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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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Dollar-A-Month Club Grows

Through the combined efforts of our friends the Dollar-A-Month Club continues to grow a little each week, so that at this writing we have exactly \$150.00 in this account to be applied against our debt of next June 27. Truly we thank God and take courage.

Bro. Samuel Affleck of Philadelphia, Penna., sends us a dollar for this purpose, and a most encouraging letter of appreciation accompanied the gift.

The same goes for Bro. Joseph Dunnam of Stonewall, Mississippi, whose letter is most inspiring and helpful.

Then we had a fine letter from Bro. G. L. Burr and wife of

Mansfield, La., who sent in three dollars to be thus used to pay on our indebtedness of next June. Their letter follows:

Mansfield, La.
October 4, 1954

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We come praising the Lord that He has spared us these few days, to be able to send our little in to the Dollar-A-Month Club.

We know it is not much, but we thank Him for it all. This is for the months of October, November and December. If the Lord wills, we will send more soon.

Pray for us, His servants, look-

ing for the coming of our Lord.
Eld. & Mrs. G. L. Burr

Mrs. Edith Baker of Lincoln Park, Michigan, sent in a dollar for this purpose, and one of the most inspiring and challenging letters that the editor has been privileged to read in many days.

Here is another letter which tells its own story, from Florida, written by a brother from whom we have often heard:

Melbourne, Fla.

Bro. Gilpin:

I am so glad that we have a
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The Sufficiency Of The Inspired Word Of God

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, completely furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16.

This is an astounding statement; yet Paul believed it and lived up to it. So did the Lord Jesus. They both trained young preachers for their life work of preaching the gospel at home and abroad. Both the Master and Paul thought the Bible sufficient for fitting every young preacher and missionary for all the work that he would have to do. Note well what this passage says. The Bible is a God-breathed Book. That is what the word "inspired" means. The Bible does not talk about inspired men. It talks about an inspired Word. God's Word is God-breathed. Because it is God-breathed it is the living Word. There is the same difference between the Bible and all other books that there is between Christ and all other men. Christ is the only perfect man because He is the God-man. The Bible is the only perfect Book because it is the God-breathed Book. Now Paul says this book is sufficient to give any man complete training for any and all work that God wants him to do. It also says that the Bible will completely furnish or equip

him for all good works. The trouble with us is we do not believe what God said about it. If we did we would not only make the Bible the center of all teaching in our Baptist colleges and academies; but in our schools that are to train preachers and missionaries we would eliminate everything, except the Bible and whatever is necessary for men to be taught the Bible. Mark you, the Scriptures completely furnish for all good works. Nothing else is needed beyond the Bible. The Bible is the true university. Any man is equipped for life, who knows the Bible. No one is furnished for his life work until he knows the Bible.

Take Something Home

"This man went down to his house justified." (Luke 18:14).

Some folk shop without taking anything home. They let the clerks show all their goods, but order nothing. They look in all the show cases and windows, of the stores, but go home empty-handed. So do many people attend church. The publican, by humility, got something from God and went home justified. Humility always brings the exalting of God, but pride sends men home from church with empty hearts.

Simmons To Help Louisiana Church In A Revival



ELD. T. P. SIMMONS

Bro. G. L. Burr, pastor of the Naborton Baptist Church, located at 509 Forest Avenue, Mansfield, Louisiana, has announced a revival meeting at his church, to be conducted by Elder T. P. Simmons, beginning the first week of November.

Since Bro. Simmons is one of the editor's closest friends and one of the best preachers he knows, and since Bro. Burr and

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More Of The Heresies And Foolishness Of The Catholics

By ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

In this land of religious liberty we have to look carefully to see the real nature of Roman Catholicism. However "Rome is ever the same," and Catholicism is just as idolatrous here as elsewhere. The church doesn't make the same effort to force its way here that it makes in lands where Catholicism holds complete sway.

We have recently had opportunity to view some of the fruits of Catholicism in lands that for centuries have been under Catholic dominance. We suggest some of the results of personal observation.

Does The Catholic Church Favor Religious Liberty?

It DOES NOT! They talk about freedom here in this country — they bemean Communism for restricting their liberties in Iron Curtain countries, but they refuse liberty to those of other faiths, where they have the power to do it. We recently visited a small Baptist church in Naples, and we talked with the American missionary for an hour or more about his work. He assured us that if he should pass out tracts publicly, he would soon find himself in jail. If he should start a public street meeting or anything of the sort, the same results would follow. He

found himself constantly hedged about by governmental restrictions inspired by the Catholic Church. He related stories of immorality on the part of priests, and told of one instance in which a priest was known to have a family in spite of the doctrine of priestly celibacy.

Communism Rampant In The Land Of The Pope

Italy teeters on the brink of Communism, despite it being the land of the pope. Why is this? The answer is, the Church has done nothing to alleviate the condition of the masses, and when Communism comes with fair promises, they feel that nothing could make their condition any worse, so they fall for it. Catholicism, where it is dominant, does little or nothing to promote education or enlightenment. It is a system that thrives on superstition and ignorance.

A Religion Of Old Bones, Rags And Relics

Catholicism teaches miracles through bones of saints and relics of various kinds. They resort to any kind of fakery in order to fool a gullible public. At Genoa, they profess to have the ashes of John the Baptist in a stone box. No historical evidence whatsoever. No more than the Mohammedans have who claim to have the head of John in one of their mosques. They claim to have the

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WHY SINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE

As a certain Christian walked into a barber shop, he discovered there was a religious discussion going on.

As he sat down, one of the waiting patrons asked the man who was doing most of the talking to repeat certain statements to this newcomer.

He said: "I was born a sinner; it was no responsibility of mine, and it would therefore be entirely unjust for God to judge or condemn me for that in which I had no responsibility whatever, no matter what the Bible or preachers may say."

The Christian pointed out that the Bible does not say God will condemn us because we are born sinners; but that He will do so if we remain sinners rejecting the Saviour of sinners, by Whom He has opened up a way of escape for us.

He used this simple illustration:

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel 38 and 39)

If you will go back and study very carefully Ezekiel 37, you will find the Jews pictured as a valley of dead, dry bones, which, when the Word of God was preached unto them and the breath of God was blown upon them, came to life and became again a living nation. It was a picture of nothing more nor less than the restoration of the entire house of Israel.

To be sure, I went further and showed you that it was a type of unsaved sinners, for every unsaved man is dead towards God and is just as dead spiritually as any corpse is physically dead. I was very careful to make it clear to you that that was only an illustration and that the real truth

of the entirety of the thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel was that of the restoration of the house of Israel.

Now, beloved, having seen from this thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel the restoration of the house of Israel, I want us to notice in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters, the destruction of Israel's last enemy.

If you will read in these two chapters, you will find that there is an enemy of the Jew who is spoken of. Who that enemy is, we will identify a little later, but the fact remains that in this chapter, after God has completely restored the Jews to the land of Palestine, and after the Jew is living in the land of Israel, God then tells us of the last enemy that Israel has, which, as I shall show you in a

few moment's time, is none other than the country of Russia.

Now, in order to study this chapter and to study it briefly, I want to ask some questions, and try to answer them.

I

WHO IS IT THAT IS INVADDED?

If you will read in the eighth verse, you will have the answer. Listen:

"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell
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WHY THE SAVED ARE SAFE

Two brethren who differed on the question of the believer's safety in Christ were discussing the question, and one said to the other:

"I tell you a child of God is safe only so long as he stays in the lifeboat. He may jump out, and if he jumps out he is lost."

To this the other replied, saying: "You remind me of an incident in my own life. I took my little son out with me in a boat. I realized, as he did not, the danger of his falling or even jumping, into the water. So I sat with him all the time, and all the time I held him fast, so he could neither fall out, nor jump out, of the boat."

"But," said the first speaker, "he could have wiggled out of his coat and got away in spite of you."

"Oh," said the other, "you misunderstood me if you supposed I was holding his coat; I was holding him."—Christian Courier.

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God that answers prayer, yes, I am. And that He put into the hearts of so many to send in their money to meet the note when it is due. I, too, am enclosing \$12.00 for the note, and I will continue to give each payday, the Lord willing. The two dollars extra is for whatever you need to help carry on the Lord's work.

Wm. McTaggart

Bro. L. V. Buchanan of Grundy, Va., from whom we have often heard sends \$12.00 to thus be used to pay on our note of next June 27. Here is his letter for you to read, and rejoice over:

Grundy, Va.
October 5, 1954

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am proud at the fact that God has laid it on the heart of someone to think of the Dollar-A-Month Club, and I sure do want a part in it. I don't want to miss a single copy. I think I am one of your oldest subscribers. I am not sure when The Baptist Examiner was started. Would like for you to give me the history of it. So here is check for \$25.00. Twelve dollars for the Dollar-A-Month Club, \$4 for Bro. Simmon's book, \$1.00 for Bro. Howell's book, if you can get one on the Downfall of Russia.

L. V. Buchanan

Mrs. M. M. Fulks, of Mansfield, La., who sends two dollars for the purpose of paying off our note next June, tells of three saved as a result of the paper's influence:

Mansfield, La.
October 5, 1954

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I've just received another copy of The Baptist Examiner.

I've been reading your paper for several years, and many times my soul has been wonderfully blessed by the precious truths that I live on from day to day.

It has been my privilege to have this paper sent to many homes, and I know God has blessed it wherever it goes. To my own knowledge, in one family, the husband, wife and oldest son have been converted since receiving your paper, and my prayer is that the Lord will make it possible for me to keep the subscriptions up. Enclosed find \$2.00 to the Dollar-A-Month Club.

