indignant and frustrated over the fiasco. And they blame America.

What is the trouble? America is trying to solve the world's problems by her wits. She is leaving God out, and as a result dark and somber disappointments lie ahead. While America fails in Cuba, Communists move forward relentlessly to take over Laos. Truly it is the hour for the people of America to mobilize themselves for prayer. Otherwise they will be crushed between the anvil and the hammer.

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MARIETTA'S VISIT TO HEAVEN

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in spiritual attainments return from higher employment to welcome the spirit on its entrance upon this plane of the spirit world. Here kindred are permitted to meet and hold converse; and 'tis in these immortal groves where spirits first attempt in unity the song of redeeming grace, and reposing in soft and heavenly sweetness, breathe the pure air of paradise."

MARIETTA MEETS THE REDEEMER

The angelic attendants then bore me in their arms along the portal to the feet of a Being most glorious. Upon His head was a crown of pure light, and over His shoulders hung golden locks! His loveliness, can never be expressed.

"This, Marietta," said an attending angel, "is thy Redeemer. For thee in incarnation He suffered. For thee without the gate treading the winepress alone, He expired." Awed by his goodness, tenderness and love, I bowed, feeling that

if worthy I would worship Him.

Reaching forth his hand he raised me up, and in a voice that filled my soul with inexpressible delight, said, "Welcome, my child. Daughter, spirit of a race forlorn, enter thou for a season the portals of the redeemed." Then addressing the surrounding beings, continued, "Receive this your companion spirit." And lo! the worshiping congregation arose as upon the breath of holy love, and, meekly welcomed me as an heir of grace, and with tuned instruments the immortal choir chanted the spirit's welcome—

"Worthy is the Lamb who hath redeemed us. Exalt His name, all ye sanctified, yea adore Him, ye cherubim who worship in the celestial heavens. Adore Him, for He hath exalted us. We will praise His name, the name of our God Most High."

SHE MEETS LOVED ONES

The spell of music being broken, I was much affected to find myself in the embrace of one who on earth I had loved with the affection of an infant soul.

With willingness I sank into her arms, and she with a sister's tenderness pressed me to her immortal form, saying "Sister spirit, welcome, for a season to our home of peace."

Around us, and in this spacious room, appeared seats in form of an amphitheatre, yet glorious beyond description. Hereon we rested. Mingling with them, were many old and familiar friends.

Although I knew them, their appearance was unlike that while upon earth, each being an embodiment of intellect unassociated with the physical form, in which I had known them before.

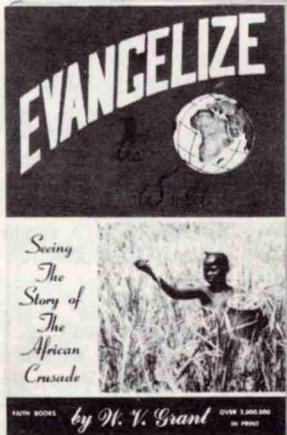
Freely did they converse, nor did they use the language of human beings. They spoke and no audible utterance attended, yet thought moved with thought, and spirit was familiar with the mind of spirit. Ideas associated with their heavenly life, flowed from being to being, and soon I learned that in heaven there is no concealment.

MARIETTA IS GIVEN INSTRUCTION

Then visible above me appeared a

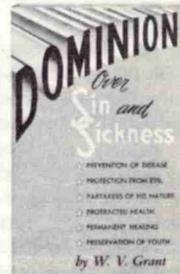
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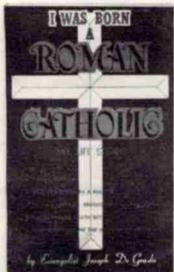
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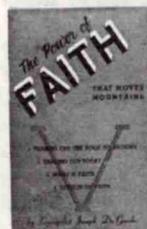
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Cross, borne in the midst of twelve, on whose circle I read, "Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles." Above it was written, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

The spirit who descended from the Cross then said, "Marietta, thou has been conducted here for a wise end, and for that purpose I am permitted to instruct thee in many things, pertaining to earth and heaven. The thought of returning makes thee sad; yet thou shalt go laden with riches, the riches of instructive truth.

"First learn that all Heaven reveres the Cross. Before it myriads bow, and around it the redeemed delight to linger. Earth's religions are but dreamy scenes, compared to these. Vague and imperfect are the highest conceptions of the human soul, relative to our condition here. 'Tis but above the plains of earth, where in perfect order begins the Spiritual Heaven. Around it move the guardian spirits. Mingling, as permitted, with the inhabitants of earth are countless guardian angels; no day, nor hour, nor moment passeth, but each mortal is watched by the spirit appointed to his charge.

"Man knoweth not the nature of sin, nor the fullness of Grace in his Redemption. Numberless are the causes, to prevent the light of heaven from reaching and controlling the race of man, wretched and deathward tending. But the time draweth near, when man shall become more conscious of the reality of this abode; when his attention shall be turned more fully to the truth of Inner Life. Man's redemption draweth nigh. Let angels swell the chorus; for soon the Savior descendeth, with holy attending angels."

