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It seems I have gotten off a thousand airplanes and met a thousand pastors in a thousand baggage waiting areas or at the curb. My day started very early at my home in Kansas City, and now I am finally here. These first few minutes are so dramatically important. After we have loaded my considerable stuff into his or her car, we head for the motel. These are to a degree awkward moments. After we have cleared the airport and have discussed the Kansas City Royals or the Chiefs, where we each went to school and the weather, I get to the question I have asked now thousands of times before I step onto the field of battle. "Pastor, what do you need most this week? What are your hopes and dreams for our time together?" With almost monotonous repetition, I hear the same response delivered with gut wrenching desire and eyes bleeding with need. "Chuck, what I need is a more committed people."

I know what is meant by these words I have heard so many times. The pastor is referring to basic spiritual appetites. Things that relate to living in and loving the Word of God and a dynamic life of personal prayer are the life blood of any church, the evidence of a growing Christ-centered, holy life. Things like tithing and attendance are a part of the obvious package he or she longs for in his or her congregation. But what of the growth of the church itself and its impact on the place the church is located? What of those hundreds, even thousands of people the pastor will never meet that are met and even known by the members who come to church every Sunday and sit in the same seat every Sunday—alone?

There are so many ways to approach this challenge, this glorious opportunity to share the grandest gift of the ages. Think of the lost first of all as the pre-saved. In your

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one by one

by Dr. James H. Diehl
General Superintendent

Like many of you reading this article, my life is lived primarily on a platform. Platforms at district assemblies, conferences, ministers and mates' retreats, crusades, Sunday services, camp meetings,

leadership banquets and even missionary gatherings. To say the least, I preach a lot from platforms. Somewhere over 200 times a year, I step onto a platform and preach the good news of the gospel to those who have gathered to listen. Those who know me best know that I give altar calls often and stay around the altars for some time following the service, praying with those who come. I love "platform evangelism"!

BUT GOD WON'T LET ME GET BY WITH ONLY "PLATFORM EVANGELISM."

The Lord brings people across my pathway (and yours) nearly every day—people to whom something needs to be said about Christ and the hope of the gospel. How easy it is to think, "We'll practice evangelism from the platform;" but the Holy Spirit whispers, "How about Larry, the sky cap at the airport?"

Larry is a big, beautiful, black brother at the Denver airport who works curbside with a smile as wide

as his face. It started slowly between us. Soon he started calling me "the Reverend." Finally it was, "Rev. Dial"; Larry never did get my last name figured out. He became a dear friend at the airport, and Dorothy and I chatted with him an average of once a week. Soon the short chats turned to spiritual matters. Then he was asking me to pray for him concerning this and that need. Then he started praying for me!

We hadn't seen Larry for more than a month. It seemed as though that was a long vacation time. Finally, I asked another sky cap where Larry was. "Oh, he passed away three weeks ago," the fellow said. He was at home reading the paper in his favorite chair one evening, had a heart attack, and passed. He's gone! My mind raced back to our three-minute conversations and promises of prayer. I know God used me in Larry's life—but did I say enough? Our opportunities with Larry were so brief.

At the 7-11 convenience store, it is Tina. She is one tough lady! Her daughter is in prison; she is raising her grandchild, has no car and is trying to live on the 7-11 salary. One quick glance indicates she is having a rough life. One day she blurted out to me, "I'm jealous of you." "Why?" I responded. "Because you have faith and I don't!" As the conversation continued for three or four minutes, I told her she could get faith from the same place I got mine—from Jesus Christ the Lord! Tears welled in her eyes. She said it would be impossible for her, and she retreated into the back room. That was all right because I was back the next week, and the conversation continued.

There's Rosa at Burger King. She's here directly from Honduras. Her English is good; her Spanish is much better. It has been a two-minute conversation one day, three minutes another day—a word for Christ here, a promise of prayer there. The editor of *Heraldo de Santidad* printed one of my articles in their Spanish publication. I took the issue, showed it to Rosa, and told her that I wrote the article but that I couldn't read Spanish. "Will

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Alpha...An Evangelistic and Discipleship

By Dr. Jacob W. Blankenship

How can we improve our effectiveness in reaching the lost, hurting and needy people who matter to God and, therefore, must matter to us? Do we have a responsibility to examine *new delivery systems* as they come on line? Are there additional *evangelistic tools* that we, as Nazarenes, should consider as we pursue our passion to see people (1) accept Christ for the first time or (2) seek to restart their Spiritual Journey?

To understand this brief, practical article, the author thinks it is important that the reader know about a “new,” exciting and powerful tool for expanding the evangelistic outreach of the Olathe College Church of the Nazarene (OCCN) in Olathe, Kansas. The reader also needs to understand the commitment of OCCN to both evangelism and discipleship. Born in a revival 74 years ago with Evangelist C.J. Garrett, OCCN has never lost its commitment to twice a year, Sunday-over-Sunday revivals with God-called evangelists. This Church continues to be a beacon to the lost, broken and hurting people that are important to God and, therefore, must be important to us! OCCN is committed to reaching the lost, renewing the Christian and ministering compassionately to the needs of people.

When OCCN Senior Pastor Dr. J.K. Warrick asked, “Jake, would you be interested in joining our pastoral staff at OCCN in the area of Evangelism and Discipleship?” this Pastor’s immediate response was: “This is my passion—to see people come to Christ and begin the process of discipleship,” and “Wow, what a challenge!”