May God bless you in your wonderful work you are doing for Him.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. M. M. Fulks

T. P. Simmons

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the Naborton Baptist Church of Mansfield are regular monthly contributors to the support of this paper, we are indeed happy to know that they will be brought together in this revival effort.

May our readers pray for church, pastor, and evangelist that God will mightily and richly bless in this special meeting. Furthermore, we urge all our readers, who live within going distance, to attend this meeting that your souls may be fed and blessed.

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LEAVE IT WITH HIM

Yes, leave it with Him; the lilies all do,

And they grow;

They grow in the rain, and they grow in the dew--

Yes, they grow.

They grow in the darkness, all hid in the night,

They grow in the sunshine, revealed by the light--

Still they grow.

They ask not your planting; they need not your care

As they grow.

Dropped down in the valley, the field -- anywhere

Yet they grow.

They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure white;

They grow, clothed in glory, by Heaven's own light--

Sweetly they grow.

The grasses are clothed, and the ravens are fed,

From His store;

But you who are guarded and loved and led--

How much more

Will He clothe you, feed you, and give you His care

Then leave it with Him; He has, everywhere,

Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him; 'tis more dear to His heart,

You will know,

Than the lilies that bloom or the flowers that start

'Neath the snow.

What ever you need, if you ask it in prayer,

You can leave it with Him, for you are His care.

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safely all of them."

This verse is very clear in showing us that an invading force comes from without and invades the land of Palestine. Now, beloved, that is nothing new, for the land of Palestine has been subject to invasions through all the years gone by. In fact, it has been the battle ground of the nations. Secular historians refer to it as the battle ground of the nations of the world. With Egypt on the south, and with Syria and Babylon on the east, it is very logical that the nations would meet in the land of Palestine, with the result that the land of Palestine has been the battle ground of the ages.

There is one more battle to be fought there. I do not know the exact hour or date, but there is just one more battle to be fought in the land of Palestine, and that one is to be fought at the time when Ezekiel 38 and 39 are to be gloriously fulfilled.

II

WHEN IS IT THAT THE LAND OF PALESTINE IS GOING TO BE INVADED?

We have the answer to this within God's Word. It will be the time when the Israelites are back within their own land. There are several incidents that I have come across in the reading of this to you that would show us that this is to take place when Israel is back within their own land. In other words, Ezekiel 38 and 39 could not be fulfilled today because the Jew is scattered throughout the nations of the world.

I have said time and time again from this pulpit that the Jew eventually is no longer to be in the clothing business and the mercantile business, but rather, the Jew is going to be back in the land of Palestine, his own country, where God put him originally, and, beloved, that is coming to pass. Ever since the early part of this century, in fact, for fifty years or more, the Zionist movement has been under way and the Jews have been going back to the land of Palestine -- sometimes entire ship loads of them

returning at one single time -- and they are rebuilding that land today. But, beloved, the group that has gone back is merely a drop in the bucket in comparison to the great number of Jews that are left within this country and within the other countries of the world. The eighteen million that are within the world today, of which twelve million are in the United States, will someday all be within the land of Palestine.

You ask, when is this invasion to take place? I say, beloved, it will take place whenever Israel is back within their own land.

III

WHY IS ISRAEL TO BE INVADED?

The answer is found in verses eleven and twelve:

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unvalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

This would tell us that the wealth of the land of Israel is the force that is prompting this foreign force to invade the land. It is not anything by way of news to say that the land of Israel is the richest land in all of the world. In fact, beloved, the oil supply in the land today is phenomenal. Even the United States and all the nations of the world would give everything that is possible in order to gain control of the oil supply and everything else that is there within the land.

In the book of Deuteronomy, we have a reference to the fact that the land of Palestine is to be a land of oil wells.

"And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him DIP HIS FOOT IN OIL."—Deut. 33:24.

If you will go back and read, you will find that this is a part of Moses' closing words to the children of Israel as they were camped on the edge of the land of Canaan for a second giving of the law. That is where we get

the name of the book, Deuteronomy—a second giving of the law. As he finishes giving the law a second time, we find that Moses closes by giving prophecies of the various tribes, and of the tribe of Asher he said, "Let him dip his foot in oil."

It was because of this one verse that oil was discovered in the land of Palestine. It was never considered that Palestine was a land for oil derricks and for oil wells. It was never considered that there would be oil found within that country until one day a Jew read that Asher would dip his foot in oil and he took it as a revelation from Almighty God. Immediately, beloved, an oil well was drilled, and the very first one that was drilled in the land of Palestine proved to be a gusher.

Beloved, oil is not the only wealth of the country. There is within the land of Palestine a body of water known as the Dead Sea. For centuries on top of centuries, the waters of the hill country flowing from the waters of Merom through the waters from the Sea of Galilee have flown down through the Jordan River and have dropped down into the Dead Sea, over five hundred feet below sea level. That water has evaporated and has allowed the crystals and the chemicals and the salt of the water to be deposited there.

Sometime ago, I read a government report that as a result of the evaporation of water within that body of water, the chemicals alone were estimated at \$1,270,000,000,000. You can easily understand then why it is that Russia or any other land would want to control the land of Palestine.

In addition to the oil and the wealth of the Dead Sea, I will mention the agricultural end of the land. Do you realize, beloved, that up until fifty years ago that the land of Palestine was a desolate waste -- that it had been wasted during the time that the Arabs and the Turks had complete control of the country. It has been only in the last fifty years that the land of Palestine has been brought back to the state of production that it was originally. Now, enough wheat can be grown in the land of Palestine to feed the entire world. As far as fruit is concerned, I have been told that the greatest fruit in the world is being grown in the land of Palestine.

Sometime ago, a friend came back from Palestine and showed to me what he called a Jaffa orange. In other words, it was an orange that had been grown near the city of Jaffa. It was an orange that had been developed by the Jews, since the time they took

over the land at the beginning of the Zionist movement, fifty years ago. This orange was not an ordinary orange such as you and I think of today, but it was an orange as big as a grapefruit. This friend told me that the oranges that were grown in that country today were similar to that one that he brought back and showed to me.

I say to you, beloved, when you consider the wealth of the land, you will understand why it is that Russia or any other country would want to invade the land of Palestine to take a prey and a spoil from the land.

IV

WHO IS IT THAT IS THE INVADER?

In the first eight verses of this chapter, you can easily see that it is Russia. It refers to this country as "Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal." There is not a commentator with any reputation at all but what says that this is the land of Russia. The two words, Meshech and Tubal, are the words from which we get Moscow and Tobolsk, the chief cities of the land of Russia. So if you ask who it is that is going to invade the land of Palestine, when the Jews are safely settled back into their land, in order to gain the wealth of the country, I will answer it and say that it is Russia.

I have two quotations that I would like to give that I think clinches this very thing. For example, Napoleon Bonaparte made this statement when he was controlling France. He said that Europe from the Volga to the Rhine, would someday be either Cossack or Republican. The Volga is a river of Russia. The Rhine, as you know, is a river of France. Now, beloved, Napoleon said that the day was coming when Europe would either be Cossack or Republican. He meant that the day was coming when Germany and France would either be controlled by the Cossacks, which meant Russian civilization, or Republican or French civilization. Now, beloved, I do not know how much Napoleon Bonaparte knew about the Word of God, but I take it that what he had to say is nothing short of what is recorded within the Word of God.

I have a second quotation which is from a more modern source. In 1935, when Germany's Marshall Goering was controlling Germany and when the French Foreign Minister Laval was controlling the land of France, Marshall Goering made this statement to Mr. Laval. He said, "If you Frenchmen and we Germans