CHILDREN IN PARADISE

Then my attendant looked down, and I saw his attention engaged by the approach of an angel. The spirit then said, "This is an angel who belongs to the Infant Paradise. Have you not read in Gospel, that blessed expression of the Redeemer, 'In heaven their angels always behold the face of their Heavenly Father'? This angel has the guardian protection of infant spirits as they leave the external world and enter into the spiritual. She pauses in her ascension for thee. She holds out her arms, and what seest thou, Marietta?" "A small pale light," I answered.

The angel then breathed upon it, as if imparting life, and pressed it to her bosom in fondness infinitely above that manifested by earthly mothers. I knew the little spirit was at rest. Feeling the heaven that encompassed and pervaded the angel, again I wished to fly away, and with the infant be forever blessed. But while I was struggling to ascend, the angel arose—one flash of light and she disappeared.

In a moment we were ascending in the direction of the angel who had borne along the infant. Soon we drew near what at first appeared like a city built in the midst of a floral plain. As we drew near a building, with a dome suspended over a vast circular space, the guide said, "This is the place where all infants from thy globe are gathered for instruction. Here infants are nourished beneath the smile of their guardian angels. Each nursery though somewhat varying is a temple for the instruction of infant spirits who enter there, until they attain higher degrees. Over each of these temples are appointed seven maternal guardians.

"Whenever an infant dies on earth, the angel guardian who bears up the spirit to the Land of Peace, perceives its interior type of mind, and according to its type it is classed with others of like order of intelligence; and as the skillful gardener on earth in one floral division trains the various species of the lily, and in another the camellias or the honeysuckles; so here angelic wisdom classifies the infant spirits, and according to their variety of artistic, scientific, and social tendencies, assigneth each a home best adapted to the unfolding of its interior germs of life, into intellectual, artistic or industrial harmony."

A SCHOOL IN PARADISE

My reflections were perceived by my instructress who observed, "Marietta, behold the manifestation of infant life in Paradise. Let us enter, and there thou shalt learn the true condition of those who as babes leave the world of sorrow, and who are immediately conveyed to this place and are henceforth happy. Little do mortals know of the blessedness attending their little ones who leave in the morning of their existence. Those who believe in Christ, become reconciled to the loss, but this is mostly upon condition of the law of submission established in the Christian's heart. I was once a mother in the world of sorrow and loss. There I learned to weep, and there I also learned the priceless value of faith in God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ; there, Marietta, did I bid adieu to the infants, who lived but to pain a mother's heart at the parting."

INFANTS BLESSED BY REDEEMER

As she spoke, each of the guardian angels arose with the infant of her charge, and poised in the great

space around the angel who held the Cross. Instantly a light, infinitely superior to that in the temple, descended from above; and I was awed with the august presence of a retinue of angels, in whose midst was one like unto that glorious Being I had been informed was My Redeemer.

The sweetness and gentleness of the expression, and the love that shone from his face as these words moved from His lips, overcame me, and I sank at the feet of my heavenly conductor, who raised me up, and drew me to her angel breast.

"This," said my guide, "is the more simple portion of the heavenly exercises connected with the pleasing occupation of those who are appointed to rear infant spirits in preparation for unfolding their being into enlarged capacity and useful employment. The earth, if man had not departed from purity and harmony, and thence from affinity and companionship with beings of an exalted nature, would have been a proper nursery for new-born spirits.

"If men in the body knew the goodness of God in redemption, they would cease from evil, and learn righteousness and the ways of peace. Marietta, understandest thou this?"

As soon as the angels had resumed their former positions, my guide informed me, that those infant spirits I had just beheld blest by the Redeemer, had been given into the charge of other angels, whose delight was to gently train the mind by means adapted to their advancing condition; and that now I was approaching a scene in which I should witness the reception of infants just from earth. As she closed, I saw above and around, angels poising in the serene atmosphere, waiting with their treasures the moment to arrive for them to enter the temple. When the former angels had given up their charge, and were preparing to receive another class, these entered and occupied the centre around the Cross.

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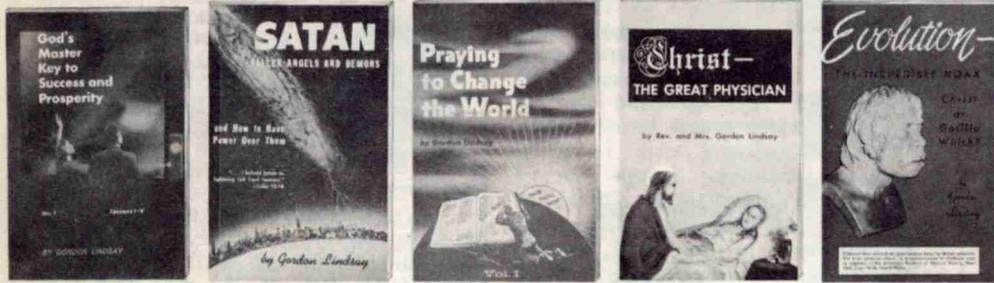
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