After four meetings with Pastor Warrick in which mutual goals, needs and visions of ministry were shared, God gave His affirmation and Helen and Jake Blankenship made another significant move in their pastoral lives.

A rapid but rather thorough search of available evangelism and discipleship tools and techniques yielded an array of choices. Each, after thorough examination, proved useful but not the answer for

OCCN. There was no desire to replace revivals; rather, there was a desire to supplement revivals by incorporating new tools and techniques for reaching those that the traditional revivals seemed to be missing. Personal evangelism, lifestyle evangelism, event evangelism and pulpit evangelism were all being used to some extent within the Church.

The “something else” that was being sought was found when an Alpha conference was presented by an Episcopal vicar and a Vineyard pastor. Alpha, a new and exciting course developed by some vicars of the Church of England in London, utilized an entirely different approach as it engaged individuals who were exploring the Christian Faith. This once-weekly-for-ten-weeks course presented the gospel clearly, yet in a safe, secure setting where no question was considered too hostile or too simple to be presented and answered. Alpha deserved further scrutiny to determine if it could be an effective supplemental tool to reach people who were searching for answers to life’s big questions.

After tracking down a Nazarene pastor who had used the course and hearing his enthusiastic comments, and after learning that a Nazarene General Superintendent had some experience with the course, Pastor J.K. Warrick reviewed the materials and approved the offering of the course.

We prepared a team of leaders and helpers along with a team of logistical supporters and offered Alpha for the first time in the winter of 1999. Although I knew the materials were substantive as well as captivating, I was completely surprised by the response to the invitation that was given in the sixth week of the one-night-per-week course. The participants sat at tables for 10 with a leader and a helper. Six individuals at the table where this pastor served as a helper either prayed to accept Christ for the first time, prayed for sanctification or prayed to recommit their lives. I had known the participants were engaged by the course, were asking sincere questions and were searching for that “something” that was missing in their lives, but I never expected that six of the participants would make a decision. My biggest surprise was when the table leader (a reliable

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ALPHA?

<http://www.alphana.org/basics/index.html> features a brief discussion of the basics of Alpha as well as Alpha in the workplace, Alpha for Forces, Alpha for Prisons, Alpha for Students, and Youth Alpha. It also includes a short seven-minute video clip of what Alpha is about. Also, opinions of Alpha are available from the following: Bill Hybels, Bill Bright, J.I. Packer, Charles Colson, Luis Palau, Jack Hayford and Rick Warren. <http://www.alphacourse.org/welcome/index/htm> offers a goldmine of information about Alpha from the people who developed the course. Also presented is a more extensive overview of the basics of Alpha, a list of course talk titles and a list of some of the denominations that offer Alpha.

Phenomenon



churchman) prayed and was sanctified. He had never understood entire sanctification prior to that course.

We now offer Alpha twice each year in winter and fall. The results continue to be nothing short of amazing. We have had Muslims, Buddhists and agnostics attend, with some of them accepting Christ. We have trained other Nazarenes, Presbyterians, Evangelical Free and Covenant Church pastors and laymen to use the course effectively. Many who have made decisions have returned to Alpha as helpers and to be discipled; others have become members of OCCN and become assimilated into our fellowship and discipleship activities.

Surprisingly, we have found that Alpha is a great discipleship activity itself. It has stirred up many lethargic Nazarenes and has restarted them moving in their spiritual journey. One retired psychologist thanked this pastor profusely for bringing Alpha to OCCN. He had been a Sunday school teacher for forty years, Sunday school superintendent, choir leader, and board member; however, he said that Alpha had “filled in so many blanks in his understanding of the Christian faith.” He became a table leader and successfully led others to accept Christ, be sanctified or become recommitted.

Alpha is a form of *personalized* evangelism as opposed to our usual definition of personal evangelism. It allows each individual to follow the development of only one topic per evening and to ask any question (no question is too simple or too hostile) in the safety and security of his/her small group.

Alpha will never replace revivals, personal evangelism, crusades or other more conventional evangelism modes—nor was it intended to do so. Alpha was developed to answer the questions of today’s searchers and seekers—those who sense this “missing something” that they feel in their lives. Alpha deserves serious consideration as an additional mode of engaging today’s generations!

OCCN has now offered the Alpha Course eleven different times. The church has seen the impact of Alpha on the lives of church members as well as the unchurched. OCCN views Alpha as an integral part of its evangelism and discipleship ministries. This commitment to Alpha ensures its continued use in bringing individuals into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and helping to restart the stagnant spiritual journey of those who make a recommitment of their lives. 

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ALPHA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHAT IS ALPHA? Alpha is a ten-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for our lives today. It is a practical introduction to the Christian faith presented with multiple opportunities to question and discuss. The format is informal, friendly and nonthreatening, with no pressure.

WHO IS INVOLVED? The evening Alpha begins with a light supper. This is followed by a short worship (singing) session, then with prayer and then with a video of Nicky Gumbel, presenting a 45 to 50 minute instructive, engaging “talk” that addresses only one topic per session. The final activity of the evening is small groups of approximately ten individuals sitting with a table leader who is instructed neither to preach nor to teach (that has already been done in the video). The table leader’s responsibility is to draw out comments and questions from the group. A helper is available to pray through the week for the participants, to pray for the leader and participants during the session and to ask questions that will redirect the group and help the leader get back on track. Training videos for Alpha team members are available.