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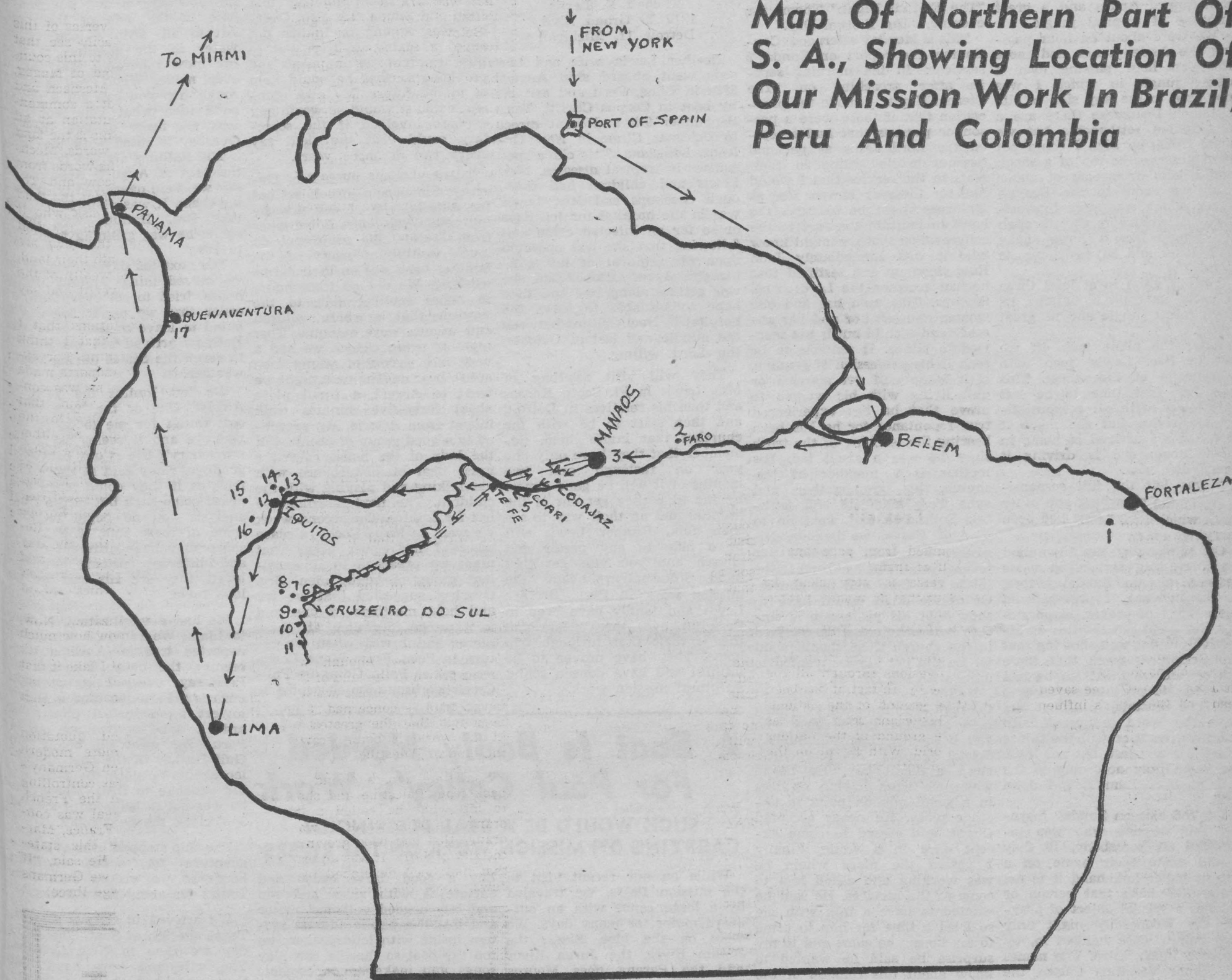
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(Spanish Language)

Map Of Northern Part Of S. A., Showing Location Of Our Mission Work In Brazil, Peru And Colombia



The dotted line shows the air-plane route that Brother Overbey took on his three months visit to the mission fields. The travel by air was from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico then to Port of Spain on Trinidad Island. From Port of Spain to Belem, Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon River. From Belem one thousand miles up the Amazon River to Manaus, Brazil which is a city of over 150,000 people in the middle of the jungle. From Manaus a flight in a Cantalina flying boat was made to Te Fe to Cruzeiro do Sul and return to Manaus. Then after two months in Brazil a flight by flying boat up the Amazon River to Iquitos, Peru and then from Iquitos by plane up river and over the high Andes Mountains to Lima, Peru. From Lima to Panama, then to Miami and home to Detroit.

1. Number one on the map near the city of Fortaleza is a new mission point in the state of Ceara that has been opened up within the past year. Bro. Zacharias Nunes works on this field. It is a hard field and there is much persecution, but there are some believers there and we hope some day to have a church there.

2. Number two on the map is Faro, a small place on a river that flows into the mighty Amazon. Faro is in the state of Para. This is a mission preaching point with a few believers who live there. This work was started by Brother John Bentes. But we do not have a worker there all the time.

3. Number three on the map is Manaus, Brazil. This is the headquarters of our mission work in Brazil. Brother Royal Calley and family and Brother Paul Calley and family live here. In this city we have two churches. Calvary Baptist Church of which Brother John Dias is the pastor and Tabernacle Baptist Church of which Brother Francisco Santiago is the pastor. These two churches are in different sections of the large city. Also in Manaus are several preaching points. Services are held in this city every night in the week and at the churches on Sunday. Also we have a preaching point at the Leprosarium several miles out of Manaus. Brother John Bentes lives here in Manaus. He works with Bro. Royal Calley and makes trips to other preaching points.

4. Number four on the map is Codajaz. This is a town on

the Amazon River about 300 miles up river from Manaus. We have a church here and Brother Miguel Ibernion is the pastor of this church. A new church building is in process of being built here.

5. Number five on the map is Coari, a town still further up the Amazon River above Codajaz. A new work has been started at this place with hopes of a church being organized here sometime. Numbers 3, 4 and 5 are in the state of Amazonas.

6. Number six is Cruzeiro do Sul, a town of at least 6,000 people on the Jurua River in the Acre Territory. Cruzeiro do Sul is the headquarters of our mission work in the Jurua River valley in the Acre Territory. This place has been and still is the apple of the eye to many who have tried to interfere with our work and take it from us. There is a church here that was organized in 1929. Also in Cruzeiro do Sul we have a building suitable for a church in the other side of town and a mission house for a preaching point and place for the missionaries to hang their hammocks when they come into town. Brother Paul Calley and family plan to move here within the next several

months.

7. Number seven on the map is Morapirango. We have a church here and Brother Francisco Lima preaches for this church. Brother Lima is to be a full time missionary beginning October first, the Lord willing. The church building here at Morapirango sets out in an open field in the jungle about an hour's walk inland from the Moa River. This is a very active and well attended church.

8. Number eight on the map is Japiim, a church on the Japiim River about a day's journey up the Moa and Japiim by canoe with outboard motor from Cruzeiro do Sul. This, too, is an active church, well attended. Brother Mario de Souza Araujo is the pastor of this church.

9. Number nine on the map is Parana dos Mouros on the Parana dos Mouros River a few hours by canoe up this river from the Jurua River. This is the faithful old patriarch lives. He is the 83-year-old brother who has been saved nine years and has built a church house on his place at his own expense. This is the brother who killed the beef for us when we arrived. He has 21 children in all. Brother

Eufrazo Soraes and Brother Cicero Bicipo both visit this place and preach. When they are not there two sons of the old man do the preaching. This is a place never to be forgotten.

10. Number ten on the map is Campo de Santano. There is a church here on the banks of the Jurua River. This is about 125 miles up the Jurua River above Cruzeiro do Sul and Brother Cicero Bicipo lives here and is the pastor of the church. This place is really back in the jungle.

11. Number eleven on the map is Amonho, another 125 miles up the Jurua above Campo de Santano. We have a small church here also. Brother Overbey did not get to visit this place as the river was too low to go over the rapids. In addition to numbers 6 to 11 we have as many as fifty or more preaching points on the Jurua River and the rivers that flow into her. From the beginning of the work at Cruzeiro do Sul to the present there have been a total of about six hundred baptized believers. Many have died and gone to be with the Lord. And many others have moved away to other parts of Brazil. The only one way to (Page four, Column one)

"Don Ricardo" Asks Prayer For Work And Lost In Peru

Do You Want Bro. Lewis Now In States, But Concerned As To Peru

Dear brethren of Baptist Faith Missions and whoever may be interested, greetings in Jesus' name:

This report begins on Aug. 24 just after the four-motor plane in which the Lewis family with Brother H. H. Overbey was riding took off for Lima as its destiny.

This flight is the most interesting of any flight that I have made yet; it takes one over the snowcapped Andes and a great expanse of tropical jungle.

We were about an hour passing the Andes range and more than an hour passing over a dense jungle in which I was not able to see any sign of life although I suppose there are a few Indian settlements but we were flying so high I could not even observe the top of a shack nor a lake or stream of water until we came to the Ucayali River which was very interesting as it wound its way through the jungle like a large snake with lakes and bayous along its sides.

Peru is great in at least three respects, its great mountains, its great forest jungle and its great rivers.

After the plane took off we got in Bro. Lewis' jeep with Marguerite at the wheel. This was her first time to be left completely with all responsibility of driving but she made it fine and we arrived at home in good shape; she is driving it every day now.

I was left the full responsibility of the preaching and other work which Bro. Lewis had been carrying on.

On Wednesday night we had an interesting service in some respects. On the Sunday before, in the morning, I preached on the subject of prayer, emphasizing the great possibilities of effective praying and showing that the Scriptures teach that there are certain conditions to be met if one is to pray effectively, to wit: one must be in Christ and have the Word in oneself, also one must want or will the things asked for and last, but not least, one must pray according to the will of God. John 15:7, I John 5:14.

I asked also on Sunday morning that anyone who was interested in somebody, if they would write their name, on a slip of paper and hand it to me we would make that person or persons a special object of prayer. On Wednesday night only two names were handed in, by Brother Juan Castro. The names are Senor Valentina Castro, the father, and a Senor Noruega. I would like for as many as are interested in these men to hold them up at the throne of grace. We had special prayer for them and will continue.

We had something else new for the people. Before closing I made a proposition to all believers, whether members or not, and only to believers to come and give the hand of Christian fellowship to each other as a token that they would pray earnestly for these two men and any others that they had on their hearts.

The first one to come and give the hand to me and take a position at my right and each one to do likewise, giving the hand to every one in line and taking a position at the end of the line. I think every believer was in line, this included two men that are not members.

There were several unbelievers there. Some of them have come to services for years. These should be on our hearts for prayer. There must have been about 30 in all at the service.

The empleda in our house was once a church member but fell into sin and was excluded. She does not act as a believer now. I wish we might pray for her also. Remember, you are putting your money into this work, certainly you should pray for it in order that your money may bear fruit.

Today I have been outlining two messages for the coming Sunday. Theme for morning, "The Eternal Night." Theme for evening, "The Eternal Day."