WHAT DOES ALPHA COST? There is no cost to the participant, although OCCN places a basket out for contributions to offset the food costs. The cost for the materials is very reasonable. The video series is approximately \$169. Additional training materials and guides are available at nominal cost.

WHAT ABOUT THE VIDEO TAPE CONTENT? The videotapes are excellent and the content is substantive and well articulated. Twelve minutes of the “How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?” videotape discusses speaking in tongues. OCCN does not present that material.

Dr. Blankenship received his Ph.D. with a concentration in Physics from The University of Texas and taught at the University of Houston, as well as worked on numerous projects at NASA in Houston in the early days of the manned space program. He felt a call to preach and left this exciting field to enter the Nazarene Theological Seminary, where he finished his education for his qualifications for ordination, and then worked as a successful pastor before joining the staff of one of the largest Nazarene churches in the world as the Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach. His story is one of the greatest stories of obedience, faith and remarkable success I have ever come to know personally. —CRM

EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

See where your evangelist is going to be

November, December, January 2004

ADAMS, GERALD (JERRY)
THE JERRY ADAMS FAMILY
Dec 5, Danville, IL, Northside
Dec 12, New Castle, IN,
Westview
Jan 9, Monticello, IL

ADAMS, MICHAEL
Nov 7-10, Portland, IN
Nov 14-17, Muncie, IN,
South Side
Nov 18-21, Muncie, IN
Mayfield
Nov 28, Portage, IN, Grace
Jan 7-12, Modesto, CA, Trinity

ARMSTRONG, B. †
FAMILY MINISTRIES
Nov 2-7, Sistersville, WV
Nov 9-14, Colora, MD, Rising
Sun
Nov 17-21, Pylesville, MD
Fawn Grove
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 19-23, Lake Placid, FL

BENDER, TIMOTHY †
Nov 2-7, Charleston, WV
Campbells Creek
Nov 11-21, Tullahoma, TN
Eastside

BOLICH, JEREMIAH
CROSS STYLE
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES
Nov 7-10, Midland, MI
Nease Memorial
Nov 12-14, Lima, OH
Community
Nov 17-21, Odon, IN
Nov 28-Dec 1, Waterford, MI
Williams Lake
Dec 3-5, Lambertville, MI
Bedford
Dec 10-12, Indianapolis, IN
Southport
Dec 17-19, Colorado Springs,
CO, Eastborough
Jan 2-5, Cedar Rapids, IA, First
Jan 23-26, North Pekin, IL
Jan 30-Feb 2, Bloomington, IL,
Fairway Knolls

BOND, GARY †
GARY BOND MINISTRIES
Nov 7-10, Plymouth, MI
Nov 14-17, Oxford, OH
Nov 21-24, Grand Ledge, MI
Nov 28-Dec 5, Sturgis, MI
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 11-11, Petersburg, IN
Jan 16-19, Leesburg, FL

BROWNFIELD, DAVID
NO CHURCH TOO SMALL
MINISTRIES
Nov 3-7, Middleport, OH

BURKHALTER, G. †
BURKHALTER MINISTRIES
Nov 3-7, Johnson, KS, Bethel
Nov 11-14, Chillicothe, MO
Nov 17-21, Oakwood, IL
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN
Evangelists Gathering

CANFIELD, DAVID
CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC
MINISTRIES
Nov 28-Dec 1, West Union, OH

COVINGTON, NATHAN
LIFE MENDERS
Nov 7-10, Brownstown, IN
Nov 14-17, Swanton, OH
Nov 28-Dec 1, Fort Recovery
OH
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 23, Brookhaven, MS, First

CRABTREE, DR. J.
THE VOICE OF EVANGELISM
Nov 28-Dec 5, Sturgis, MI
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering

CURRY, J.
Nov 7-10, Alva, OK

DELL, JIMMY †
JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES
Nov 14-17, Baytown, TX, First
Nov 18-21, Fairborn, OH
Wrightview
Jan 2, Coolidge, AZ, Valley
Comm. Fellowship
Jan 9-12, Camp Verde, AZ
New Beginnings
Jan 23-26, Prescott, AZ, First

ELLINGSON, STAN
Nov 21, Dayton, OH,
Springboro

ELLIS, PAUL
LIBERTY QUARTET
Nov 7, Wenatchee, WA
Nov 7, Yakima, WA,
West Valley
Nov 11, Meridian, ID
Valley Shepherd
Nov 16, Nampa, ID, First
Dec 5, Corvallis, OR
Dec 5, McMinnville, OR
Jan 2, Wilder, ID, Homedale
Mountain View

GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL
GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES
Nov 2-7, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Nov 9-14, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Nov 16-21, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Nov 23-28, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Nov 30-5, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Dec 9-12, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe
Dec 14-19, Indianapolis, IN,
Indianapolis Grace Pointe

GRAY, ROBERT
BOB AND BECKY GRAY /
SINGING UNTO THE LORD
Nov 5-6, Nampa, ID, First
Nov 10-14, Temple, TX, First
Nov 17-21, Waco, TX, First
Nov 28-Dec 1, McAllen, TX
Dec 5-8, Shelbyville, TN
Jan 14-15, Honolulu, HI, First
Jan 21-22, Tempe, AZ

GREENWAY, KENNETH
GREENWAY MINISTRIES
Nov 7-10, Kings Mountain, NC
Nov 14-19, Plymouth, NC

HAINES, GARY †
GARY HAINES EVANGELISTIC
ASSOCIATION, INC.
Nov 13-17, Dover, TN, First
Nov 27-Dec 1, Midwest City,
OK, New Life
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 9-12, New Smyrna Beach,
FL
Jan 22-26, Wildomar, CA,
Gracepoint

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY †
Nov 7-10, Teays, WV,
Nov 14-21, Auburn, IN
Nov 28-Dec 1, Portland, TN
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Dec 10-12, Fortson, GA,
Columbus First

HERMIZ, THOMAS
TOM HERMIZ MINISTRIES
Nov 28-Dec 1, Evansville, IN,
Faith
Dec 5-8, Whitehall, OH,
Whitehall
Jan 16-19, Muncie, IN,
South Side

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WEB SITE *showcase*

Visit The Sites Of Your Evangelists

Adams, David & Charlene and Faithful	www.dcadamsmusic.com	•	Kearce, Doug and Darla	www.crossstyle.org
Armstrong, Leon	www.armstrongfamilyministries.org	•	Leckrone, Larry	www.leckroneministries.org
Benson, Michael	www.deeperlife.org	•	Legg, Charles	www.middlecrossministries.org
Bond, Gary	www.bondministries.com	•	Loman, Lane	www.lomanministries.com
Bullock, Rex	www.dayspringradio.com	•	Lothenore, Bob	www.lothenoreministries.com
Burkhalter, Pat & Donna	www.burkhalterministries.org	•	Manley, Stephen	www.crossstyle.org
Busby, Paul	www.busby.20m.com	•	Millhuff, Chuck	www.millhuffministries.com
Cervantes, Rudy	www.heavenlytrumpet.com	•	Miner, Scott	scottminer.homestead.com
Davis, James R.	www.bright.net /~ dafam	•	Mitchell, Royce	www.libertyquartet.com
Dell, Jimmy	www.jimmydell.org	•	Moore, Benjamin	www.iam.homepage.com
Dority, Randy	www.dority.net	•	Perdue, Nelson	www.perdueministries.com
Downing, Ann	www.anndowning.com	•	Pettit, Elaine	www.elainepettitministries.org
Dunham, Scott	www.scottdunham.com	•	Phelps, Phillip	www.jslweb.com / phelps
Flint, Bob	www.bobflintministries.com	•	Pickle, Robert	www.selfreerp.org
Fox, Jay David	www.jayfoxmusic.com	•	Reed, Sherman	www.shermanreed.org
Garrick, John	www.eternalimpact.org	•	Scrivner, Vickie	www.ihsmministries.org
Gee, C. Eugene	www.networksplus.net / g2pray	•	Sharpe, Vance and Jeannie	www.thesharpes.com
Gessner, Don & Shirl	www.gessnermusicministries.org	•	Smith, Duane	www.duanesmithministries.com
Hance, Larry	www.larryhance.com	•	Tharp, James W.	www.crmin.org
Hermiz, Tom	www.tomhermiz.com	•	Ulmet, Bill	www.angelfire.com / la / ulmetministry
Hicks, John David	www.faithencounter.org	•	Vecchi, Pete	www.petevecchi.com
Huddleston, Billy	www.billyhuddleston.com	•	Ward, Dale	www.freedomquest.org
Jackson, Paul & Trish	www.gojetstream.net	•	Whitworth, Marcus	www.marcuswhitworth.com

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HICKS, JOHN DAVID
FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.
 Nov 7-10, Nampa, ID, Bethel
 Nov 13-16, Princeton, ID
 Nov 28-Dec 1,
 Poplar Bluff, MO
 Dec 5-8, Parker, AZ
 Jan 16-19, Myrtle Point, OR
 Jan 30-Feb 2,
 Bonita Springs, FL

HUDDLESTON, BILLY
BILLY HUDDLESTON
MINISTRIES
 Nov 7-10, West College
 Corner, IN
 Nov 14-17, Highland, IN
 Nov 21-24, The Plains, OH
 Nov 28-Dec 1, Zanesville,
 OH, First
 Dec 3-5, Richmond, IN,
 Southview
 Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
 Evangelists Gathering
 Dec 31, Lowell, IN
 Jan 16-19, Albany, GA, First
 Jan 23-26, Mitchell, IN
 Jan 29- Feb 2, Modesto, CA,
 Trinity

LACOMBE, CHARLES
 Nov 7-10, Gardiner, ME
 Nov 14-17, Oakland, ME
 Nov 21, Wiscasset, ME
 Dec 5-8, Skowhegan, ME
 Jan 9-12, Saco, ME

LAXSON, H., WALLY AND
GINGER MUSIC
 Nov 7, Decatur, AL, Spring
 Avenue
 Nov 14, Decatur, AL, Spring
 Avenue
 Nov 18-21, Fairborn, OH,
 Wrightview

LEAGUE, PAUL
LEAGUE EVANGELISTIC
MINISTRIES
 Nov 7-10, Monte Vista, CO,
 Valley
 Nov 14-17, Clinton, IL, First
 Nov 20-23, Yuma, CO
 Nov 28-Dec 1, Gaylord, KS
 Dec 5-8, Riverton, KS, Galena
 Parkhill
 Jan 23-26, Wellington, KS