This is Monday afternoon. Continuing the report on Sunday's services: In the morning service after preaching on "The Eternal Night," I made the proposition that if there were a person or persons that had accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour while sitting in their seats in the service that I would like for them or him or her as the case might be to raise the hand to indicate the fact to the congregation that we might know who it was. Immediately Juan Ruiz stood up and testified that he had accepted the Lord as his Saviour. This man has had one woman and left her and has another and a child but is not married to either. It remains to be seen if his profession is genuine, if it is he will get married or quit living with his woman to prove that he has experienced true repentance for he has been hearing the teaching of the truth since he was a small lad. His mother is a member of the church, his grandmother and aunt were members and faithful. Both died and went on to be with Jesus, we believe. His mother has been a widow for several years and has been faithful to the Lord and the church. Of course Juan would have to show that his profession is sincere before he could be received in the church if he should want to. He did not say he wanted to unite with the church.

Nothing unusual took place at the night meeting except a young man attended the service who had been attending the Sunday School classes of Marguerite since a small boy. He began while we were having services in a small mission point in another place. He never accepted Christ, and ceased to come except once in a while. Finally I passed the place where he was working and asked him to come to the services. He said he wanted to have a talk with me so I set a time for him to come to my house; he came and to my surprise he said he wanted to know about this religion of the evangelicals, that he did not understand it. I went over the way of salvation, how that God saves sinners through the substitutionary death of His Son and salvation is obtained by repenting and trusting in His Son Jesus as Saviour.

He came once or twice after that but has not shown much interest since. His name is Pedro Mori. I wish that as many as will will join with me in prayer for this man.

Prayer is one of the elected means that He uses in accomplishing His eternal purpose in saving His elect. Isaiah 42:1, I Tim. 2:1. Here is a list of persons I would like for all to pray about: Valentino Castro, Alfonso Uoruega, Pedro Mori, Abraham Gaima, Laura Gaima. Also pray for the reviving of the church.

As ever,
R. P. Hallum

THE NEW COAT

"Socialism can put a new coat on a man," cried the street orator. "Jesus Christ can put a new man in the coat and that is better still," cried one in the crowd.

"Anywhere, provided it be forward."

Brother Mitchell Lewis (as of October first) has invitations to be with Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and with the Baptist Church in Sanford, Florida. If you want Brother Lewis to be with your church for a meeting or conference, write to him as soon as possible. Address:

Mitchell E. Lewis
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Michigan

Brother Lewis, wife and two sons went aboard ship August 27th in Lima, Peru and arrived by boat in Corpus Christi, Tex., September 9th and went direct to Ochsmer Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana. This clinic specializes in tropical diseases. Mrs. Lewis and children had thorough checkups and Mrs. Lewis was in the hospital for ten days or so for an infected colon and following that she was operated upon for removal of her gallbladder. As of October 2nd she was getting along fine and they hope to be able to leave the hospital in New Orleans between the middle and last of October, the Lord willing.

They will visit relatives of Mrs. Lewis in Ft. Scott, Kansas and then his relatives in Detroit, and then start to be with the churches that invite them. Remember that they have only one year on furlough and two months of it will be gone almost by the time they get out of the hospital and on their way to see their folk. Brother Lewis will be a help to any pastor and church and you will get first hand information about the mission work in Peru. Brother Lewis and family have been in Peru for over three years and this is their first furlough trip home. They have proven to be faithful and have done a sound scriptural mission work.

A Boat Is Badly Needed For Paul Calley's Work

SUCH WOULD BE A REAL BLESSING IN CARRYING ON MISSION WORK ON THE RIVERS

While on our recent visit to the mission fields, we traveled by a large canoe with an outboard motor for many days. We were on the Moa River, the Japiim River, the Jurua River and the Parana does Mouros River. When night would come we would take our things up the river bank to the first house that we came to about sundown. Besides our suitcase each of us had a rubberized bag with a hammock and mosquito net in it. We would tie the ropes on the ends of the hammock to poles at each end of the front room of the house and with the center of the hammock about a foot off the floor we would get in the hammock with the mosquito net over and around the hammock and spend the night. This was the only place and way to sleep.

While on a journey the missionary preaches at some place for a night or two and then goes on until the time to return to his home. The ideal thing for a missionary working the rivers is a houseboat or launch, but such a boat would cost about \$6,000.00 and up. The next best thing is a large size canoe with sides and a cover so that the missionary and wife can live on it. It must be large enough to carry enough gasoline for several weeks journey and also food and a stove to cook on and a place to sleep. With such a boat the missionary can make longer journeys and stop and hold meetings at one place for a week or two or longer and accomplish much more.

Brother Paul Calley plans to

Dear Friends:

Brother Overbey arrived in Iquitos July 30th and we were at the airport to meet him. We gave him the "jeep treatment" over the two miles between our house and the airport. All the brethren at the church were glad to see Bro. Overbey. His visit among us was a real encouragement to both the nationals and ourselves. I had previously told Juan and Simon that Bro. Overbey was coming to Iquitos not on a "checking up trip" but so that he might see our needs and problems so that he could help us in the future. My own opinion is that it would be worth any expense involved if the secretary could visit the field say every two or three years.

Tuesday about noon Bro. Overbey, Simon and myself set out for Astoria, one of our preaching points two hours down river from Iquitos. We could not do much visiting as many of the families were out on their farms working. We did go from house to house inviting folk to the services, that is where children and women were at home. That night at seven o'clock we had a very nice group of young men out to hear us. The next night we went to Arenal, a small place about forty-five minutes walk inland from Astoria. We preached to a good group of people, but the lady of the house caused a great deal of disturbance with her talking and playing with the children. The next morning we left for Iquitos. The second week we went to Mapa Cocha, a place where I had never been. That night we preached to an excellent group of young men. Bro. Overbey suggested that we try and hold meetings of one and two weeks duration at these places and I will when we return to Peru. From Mapa Cocha we went to Polis. Going up Polis Creek we broke ten shearpins as

the water was very low and there were a great number of fallen trees, etc., in the creek. Don Adolfo was glad to see us. We arrived in Polis quite late and did not get to visit along the creek as the houses are rather far apart. We preached to Adolfo and his family and three visitors. The next morning we left as the water was going down in the stream. We hit a log going downstream and punched a hole in the side of the boat. All in all, with a leaky boat, water in the gasoline, it was the most miserable trip that I ever made. When you have a rough trip you can get a pretty good idea what your companions are made of and Brother Overbey is rated with the best.

The Hallums arrived in Iquitos the 14th of August. Needless to say we were overjoyed with seeing them. It was plain to be seen that Bro. Hallum was home again, he was grinning from ear to ear.

The next ten days flew past as we moved things around in the house, tried to get everything in order that we might leave. We hated to leave so soon after the Hallums arrived but we wanted to reach the States during warm weather.

We left Iquitos the 24th of August. One of the most difficult things for me to do is say goodbye and it seems as if the missionary's life is one continual goodbye. Ruby said at times one feels as if they could leave and never come back but in the final analysis you do begin to love some of these folk. The Lord's sheep may have different colors and different customs but, beloved, they are His and we do love them.

We had a very nice trip over to Lima. We ran into some unexpected trouble in Lima concerning the baby. The law of Peru says every being born in Peru is a Peruvian citizen. I had to get some special papers in order to take my own son out of Peru. We went on board the Gulf Banker in the port of Callao about 7 o'clock the 27th. We bid goodbye to Bro. Overbey as he was not to leave until around 9 o'clock the next night.

The ship stopped over at Buenaventura for about eighteen hours so we visited with Don Tomas for about three hours.

We arrived in Corpus Christi, Texas the 9th of Sept. The same day we flew to New Orleans. The wife and boys have had three checkups at the Ochsmer Clinic here in New Orleans. Ronald was circumcised yesterday and Ruby is undergoing treatment for an infected colon. This treatment will last ten days and then she will undergo surgery to have her gallbladder removed. I regret very much that we cannot attend the annual meeting of the Detroit River Association. The Lord willing we will be at the conference in Russell, Ky.

May the Lord bless you all.
Mitchell Lewis

OUR MISSION NEEDS

1. We need more prayer helpers. To pray out the workers needed.
2. To pray down the blessings from above.
3. To pray in the needed funds.
4. We need more missionaries. More are offering than before but the field needs still more.
5. We need more sustaining stewards.
6. New missions homes are needed if we open new stations.
7. Passages and outfits for new workers. The present force of missionaries should be sustained.
8. Has God a part for you in this work?

Royal Calley Tells Of Mission Trip On River

Paul Calley Moving To A New Field

Read And Rejoice To Have A Part In Brazilian Missions

Manaus, Brazil
Aug. 20, 1954

Dear Brethren In Christ:

Greetings to you in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. By His marvelous grace all is well here with us in His service. The Lord continues to bless the work here and we are happy to give you the good news that souls continue to be saved.

Brother Royal and the native brethren who went with him have returned from Codajaz and Coari, small towns up the Amazon from Manaus. The Lord blessed their journey and they were well received by the people there. During their stay in Codajaz four souls professed Christ as their Saviour. Also the church in Codajaz called Brother Miguel as pastor while he was there. Brother Miguel is one of our native preachers and is capable and sound in the Word of God. We are thankful that the Lord has placed him there, for there are many without Christ in the vicinity.

For the last two Sundays of this month we had baptismal services at three o'clock in the afternoon on the bank of the river here in Manaus. When we baptize here we preach to the spectators who come to watch but would not come to a church service.