LECKRONE, LARRY [Ⓟ]
LECKRONE MINISTRIES,
INC.
 Nov 5-10, Mackey, IN
 Nov 13-17, Owensboro, KY,
 First
 Dec 1-5, Richland Center, WI
 Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
 Evangelists Gathering
 Jan 2, Farmington, MO
 Jan 15-19, Amarillo, TX

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EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

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LEIDY, ARNOLD **UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES,** **INC.**

Nov 4-7, Pueblo, CO, First
Nov 10-14, Farmington, NM,
Crossroads Community

LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER **CHRIS LEWIS MINISTRIES**

Jan 4-16, Modesto, CA, Trinity

LOMAN, LANE † **LOMAN MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, Oklahoma City, OK,
Western Oaks
Nov 14-17, Bridgeton, MO,
Gateway Central
Nov 28-Dec 5, Powhatan
Point, OH
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 2-5, Newport, TN
Jan 9-12, Lakeland, FL,
Eastside
Jan 21-26, Lakewood, CO

MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA †

Nov 3-7, Denison, TX, First
Nov 10-14, Temple, TX, First
Dec 3-6, Lambertville, MI,
Bedford
Dec 6-9, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Dec 10-13, Delaware, OH,
Highpoint
Dec 15-20, Windham, OH
Jan 1-5, Scottsdale, AZ, Faith
Christian Community
Jan 12-16, Phoenix, AZ,
Monte Vista
Jan 26-30, Portland, OR,
Central

MILLER, C. **C. WESLEY MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, DeQueen, AR, First
Jan 9-12, Watongo, OK,

MILLHUFF, CHARLES † **MILLHUFF MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, Muncie, IN, First
Nov 14-17, Hutchinson, KS,
Bethany
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 16-19, Largo, FL,
Westside

MILLS, CARLTON † **SECOND TOUCH** **EVANGELISM MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, Denton, MD
Nov 14-17, Excel, AL, Enoch
Johnson Memorial
Nov 21, Tampa, FL, First
Dec 5-27, Tampa, FL, First
Jan 5-9, Port St. Lucie, FL

MITCHELL, ROYCE **LIBERTY QUARTET**

Nov 7, Wenatchee, WA
Nov 7, Yakima, WA, West
Valley
Nov 11, Meridian, ID, Valley
Shepherd
Nov 16, Nampa, ID, First
Dec 5, Corvallis, OR
Dec 5, McMinnville, OR
Jan 2, Wilder, ID, Homedale
Mountain View

MOORE, NORMAN † **NORMAN MOORE** **MINISTRIES**

Nov 12-14, Canton, OH,
Nov 18-21, Dickson, TN,
Jason Chapel
Nov 28-Dec 1, New Albany,
IN, Christ's Community
Dec 5-8, Fostoria, OH, First
Jan 4-5, Colorado Springs,
CO, Nazarene Bible
College
Jan 16-19, Kahului, HI
Jan 23-26, Modesto, CA,
Trinity

MORGAN, EARL

Nov 3-7, Arcola, IL, First
Nov 14-14, Bradley, IL

PERDUE, DR. NELSON † **PERDUE MINISTRIES**

Nov 3-7, Fairmont, WV, First
Nov 10-14, Saint Joseph, MI
Nov 17-21, Alliance, OH
Nov 28-Dec 5, Sturgis, MI
Dec 9-12, West Jefferson, OH,
New Life
Jan 19-23, Clearwater, FL,
First

PETTIT, ELAINE **ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, Shawnee, OK
Nov 14-17, Virginia Beach, VA,
First
Nov 19-21, Abingdon, VA
Nov 28-Dec 1, Chester, WV
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Dec 12-15, Tulsa, OK, Tulsa
Southwest
Jan 23-26, Jacksonville, FL,
University Blvd

PHELPS, PHILLIP **PHILLIP PHELPS** **MINISTRIES**

Nov 7-10, Red Oak, TX, Ovilla
Road

REED, SHERMAN **LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES**

Nov 28-Dec 1, Lebanon, TN,
First
Dec 6-8, Syracuse, IN,
Evangelists Gathering
Jan 9-12, Crestwood, IL,
Chicago Calvary

ROTH, RONALD **RON ROTH MINISTRIES**

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Soul Winning



By G. Stuart McWhirter

The gospel is good news. But before we can have a correct understanding of the good news in Christ, we must understand the bad news. George Buttrick has noted, "Man is constitutionally ignorant, endemically wicked, irrevocably mortal." That is the bad news.

A Christian passion for soul winning must begin with biblical truth. It must be rooted in good theology. Recognition of the reality of sin is key to all evangelism and soul winning. The title of Dr. Karl Menninger's book, *Whatever Happened To Sin*, implies the current lack of awareness of sin. Even the church, in many cases, has muted or evaded mention of sin. Sin is not a concoction of Christian theologians. Sin is real. Sin brings a wrongness and rift between Holy God and fallen man. It is an estrangement, an alienation, and a brokenness in humanity's relationship with God. Sin is a polluted stream that, on its dark tide, carries us far away from our Eden home with God.

Too often apostate segments of the Christian church seem blind to the malignancy that mars mankind. A compromised church offers cosmetics to cover a cancer. Not only a lost world, but also a lethargic church needs a vivid, alarming consciousness of sin and the consequent tragedy it brings. If we have not mourned about the sinfulness and lostness of man without Christ, we cannot be soul winners. We

cannot effectively present the gospel because we do not understand the gospel. Against the background of man's lost, fallen and inexorably hell-bound condition, surely there is no calling higher, no mission more urgent and no ministry more joyful than that of the soul winner

What kindles the passion for soul winning? Dr. R.A. Torrey said there are three steps in getting a passion for the masses: *Studying* what the Bible has to say about the lost, *believing* it, and then *dwelling* on this truth until it takes hold of our hearts and we realize its meaning.

In his fine little book, *Let Me Commend*, W.E. Sangster wrote, "What is the gospel?—It is the good news of God. This news! That God has come to earth in Christ to give new life to everybody who will receive it. What he has come to do, he has done, and does still. It is life in all its fullness, abundant and eternal: It is, indeed, the very life of God himself." Imbued with this message and awestruck by its sheer magnificence, the soul winner should go forth bringing the only true life to those who are spiritually dead and bearing the only true light to those who sit in darkness. 



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you take it home, read it, and then tell me if it is any good?" She did. She opened up like never before, and now there is an ongoing relationship with this fine lady—three minutes at a time. Now she has me praying for her children, her husband, her burdens in life. However, she never has heard me preach from a platform!

Danny works at the counter at the post office. He is Hispanic and is one great guy. One day he quizzed me concerning what church I pastored. After explaining that I don't have a pastorate now but that I preach four or five times per week from place to place, I asked him what church he attended. "We don't go to church anymore, Jim. We're mad at the church. Have you ever heard of a church split? We were caught in two of those things and we're done with church. We're mad at the church but, Jim, we need God." Brother!

The short version of this story is that within two months Danny and I were having lunch together at Perkins where the "whole story" poured out. I tried to get him to come to my car for a minute or two where I could pray for him since praying in a booth at Perkins might be rather embarrassing for him. As he slid his brown hand across the table to take mine, he said, "Oh, pray here, Jim. I don't care." And pray we did. All I can say is that God came! Tears were shed. A bitter-hearted man came back to Jesus. A soul was rescued that day at Perkins. Danny is now totally turned on for Christ. He is a miracle of God's grace!

In the words of Hebrews 11:32, "And what more shall I

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WHAT IF?

Advancing Spiritual Growth and Evangelistic Effectiveness

by Dr. Lyle B. Pointer



Suppose Peter and Paul had squared off over evangelistic methods. The conversation may have sounded like this:

Peter: I believe in the superiority of preaching over witnessing. Why, on the Day of Pentecost, I preached and more than 3,000 people responded to the invitation!

Paul: Peter, you amaze me. God wonderfully used you on that momentous day. But I find most people come to Christ in one-on-one contact. For example, Timothy, my son in the Lord, came to Jesus when I witnessed to him. Onesimus, who ran from his owner, came to me in jail. I testified to the change Jesus made in my life. He, too, accepted Christ. I recommend personal evangelism.

Peter: Paul, your work is significant, but why chat with one person at a time when you can move crowds with passionate preaching? We don't have time for individual contact; Jesus is coming back soon. I do not want to put down the individual attention you give, but we must get with the program. Time is fleeting.

Paul: Well, Peter, you make a good point. Jesus' timeline does urge us to become active in sharing our faith. I know you would not discredit personal witnessing, because John and you healed the beggar at the Temple. Peter, you have been able to draw large crowds. The truth is, when I drew a large crowd, I was usually in trouble. You seem to have a knack for finding receptive audiences. I generally get stoned every time a crowd gathers. I have taken some lumps lately. I think I am getting "rock-shy" these days.

Peter: Jesus captivated the crowds when we were with Him. You cannot imagine how He moved them! They loved His stories. I can remember how they would leave puzzled and talking among themselves. Sometimes a few would ask us what the Master meant.

Paul: Now you are talking my language. I have always dealt effectively with small groups. Take, for example, Lydia. In Philippi, I found her alongside others praying near the river. One of my main methods of operation was to go to the local synagogue to teach. Of course, that again was where I would get into trouble. But I believe in evangelism among small groups. The Philippian jailer and his household listened to me

preach after Silas and I served as a worship team for the prisoners. On another occasion a small group gathered on Mar's Hill. They were a tough crowd, but a few believed. One of the toughest small-group assignments came when Festus called King Agrippa and Bernice. They appeared interested in my future, but I was deeply concerned about theirs. I almost convinced King Agrippa to follow Jesus.

Peter: No one can question your success in starting new churches. You had to find one or a handful to launch your new start. I also know you could not always collect a large crowd for the right reasons. Still, nothing beats preaching to the multitudes. Why, I even imagined building three tabernacles to hold all the people who would want to hear me preach! I thought they would serve as a monument to Jesus and other great spiritual leaders from our movement. Jesus wasn't too keen on the idea, but I sure had a vision of what could have been done.

Paul: Peter, I won't talk against mass evangelism. I probably am not as successful as you are, but I tell my churches to hold special meetings. Now, I had to warn them about some false prophets who undercut my ministry, were preoccupied with their own interests, or wanted more money. Nevertheless, the day churches stop holding evangelistic services is the day they limit the Spirit's work.