Last Sunday a man and wife about thirty-five years of age were baptized into the church that was saved at a service in Brother John Dias' front yard; Brother Royal preached the sermon. Sunday before a man about fifty years old was baptized that was saved early one morning at the city market. That morning at this particular place at the market there were very few people, but Brother John Dias decided to preach there anyway. Out of the few who would listen to him was this man, one of God's elect. Just recently a young lady about eighteen years old was saved in Brother Miguel's front yard and is now a member of the church.

When a missionary, seeing these elect of God confessing Christ as their Saviour wherever they might be, or if it be early in the morning in the rush of the day or in the quiet of midnight, it will make him conscious of the sovereignty of God and will preach with all his heart, even if there is but one person to listen.

I am now able to preach in Portuguese after lengthy study on each sermon. The brethren tell me they have no trouble in understanding the message, for which I am thankful. If I told you it hasn't been discouraging at times in learning this new language it wouldn't be true. Although I am far from having it completely mastered, I rejoice to be able to preach the gospel of my Saviour to these people in their own language.

My wife, son and I and also Brother John Bentes, our gifted young native preacher will soon be going to Cruzeiro do Sul. The Lord willing we will visit every church and preaching point and other places along the rivers that we have the opportunity to preach the gospel. Brother Royal will not be going with us this time because it is needful that he remain and administer to the (Page four, Column four)

difficulties under which they worked and their consecration and determination to return to the field after a year's recuperation, many would have thrown up their hands and said it was no use. But Baptists have always had it difficult.

We are making it fine so far. I have met many old acquaintances since being here, practically all seemed to be surprised at my being back.

Yours in His service,
R. P. Hallum

Dear Friends:

I hope that this letter finds you all prospering in the hands of our gracious Lord.

This month has been very eventful for us. Many things have happened. We began this month by baptizing a young lady named Otaviana Lopes Pereira. She was saved one night while John Dias was preaching. I believe it was July the thirtieth. Then we have had 48 professions of faith since then. One day Miguel went down to the market to hand out bills or I should say tracts that we have had made up. We make our own and have them printed because there is so little of anything printed that is worth distributing here, by anyone else. Anyway Miguel thought that it would be a very good idea if we started preaching in the market. All agreed, so we started preaching every day in the morning at the main market. There were many that ridiculed but there were others who accepted the Word and confessed Christ publicly. Quite a few of them live in the interior, and were only in Manaus for a day or two. That will give us good places to start preaching points later on when we work the river more intensely. We have the names and addresses of all of them. The rest we have been looking up. Sometimes we can not find where they live because of the mixed up streets and ambiguity they have here in names, but we have succeeded in finding some of them, and so far there are nine who are to be baptized if God be willing. We have not found the majority of them yet, but we visit every day, and will continue to do so until we find everyone or account for everyone of them.

It is interesting to note how that God wins His elect. One day when one of us was preaching a young man made a profession. John Dias and John Bentes went over to see him as soon as possible, for they were a family from the interior, and we thought perhaps we could baptize the young man before he returned. When they arrived he was not at home, but his family was. John Bentes and John Dias testified to them. I guess that they must have preached to the family for quiet awhile for they were there the whole afternoon, and God saved every member of the family except one daughter of this boy's father. They are all anxious to be baptized. I hope that if the boy's father is well enough that we will baptize him, or I should say Paul will, this Sunday, for that is all that is keeping them from being baptized. Their family name is Donta.

Another man that confessed said that we could use his home to have meetings in. He is to be baptized also as soon as possible. We have been preaching at his home and there have been ten saved there. We have preached there two Tuesday nights so far. All those who have confessed at this place have said that they want to be baptized also, we have not yet had time to talk with them personally. There have been two professions. Of faith at the services that we have been holding at John Dias' home on Thursdays. His last name is Dias, I do not know his first name.

The way that we have been preaching is that we all go down to the market, and one of us begins, then when someone begins to ridicule one of the others go to that man or woman and answer them immediately. This always results in a sermon and before we are done everyone of us is preaching to a group of people. Our services at the market last as long as two and a half hours. We do not have any singing, but begin preaching immediately. It has pleased God to bless the

preaching of each of us to the salvation of souls. It is impossible to say how many confessions were made under any one preacher, because when any one said they would like to confess, we always told him or her to go to John Bentes or John Dias, who were taking down the names and addresses, but usually it seemed that God used each one equally. We have been meeting in the afternoon to have prayer together. I believe that God has blessed us much for it.

Our church has been meeting with the Tabernacle Baptist Church once a week. We meet at our church one week and theirs the next. I have been teaching them music again. They like it very much. We already have a quartet. There are several members of the Tabernacle church with ears for music, and they lead the others in parts so that I have the whole congregation singing in parts. I teach a little theory also each time, and they pick it up very readily.

Bro. Santiago preached at one meeting that we had down at the market and there were three saved. I see Bro. Santiago frequently, and we have great fellowship together.

The last business meeting that we had, it was necessary to exclude one of our members for adultery, and voo doo. He had not attended for sometime, and when the pastor called on him, that is the condition that he found him in. Obviously he was never saved. His name is Edval Perisilva. The church also voted to give the pastor a raise. He now gets twenty per cent of all offerings, before he got ten per cent. The church also voted to build a parsonage for the pastor. We are now looking for a lot. Finally the church voted to finance a trip to Codajaz and Coari, for myself, John Dias, Miguel, and John Bentes. Two are going to stay on in Codajaz and then probably John Bentes and I will go on to Quari. John Bentes has a brand new Lawson air-cooled outboard motor that will really go. We intend to rent a canoe and go from Codajaz to Quari with that. That way we will not have to wait for a boat. The church is having a canoe built for our use. It ought to be finished in about three months. It will really be more than a canoe being more sturdy.

There have been many people that have not liked our services that we have publicly, especially one woman. It happened on the day that Miguel had to begin the preaching. He was preaching and one woman came up and listened for a while, then she got very mad and screamed for him to stop. Miguel informed her that he had permission of the police and went on preaching. She ridiculed a little more and then when she saw that it was doing no good she went on the corner across the street and began preaching. She could speak very loud, and she did her best to make Miguel stop, but she never could. There have been many such incidents, but it would take too much space to tell you of them.

Zacarias arrived here August 3 to see Bro. Overbey, but he had already left. Since he was here we put him to good use. He also preached at the market, and I remember that before he was through we were all preaching. I think that there were 14 confessions that day. He also preached at our night services some. Then on Sunday the 8th of Aug. we ordained him into the ministry. Zacarias has waited 10 years I believe to be ordained. He is a (Page four, Column two)

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they told him to not preach what he was preaching. He was preaching on the customs of the churches in the time of the Apostle Paul. They asked him to preach something that was more pleasant to hear. The next night Miguel preached. The congregation was very much against anything said concerning women in the church, the security of the believer, etc. I was surprised to meet some distant relatives there. They were the only ones that would receive the truth, and they invited us to come back and start a church in their home. I was very proud when I found that my relatives here had continued in the Baptist faith after living almost a hundred years (since the Civil War) among a people that is ninety-nine per cent Catholic. Not only that, but there are three preachers among them too.

I became very burnt from traveling on the Amazon River in an open canoe. I was sick for a couple of weeks after I returned. We returned in a fishing boat loaded down with piraraco (a fish that is very big) and alligator skins. It stunk very much and what food we had was very poor. I was bothered with my stomach a little after I came back, and John Bentes and Miguel both became very sick during the trip. John could not keep anything on his stomach. John Dias, however, seemed to take it all in stride. We had much fellowship going back though as nobody cared how much we sang or what we talked about on the way back. The owner of the boat was a very kind man. Going from Manaus to Codajaz was different. There the owner asked us to stop testifying to the passengers as it was disturbing his morning and afternoon nap, etc. All of the passengers became rather hostile toward us so that we were more or less isolated among them. Just before we got off, Miguel handed out to everyone aboard some tracts that we had printed. We make our own tracts here as there is so little printed that is scriptural.

The church attendance has been very good lately, I hope that it does not go down with the rainy season. We have the building full Sunday mornings and more or less full on Sunday nights with good attendance on Wednesdays.

Our church is building a little organ soon, God willing.
May God's blessings be upon you.

Your brother in Christ,
Royal H. Calley

P. S. I received a letter from Zacarias. He was very sad, for he had just received word that his married daughter that he had left up in Cruzeiro do Sul had died. He asked me to remember him in prayer and I pass on the request to you.

Hallum Happy To Be Back In Peru

Dear Brother:

I am taking it for granted that you are at home by the time this gets there.

The day you left to get on the airplane, when it was made known that the passengers were to get on, there was so much bustle and excitement that I did not have time to express my appreciation to you for your having come to Peru and how we enjoyed your being with us a few days. I am sure it will be a great help to the work here and also a help to you and the folk in general.

I appreciate also Bro. Mitchell Lewis and his good wife for their faith. When I consider the dif-

Dear Brethren:

We rejoice in the grace of Christ, and are happy in His peace as we write this. We hope that this message finds you likewise.

God has been so gracious as to add three more to the church this month. We hope soon to baptize one more. We had many confessions in the past month, but there have only been three baptized into the church, but then Christ said the majority of those who profess would not be truly saved (Matt. 13), and Christ Himself had many false disciples (John 6). Therefore, I do not worry over such faithlessness, for after all, their salvation does not depend upon me, but on the sovereign grace of God, and He will save whom He will. Pray that He may lead me to more of His lost sheep.

John Bentes has worked very hard to organize a church in Educandos, since we had many confessions there. I believe there were more than twenty-five. There were eleven of them who said that they would be baptized. The day was set, and on one Sunday afternoon we came to baptize them, but they were all ashamed to own Christ as their Saviour publicly, and later repented of their confessions, upon which we left them to their fate in the hands of the living God, for it is a fearful thing to fall into them, especially after tasting the grace of God and then trampling the blood of Christ under their feet as they did. It appears that God took away from them even what they thought they had (Luke 18). John wept that night when he tried to preach at church. The majority of those in Educandos were confessions made under his preaching and he had his heart set on starting a church with them. Miguel told him not to weep, for all things work together for good to them who love God, and that it would happen many more times in his ministry as it already had with him during the seventeen years that he has been preaching. John took heart, and said perhaps it was God teaching him not to become puffed up by his professions.

The trip that we made was a trip of contrasts. When we arrived at Codajaz we found the church very disanimated. They excluded some of the members for attending a Catholic carnival, which they should have done, but there were all kinds of trouble with those that were left in the church over it. They voted to call Miguel Ibernson da Crus, who had preached the night before, as their pastor. We shall hate very much to see him and his fine family move to Codajaz, they were a credit to the church here, and I have been much edified by his preaching the past year. John Bentes also preached while we were there, and three young girls about fifteen years old made it known that they had accepted Christ as their Saviour. I presume that Miguel has already baptized them as they were very anxious to be baptized as soon as possible. Miguel is in Codajaz now but his family is yet here, for it is difficult to arrange a house there. Miguel has a very nice and neat little home here. He was saying to me that he wished that there was some way that he could bring it with him to Codajaz. He has worked very hard on his home, making it quite comfortable and now he has to leave it and begin all over again. I forgot until now that there was also an old lady that confessed as John Bentes preached. She seemed most anxious to be baptized. The church at Codajaz also voted to work with B.F.M. We went to Coari. There John Bentes preached one night, and

NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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Explanation Of Map

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get to these places is by boat.

12. We now leave Brazil for Peru. Number twelve is Iquitos, Peru on the Amazon River. This, too, is still in the jungle. We have a church here with a very nice church building. It is the nicest of all the church buildings. It is built of brick and plastered inside and out and beautifully painted with a tile roof. Here is where Brother Richard P. Hallum and family live and work and also Brother Mitchell Lewis and family. Bro. Hallum is known as "Don Ricardo." The word Ricardo is Spanish for Richard and the word Don is a title of respect. Bro. Hallum and Bro. Lewis make a great team. They are truly faithful servants of the Lord. Iquitos is a city of more than fifty thousand people. Ocean going ships come all the way up the Amazon River to Iquitos.

Number 13 is Astoria, a mission point on the Amazon River. Many people live along the river and services are held in one of the largest of the houses. Bro. Hallum, Bro. Lewis and Bro. Simon Gaima all have preached here many times. Brother Simon Gaima is a Witoto Indian and speaks both Spanish and Witoto.

14. Number fourteen on the map is a preaching point inland from Astoria, about an hour's walk. The people here are Indians and Bro. Simon delights to preach to them, his own people. Bro. Lewis also visits and preaches here and many come to the services although the women talk a lot to each other sometimes while the preacher is preaching.

15. Number fifteen on the map is Polis, the home of Adolfo Nunes on Polis Creek, off the Momon River. This brother (Adolfo Nunes) is the patriarch in Peru, somewhat like the old brother at Parana dos Mouros when it comes to faithfulness and dependability although he is not yet fifty years old. This is another good preaching point and shows the faithful years of work of Bro. Hallum.

16. Number 16 is an Indian village on the Nanay River called Mapa Cocha. The house will not hold the people who come to hear the gospel at this place. Many stand outside and listen. This is a good preaching point and we found believers here who were saved under the preaching of Bro. Hallum in the years that are past. There are also many other preaching points near these and in other places here in the vicinity of Iquitos, Peru. Juan Castro, a faithful Peruvian worker, is also our missionary in Iquitos. He does house to house work in the city of Iquitos.

17. Now we go to Colombia. Number seventeen is Buenaventura, Colombia on the Pacific Ocean. There is a small church here and the missionary is Jose Tomas del Castilla. This man was baptized by Brother Hallum and then came to Iquitos, Peru and was ordained by the church there. The persecution in Colombia is terrible. We do not know much about the work in this place other than what Don Tomas writes about. Bro. Lewis came home by boat so that he could stop off and see the work and talk to Don Tomas. He sent pictures of the building and had a three-hour visit with Don Tomas.

If you want a blessing over and over again, study the map and get the location of the mis-

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1954

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$ 29.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (B. T. U.)	7.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	30.45
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	107.33
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	5.27
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	72.52
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Marietta, Okla.	20.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (For boat for Royal Calley)	44.00
Hopewell Baptist church, McLeansboro, Ill.	67.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	13.73
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	12.02
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	10.69
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	150.00
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	6.00
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Ocoona Baptist Church, Ocoona, Va.	35.77
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	13.13
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	9.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Arnoldsburg, W. Va.	5.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	19.30
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	75.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	14.84
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	38.56
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Penna.	7.50
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	39.60
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Royal Calley's Letter

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first class preacher. He can really

preach, and how well he knows the Bible! He is also a very godly and sober man. He is 45 years old. We ordained him so that he could baptize the converts that he has in Ceara. He hopes to have a church there in the future. The ordination couldn't have been nicer. The presbytery consisted of Bros. Santiago, Neuton, Miguel, John Dias, Paul and myself. I was the moderator, and so began the services. After we sang some hymns. Bro. Santiago questioned Bro. Zacarias, when he finished, the presbytery questioned him further, and between them he was very thoroughly questioned. We then laid hands on his head. John Dias gave the charge, Miguel Ibernion preached the sermon, John Bentes gave the ordination

Mariolatry, The Curse Of Catholicism In All Brazil

Mariolatry is the worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The second commandment says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them."

Tested by that commandment all devout Catholics are idolaters and the Lord Jesus in Revelation declares that "idolaters have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone."

But you ask: "To whose image do all devout Catholics bow down and worship?" Many of them do to saints and apostles and popes, etc. But all devout Catholics do to the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is their patron saint. They feel that she knows how to sympathize with them and they pray to her and ask her to intercede with God in their behalf. They bow down to her image and worship her. All over Brazil there are Catholic churches called by her name. For instance, in the city

present, and Bro. Neuton dismissed with prayer. The service was well attended.

Bro. Paul has preached twice lately. I have translated for him. I think that he will soon begin preaching in Portuguese.

We have opened up services in the leprosarium. We preach there every Wednesday afternoon. It is very pitiful to look upon lepers. They seem so forlorn. Pray that God will save some souls there.

All together we have 15 services a week now. One in the morning and one at night every day of the week, and then we have one in the afternoon on Wednesdays at the leprosarium. We have stopped preaching in the mornings at the market temporarily because of this trip that we are taking, and these last few days we have been trying to find and visit all those who confessed before we left. We couldn't get it done though. The neighborhoods are so mixed up in this city that you spend hours looking for just one house.

Last Sunday morning we had more people than we had seats for, for the first time since we have bought the new seats and put them in. There were 57 there. We have 48 very comfortable seats, and then four spares. The services were very nice. Our church is very nice. It is clean, neat, and always nicely painted, and very comfortable. We have a new floor. I think that I mentioned that in my last letter. We are thinking of expanding the auditorium but then we don't know what we would do with the school.

The school is going along very nicely. The children are learning very well, both in secular and spiritual things. We have one teacher that is excellent. She really knows how to teach. Miguel was saying that Irene, one of his daughters, has learned more in one year that she did in all her schooling that she had in Cruzeiro do Sul. This teacher also teaches them to sing the church songs and cooperates in every way that she can.

Your Brother in Christ,
Royal H. Calley

Paul Calley's Letter

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work here that has grown large. We do not know when we will return, but I will try to get my letter off to you from there next month. Part of the time we will be a long way from a post office when traveling on the rivers. Remember us in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
Paul M. Calley

of Pernambuco there is the church of "Our Lady of Carmel," the church of "Our Lady of the Rock," the church of "Our Lady of the Camp," of "Our Lady of Pleasure," of "Our Lady of Health," etc., etc. At each of these at certain periods a fiesta is held in her honor. The state of Pernambuco had an election for governor that almost resulted in a revolution. Soldiers from seven surrounding states were sent there by the President of the nation. Finally a compromise was reached and neither candidate was seated, but the President of the Senate was temporarily put in and another election was called. Three days before the election the Catholics of the city of Pernambuco had a great fiesta at the church of "Our Lady of Carmel," because they said she prevented the revolution. Her image, with a jeweled crown upon it, that one of the pope blessed and the Catholics of Brazil raised thousands of dollars to buy a few years back, was carried through the streets with a great procession and devout Catholics bowed down to her image and praised and adored and worshipped that image and gave her the glory for preventing a bloody revolution over a state election. They failed utterly to see that if they had Jesus in their lives, instead of being idolaters and worshippers of images, that a governor's election would not and could not cause a revolution. In the church of "Our Lady of the Rock" in the city of Pernambuco there is a picture of the Trinity in the act of crowning Mary. God the Father, is pictured as an old man, with white hair and white beard; the Lord Jesus is pictured with the face seen in many pictures of Him, in the act of putting the crown upon Mary's head; the Holy Spirit is pictured as a dove brooding over the scene. What blasphemy! What daring, presumptuous, impious sacrilege! The more one sees of Catholicism in Brazil, we did not wonder that the Lord Jesus should speak of the Catholic church as "The Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth."