Peter: Paul, I know you return to your fledgling churches to hold revivals. You may not be the best at speaking. Some guy named Eutychus mentioned you could be a little boring. I hear you lost part of your crowd one night when the fellow fell out the window. The crowd picked up, however, when you healed the sleepy guy. You are probably more of a revivalist than you know.

Paul: I hoped you wouldn't hear about Eutychus. But you had your Malchus. Let me add, I am not altogether comfortable with the term "revivalist." I am an "evangelist." If the Church is to be catalytic in reaching a lost world, we cannot become too concerned about our own spiritual well-being. An internal focus can be deadly. I fear some have surrendered to entertaining the church crowd, rather than inspiring the Church to become evangelists.

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mind visualize everyone you meet as a Christian. Learn to say as you meet a shoe salesman or a waitress or a guy sitting next to you on the plane, "Boy, he or she would make a great Christian!" The person who joins you on the golf course, breaking into your twosome or threesome as the pre-saved, actually has providentially been put with you for a few hours in a fairly inescapable situation. God has brought him or her to you. This has happened to me innumerable times on the links. My only prayer is that our new partner will not confuse my poor play with the power of the gospel.

In my home church, the College Church in Olathe, Kansas, are many people Jeanne and I have had a part in leading to Christ over the years we have lived and attended there. We have had them smoke in our home, been called in the middle of the night and in general had our lives interrupted innumerable times by their needs and cries for help. Getting involved with the pre-saved will inconvenience your life, but **what a privilege!** There is no way to really get involved with the pre-saved without filling your hands with the garments of their sufferings.

It is my passion during every Revival in 2005 to turn our corps of evangelists into a massive sales force to promote personal evangelism in every church in which they are ministering. The goal is to raise dramatically the level of commitment among the people where it really counts in the arena of the pre-saved outside the church.

A whole sermon—or least an emphasis—on this issue of the Great Commission in the one-on-one, day-by-day way of living the Christian life preached during the revival is the goal. The Sunday night service would be the universal time for this sermon if it fits into the flow of the week. The thought of, say, 100 revival events in process during a given week and every one of them presenting the exciting challenge of personal evangelism to the end that the pre-saved would be WON to Christ is rather overwhelming. Multiply these 100 revival events by, say, 25 weeks and it is obvious to extrapolate this out to 2,500 churches being changed to some degree in the area of the most impacting commitment imaginable, personal evangelism. With about 5,000 churches in the United States and Canada, we can make a real difference.

Think of it like D-Day in World War II when the hundreds of ships crossed the English Channel to start the liberation of Europe from Hitler's grip. I visualize hundreds of evangelists leading the troops into this glorious battle for souls. Know that as you hold this mag-

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azine in your hands that a year from now thousands of people will have come to faith in Christ or gone on into the entirely sanctified life of growth and victory. Why? Because we as evangelists sounded the battle cry and then splashed onto the secular beach in the everyday world of grime and need where folks are looking for "hope, help and a home," to quote Evangelist Jim Mellish.

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I pray that I will be the person I am presenting here to a greater measure than ever before. I also pray that every evangelist will cooperate with my vision and what I truly believe to be the heart cry of every pastor. In our church in Olathe there are many couples sitting there every Sunday that Jeanne and I have had a part in leading to Christ. Over the now more than 30 years we have belonged to College Church, we have consistently reached out to the unsaved in our town in every conceivable place and way. I say this not to brag but to let you know that I am not asking any of our evangelists to do what I have not been doing for many years on a regular basis.

Only heaven will tell what the year 2005 and the Nazarene evangelists in the United States and Canada will create if we take this challenge God has so clearly laid on my heart. May we as evangelists not hide in our pulpits as in coward's corners, avoiding the pre-saved with an eye for our own convenience. I believe so much in our evangelists. I believe them to be the most committed and effective in the world in any church anywhere. We are a force that hell will have to reckon with as never before in the year 2005. I can't imagine any pastor not saying, "That's what I need." 

Revival Fires

unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!

Mesa First Experiences Prayer Revival by Nathan Covington, tenured evangelist

In the forward of the book "Fresh Encounter," by Pastor Daniel Henderson, Paul A. Cedar, chairman of Mission America writes: "There is no doubt that there is a desperate need for spiritual renewal in this nation and beyond. However, as Pastor Daniel Henderson asserts, the church often seems to be asleep—especially in regard to the powerful ministry of prayer. Much of the church has become a sleeping giant that needs to become awakened to its potential and spiritual power."

Cedar goes on to say, "Prayer is not the only thing we do, but it is the first thing we do. It is foundational for bringing light to the darkness. History would teach us that there will be no revival or spiritual awakening unless churches begin to pray. In addition, most churches will not become houses of prayer unless pastors lead the way through their personal example and through skilled and strategic leadership in prayer."

Convinced that these statements were true, Pastor Ira Brown of Mesa First in Mesa, Ariz., asked me to lead his congregation in a Sunday-over-Wednesday prayer seminar entitled **Journey To Power Through Prayer.**

The seminar included the following four components:

1. **The Destiny.** In the first session, participants learned why God asks us to pray and how it can change our lives and the world.
2. **The Dimensions.** In session two, participants learned how to apply God's promises to a particular situation.
3. **The Discovery.** In session three, those who attended learned how to recognize and listen to God's voice as well as the characteristics of an aggressive listener.
4. **The Dynamic.** In the final session, participants learned what to expect from a life of prayer and how to receive the power to live such a life.