How Brazil does need the gospel, that reveals the Lord Jesus to those benighted and blinded and superstitious idolaters, who must all go into the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, if they are not saved by the gospel of Christ.

MORALS IN A GODLESS COUNTRY

The Soviet Union is waging a big auto traffic safety campaign—going after drunken drivers, and also demanding higher standards of training for anybody qualifying for a chauffeur's or private driving license.

Police have instructions to get after drunken drivers, and frequent reports appear in the papers of arrests made. This is part of a months-long campaign against excessive drinking in most strata of Soviet life—from the moonshining collective farmer who steals a bit of grain to make moonshine to the "gilded youth" of the cities.

Since Russia is officially denying the existence of God, of Heaven, and of hell, what can she expect but that her subjects shall say: "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die like the brute beasts of the field?"

"A church must send or end."
"God's plan depends upon man."
"The mission of a church is missions."
"The church must go to the lost or go to oblivion."
"The no-missionary church is dead or dying."

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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ate ever so idiotic as to go to war with each other, the Russian Bolsheviks will come in and take all of us, and we shall deserve it." I remember the day that I cut that statement out of the newspaper, how that it impressed me so strongly as to the prophecy which this man, Marshall Goering, made. Goering is gone, and the great land that he was interested in is no longer the great land that it was in his day. The war machine that he was a part of is smashed, but, beloved, his prophecy still remains.

I say in the light of these 38th and 39th chapters of the book of Ezekiel, there is a day coming when Russia and her confederates are going to invade the land of Palestine. They are spoken of in the fifth and sixth verses as Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, and Gomer (Germany) and all his bands. There is a day coming when this northern confederacy is going to invade the land of Palestine, when Israel is living peaceably in the land, in order to gain the wealth of the country.

V

WHERE WILL THIS BATTLE BE FOUGHT?

We do not have to get out of the book of Ezekiel to find the answer to this question. It will be fought in the valley of Megiddo. However, in order to show that other writers of the Bible say, we would like to read to you from the book of Joel and Revelation. "For, behold, in those days, and at that time, when I shall bring the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land."—Joel 3:1,2.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and lead them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief, Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."—Rev. 16:13-16.

Several years ago, I recall that my predecessor here in Russell was in General Allenby's army at the time of World War I when General Allenby's army took over the land of Palestine and conquered Israel without a shot being fired. I remember when Brother Baber came back here to visit us at the dedication of this building, that he told me about that experience of being in the army and under the command of General Allenby. He told me that they conquered the land without one soldier shot having been fired. He said there in the land for some period of time, and he said that many people had asked him if he did not think that that was the battle of Armageddon that is spoken of in the Word of God. He said that time and time again he had told his friends that what happened that day, had no bearing

ing or connection whatever on the battle of Armageddon.

I tell you, beloved, the battle of Armageddon will be fought in the land of Palestine—it will be fought north of Jerusalem in the valley of Jehoshaphat.

VI

WHO IS GOING TO BE DEFEATED WHEN THIS BATTLE IS FOUGHT?

Anyone who has read this 38th and 39th chapters of the book of Ezekiel knows full well who it is that is going to be defeated. It is this northern confederacy headed up by Russia and Germany and all of these northern bands that they have. The Word of God tells us that they are going to be completely defeated.

I do not believe the United States has one thing to fear so far as Russia's striking us today is concerned. I do not believe that Russia will strike any nation of the world until she strikes for her last and final defeat. I will say that Russia is playing the part of a firebug, and has played it for the last five or six years, stirring up trouble in Korea, in Formosa, in Indo-China, in Red China, and in every place and everywhere that she can. Russia will never strike in a battle herself until the day when she can strike the land of Palestine at the battle of Armageddon, and then, beloved, that will be the final defeat so far as the land of Russia is concerned.

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."—Zech. 14:12.

I used to read that verse and marvel at it, and yet had no idea as to the meaning thereof. I wondered about how it was going to be fulfilled — how that a man would stand up and his flesh would just dissolve, and his eyes would dissolve, and his tongue would dissolve out of the roof of his mouth, and he would stand there as a skeleton of bones. Well, beloved, the atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb, and the cobalt bomb have made alive and real this passage of Scripture as to what could happen in a moment's time if one of those bombs were dropped upon a city or a group of individuals today.

Listen to another Scripture as to the defeat of these invaders.

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the

AFTERMATH OF GODLESSNESS

"FOR THE MIND THAT IS SET ON THE FLESH IS HOSTILE TO GOD; IT DOES NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S LAW, INDEED IT CANNOT" — ROM. 8:7 (RSV)



wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."—Rev. 14:14-20.

Now, beloved, 1,600 furlongs is 176 miles, and it says that the slaughter that day will be great enough that the blood will flow up to the horses' bridles for 176 miles. You say, "Brother Gilpin, how in the world is a thing like that possible?" Well, come back to this 38th chapter of the book of Ezekiel and read how that six-sevenths of that army is going to be killed and that only one-sixth of this foreign army that invades the land of Palestine is going to escape alive. Read how that six-sevenths of that army is going to be killed and you can easily understand why so much blood is going to be spilled.

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God."—Zech. 13:7-9.

This tells us that in the battle of Armageddon two-thirds of the Jews of the world are going to be slain. Assuming today by the census reports that there are 18 million of them in the world, that means there will be 12 million slain. Well, beloved, think what the blood of 12 million Jews will amount to. Then in addition to that, think of the blood of the six-sevenths of that Russian army that shall march against Palestine. I can easily see how that in that day the blood shall flow up to the horses' bridles for 176 miles. Now, come back to this pas-

sage in Ezekiel and you will find that so great is the slaughter that it takes the people seven months to bury the dead. You will find that the war machinery of Russia is so wrecked on the mountains of Palestine that it will take seven years for them to burn up the debris and to clear away the waste from that war machinery. In other words, all of the arms and weapons of that army will serve as wood and will suffice as fuel for over seven years' time in the land of Palestine. Surely, beloved, you can see that this is a tremendous defeat so far as this invading army is concerned.

VII

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SO FAR AS THE JEW IS CONCERNED, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING?

In verses 21-29 of the 39th chapter of the book of Ezekiel, we read about the future glory of the land of Israel. When the battle of Armageddon is fought, as I have already said, two-thirds of the Jews will be killed in one day's time and one-third will be alive because they will look up into the skies and see the Lord Jesus Christ coming to fight in their behalf, and they will believe on Him. The Word of God says that they will be saved, a "nation in a day's time." The remainder of this 39th chapter tells us how God is going to bless the remaining third that is left alive, and it tells about the future glory of the land of Israel.

Certainly, beloved, it is going to be a glorious nation, for every man in a Jewish family is going to be saved in a day's time, and for every man to be a saved man, what else can you expect but that it will be a glorious nation before God? Can you imagine, knowing how Jews are so aggressive and energetic in prosecuting anything that they wish to do, how it will be when they are all saved and all know the Lord Jesus Christ? The Word of God says that they will go forth to the ends of the earth as missionaries,

and people will take hold of the skirt of a Jew, saying, "We have heard that God is with you." Surely, beloved, in that day we will be able to speak of Israel as the glory of the Lord.

VIII

EVERY WORLD-WIDE EMPEROR WHO HAS TRIED TO BE A CONQUEROR HAS BEEN DEFEATED.

For example, go back to the (Continued on page four)

Responsible

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Suppose someone has occasion to pass your door at midnight, and notices that a fire has broken out in your house. You are asleep, utterly unaware of the danger you are in; the alarm is given, and you are awakened and informed of your danger. In this circumstance, what would your responsibility be?

"Well," he answered, "surely I would be responsible to heed the warning, and escape from the burning building as speedily as possible."

But supposing you were to answer the one who warned you, "I did not set the house on fire, and have no responsibility for it," and so remain in the house. What then?

"In that case," he said, "I would be a fool, and be responsible if I lost my life."

This seemed to satisfy him and the others who were listening, that man's responsibility is to heed the divine warning and escape from a scene which is under condemnation because of unbelief. "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Flee from the wrath to come to the Lord Jesus.

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His appointment must be blessing,
Though it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning
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"Disappointment -- His appointment,"
Whose? The Lord, who loves me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would test;
For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, UNQUESTIONED,
All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment -- His appointment,"
"No good thing will He withhold,"
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of His love untold.
Well He knows each broken purpose
Leads to fuller, deeper trust,
And the end of all His dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment -- His appointment,"
Lord, I take it, then, as such.
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's plan is Thy moulding,
Not one single choice be mine;
Let me answer, unrepining--
Father, "Not my will, but Thine."

--Edith Lillian Young

Let's Change Pastors

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A Bitter Experience

"Well, sir, I'll tell you. I was drawn into a scheme just like this of yours, to uproot one of God's servants from the field in which He had planted him. In my blindness I fancied it a little thing to remove one of the 'stars' which Jesus holds in His right hand, if thereby my ear would be tickled by more flowery words and the pews filled with those turned away from the simplicity of the gospel. I and the men that led me—for I admit that I was a dupe and a tool—flattered ourselves that we were conscientious, thought we were doing God's service when we drove that holy man from his pulpit and his work and said we considered his work ended in B—where I then lived. We groaned because there was no revival, while we were gossiping about and criticizing and crushing, instead of upholding, by our efforts and our prayers, the instrument at whose hand we harshly demanded the blessings. Well, sir, he could not drag on the chariot of salvation with a half dozen of us taunting him for his weakness, while we hung as a dead weight to the wheels; he had not the power of the Spirit, and could not convert me; so we haunted him like a deer, until worn and bleeding, he fled into a covert to die. Scarcely had he gone when God came among us by His Spirit to show that He had blessed the labors of His respected servant. Our own hearts were broken and our wayward children converted, and I resolved at a convenient season to visit my former pastor and confess my sin, and thank him for his faithfulness to my way-

ward sons, which, like long-buried seed had now sprung up. God denied me that relief, that He might teach me a lesson every child of His ought to learn, that he who touches one of His servants touches the apple of His eye.

"I heard my pastor was ill, and taking my oldest son with me set out on a 25-mile ride to see him. It was evening when I arrived and his wife, with the spirit any woman ought to exhibit toward one who had so wronged her husband, denied me admittance to her chamber. She said, and her words were arrows in my soul:

"He may be dying and the sight of your face might add to his anguish."

"Has it come to this, I said to myself, that the man whose labors had, through Christ, brought me into His fold, who had consoled my spirit in a terrible bereavement, and who had, until designing men had alienated us, been to me a brother—that this man could not die in peace with my face before him? God pity me, I cried, 'what have I done?' I confessed my sins to that meek woman, and implored her for Christ's sake to let me kneel before His dying servant and receive his forgiveness. What did I care then whether the pews by the door rented or not? I would gladly have taken his whole family to my home forever, as my own flesh and blood, but no such happiness was in store for me.

"As I entered the room of the blessed warrior, whose armor was falling from his limbs, he opened his languid eyes and said:

"'Brother Lee! Brother Lee!' 'I bent over him and sobbed out:

"'My pastor! My pastor!'

"Then raising his thin white hand, he whispered in a deep, impressive voice:

The Pastor's Last Words

"Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm."

"I spoke tenderly to him, and told him I had come to confess my sin, and bring some of his fruit to him, calling my son to tell him how he had found Christ. But he was unconscious of all around; the sight of my face brought the last pang on earth to his troubled spirit.

"I kissed his brow and told him how dear he had been to me; I craved his pardon for my unfaithfulness, and promised to care for his widow and fatherless little ones; but his only reply, murmured as if in a troubled dream, was:

"Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm!"

"I stayed by him all night, and by daybreak I closed his eyes. I offered his widow a house to live in the remainder of her days; but like a heroine she said:

"I freely forgive you. But my children, who entered deeply into their father's anguish, shall never see me so regardless of his memory as to take anything from those who caused it. He has left us with his covenant God, and He will care for us."

"Well, sir, those dying words sounded in my ears from the coffin and from the grave. When I slept, Christ stood before me in my dream, saying:

"Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm."

Learned His Lesson

"Those words followed me until I fully realized the esteem in which Christ holds those men who have given up all for His sake; and I vowed to love them evermore for His sake even if they were not perfect. And since that day, sir, I have talked less than before and have supported my pastor, even if he is not a 'very extraordinary man.' My tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth and my right hand forget her cunning before I dare to put asunder what God has joined together. When a minister's work is done in a place I believe God will show it to him. I will not join you, sir, in the scheme that brought you here; and moreover, if I hear another word of this from your lips I shall ask my brethren to deal with you as with those who cause divisions. I would give all I own to recall what I did thirty years ago. Stop where you are and pray God, if perchance the thought of your heart may be forgiven you."

This decided reply put an end to the newcomer's efforts to get a minister who could make more stir.—The Evangel

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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days of Nebuchadnezzar. He controlled the world. The Word of God refers to him in an image as the head of gold because he controlled the world in that day, but, beloved, Nebuchadnezzar was defeated by the Medes and the Persians.

Then there came a second world dictator known as Alexander the Great, who controlled the world for a season with his war-like ability. When Alexander the Great had conquered the world, history tells us that he sat down on the shores of the Aegean Sea and wept because there were no more worlds to conquer, yet, beloved, Alexander the Great was defeated by the Ceasars. For a while the Ceasars controlled the world and then they passed off the scene.

Then the Word of God tells us that Napoleon attempted to be a world-wide ruler and he failed. Then you remember the story of Mussolini and the story of Hitler. I tell you, beloved, every world-wide dictator who has attempted to control the world has failed. My brother, every one of them has already come to naught.

I say this morning that I am not one bit concerned about Russia. I am not one bit concerned about any of the political affairs that take place today relative to Russia. Beloved, in time, Russia

will come to naught, and to an inglorious defeat.

IX

THERE IS A MORE IMPORTANT EVENT TO TAKE PLACE.

The most important event that is to come is not the restoration of Israel to the land, nor the destruction of Russia, nor the conversion of the Jews, but the most important event that is to take place is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whenever we take the Lord's Supper, we read that passage of Scripture which says:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."—I Cor. 11:26.

Beloved, every observance of the Lord's Supper is a silent sermon concerning the return of Jesus Christ in the skies.

When the Lord Jesus Christ stood on the mount of Galilee talking to His disciples, little by little He lifted Himself up into the skies, and as the disciples stood looking after him, the Word of God tells us that an angel came down and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

—Acts 1:11.

Beloved, they saw Him go, and the promise is that He is coming again in like manner as they saw him go.

I grant you this morning that it is important to study what is going to take place by way of the destruction of Russia. I grant to you that it is important to study what is going to happen so far as the conversion and the restoration of the Jew is concerned, but, beloved, the most important event that confronts you and me this morning is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is important to the Christian that the child of God be watchful and ready when the Lord Jesus comes—that he be in his place and be faithfully serving the Lord when the Son of God comes back. It is important to the unsaved man because when Jesus Christ returns, it will be the final bell for every unsaved man who has ever heard the Word of God. I grant you that the Word of God tells us that there will be multiplied thousands saved after He comes, but it will only be those who have never yet heard the Word of God. All of those who have heard the Word of God prior to the coming of the Son of God, will never have another opportunity to be saved. I say then, beloved, the most important event that confronts you and me today is not the destruction of Russia or the restoration of the Jew, but rather, the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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WHY WILL RUSSIA BE DEFEATED?

We might give a blanket answer, and say that she will be defeated because God said so, but, beloved, there is a reason back of the defeat of Russia. Russia has forever left Almighty God out of consideration. Talk about the Communism of Russia today! Well, the Communism of Russia wherein God is omitted and left out is nothing new. The history of Russia is the history of the Greek Orthodox Catholic church, and that church is no more a church than an infidel society might be called a church. In fact, beloved, an infidel society would do no more damage to the cause of Christ, or not as much damage, as the teachings of the Greek Orthodox church has done through the past. I say then that the history of Russia is a history wherein God has been ruled out of consideration, and where Almighty God has been completely forgotten about. My brother, Russia will come to naught, and Russia will be defeated, and Russia will come to her downfall just because that she has forever left God out of consideration.

"All we like sheep have gone

astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:6.

Russia has turned to her own way, and her own way was the way of Greek Catholicism for years, her own way is the way of Communism today, and her own way through the years has been to rule God out of consideration and to forget about Christ.

Beloved, that is the way of the world. That is the way of unsaved people. That is the way of people here within this house of God this morning. We have turned every one to his own way, and what takes place so far as Russia is concerned will take place concerning every unsaved man within the world today. I am insisting Russia will come to naught because they have left God out of consideration, and the man who leaves God out of consideration today, and who turns to his own way, and refuses Jesus Christ—the man who does so, is leaving God out of consideration, and will come to the same bitter end, as we find concerning the country of Russia.

My brother, my sister—those of you who are unsaved—my prayer is that in this hour you may cease in your rebellion against God, that you may cease in your ways, that you might cease in turning your back upon God and that you might turn your face toward Him and walk with Him. May God help you to realize that the only hope that we have today is that Jesus Christ died on Calvary to pay for our sins.

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John 1:7.

May God bless you!

Catholicism

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blood of a saint in a cathedral we visited, and each year at a certain time, the blood is supposed to boil. If it doesn't—or if it boils late, it is considered just "too bad" for the country... there will be bad crops and bad times. Rest assured, they have "means" for making the blood boil. Think of a "church" fooling masses of people in such fashion!

Crawling Up The Holy Stairs
In Rome there are some marble stairs that purport to be the ones that Jesus walked as he went into Herod's judgment hall. A sign declares that those who crawl up the stairs, praying, receive remission of sin for a certain period. What a fake! People crawl up those stairs all day long, kissing the dirty steps, in the belief that that secures the remission of sins. But what does the Bible say? (See Acts 13:37-39).

Did They Find Peter's Bones?

Some two or three years ago they observed "Holy Year" in Rome, and they had to have some sort of an eye-opener to fool the masses. So, they all at once "discovered" the bones of Saint Peter down under the floor of St. Peter's Cathedral. Did they? Of course not. Fact is, there is no historical or Biblical evidence that Peter was ever in Rome, and bones could not have been identified after centuries anyhow. And of what value would his bones be anyhow, if they were found?

What Good Is Conferred By The Pope's Blessing?

While looking around St. Peter's Cathedral, we saw a vast throng gathered out in front, and learned that the pope would presently appear at a window in the Vatican. The window suddenly opened, and the "holy Father" (?) appeared. Many fell upon their knees as if God had appeared. The pope waved a flock of "blessings" upon us. I don't suppose they hurt anyhow, but I doubt that they conferred any help. That whole blessing business, is just some more fakery. Only God can bless in any true sense. Personally I shall look to God—not to any man of any kind for supernatural blessing.