The Spirit's presence was so evident each night as the people gathered to learn and share, and from the *(continued on page 14)*

Has God been working in an unusual way in your church or camp meeting? We encourage you to submit written accounts.

Why Personal Evangelism?

by Dr. Bruno Radi
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My passion for sharing the gospel with others started when I understood that my responsibility was to share the gospel, not to win people.

I have always had a passion for evangelism, but a few years ago I understood the passage where the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to go first to the house of the lost sheep of Israel. In Matthew 10:14 when the Lord sends them, he tells them what to do if anyone doesn't receive them. In other words, don't worry about it; leave that house and that people in my care, and go on to other cities.

That took a heavy load off my shoulders, because I now understood that my responsibility was personal evangelism. Before, if the individual didn't convert, I felt the evangelism was a failure and was frustrated. Now I understand that the Lord sends me to proclaim, to share, to pray for others and etc. If they accept Christ, then the glory goes to the Lord, but if they refuse him, then that is not my responsibility. That thought leads me to another idea: I shouldn't have a fear of failure when I share the gospel, because success doesn't depend on whether the individual is converted or not.

When I am asked what it is that gives me a passion to win others and do evangelism, I find at least five strong ideas that motivate me every time I think about them.

1. BECAUSE IT IS A DIRECT COMMANDMENT FROM JESUS. In Acts 1:8, the Holy Spirit is promised to help us at all times, but we are all commanded to be witnesses and are told where: starting in Jerusalem (that is where we live-our home town-because that is where we are). I feel that commandment of Jesus every day of my life because it is the same concept of the Great Commission where He sends us to make disciples and promises to be with us to the end of the age. I need to take this as a commandment and not an option.

2. BECAUSE I HAVE A DOUBLE DEBT. First, I have a debt to Christ. He paid the price for all my sins on the cross, he forgave me with his precious blood, I was saved by grace, and I feel like I am a debtor but cannot pay it. In the second place, I am a debtor to the people that brought the gospel to my family. Someone pitched a tent six blocks from my house, and my family came to know the Lord. I can pay that debt by sharing the gospel with others in the same way it was shared with me. When the gospel was brought to me, it was com-

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very first session, a spirit of anticipation and excitement ran high. Pastor Brown had told me that he anticipated that we would have around 100 people in attendance at each session. To his amazement and to everyone's delight, more than 200 people gathered night after night. Among those who attended were some who were new to the church and had not yet accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Seasoned prayer warriors and new converts alike expressed their gratitude to Pastor Brown and to me for what they were learning and how it was changing their lives.

Wednesday night's session was especially unforgettable. Participants were encouraged to put into practice what they had learned, and as the altar was opened for prayer, God came in power and people were saved, sanctified, some were healed emotionally, and many committed themselves to become intercessors for the church and the Kingdom. God gave the pastor and his church a whole new vision of whom they are in Christ and what they could accomplish through the ministry of intercession. Praying took on a dimension of joy and excitement along with hope, and it deepened their desire to bring others to Christ.

The Sunday following the close of the seminar, God again poured out his Spirit on the people. Pastor Brown confided in me that it was a time of great rejoicing with additional conversions as well as many of his people giving personal expressions of affirmation for his pastoral leadership.

For several weeks following that time of learning and renewal, I continued to receive e-mail reports of conversions and continued blessings within Mesa First's services. I was recently in contact with Pastor Brown and he told me that he considers those four days of prayer and renewal one of the two outstanding spiritual moves of God in the church this calendar year. A new sense of mission, vision and victory pervade the congregation. Those four days will long be remembered in the minds of all who participated. 

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plete. They gave us the message and afterward disciplined us, "teaching" us all these things. That is something that I can do for others.

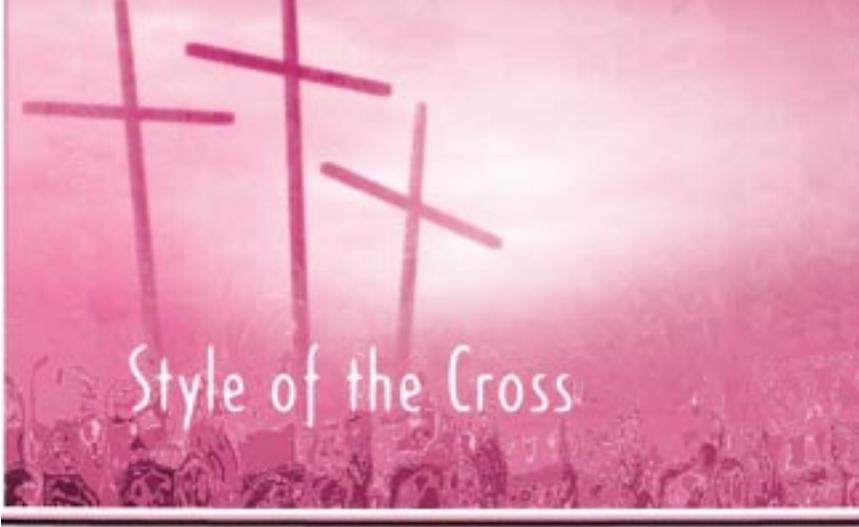
3. BECAUSE THE SHEEP ARE LOST. In Luke 15:4-7, we find the parable of the lost sheep. It is very clear that the Lord wants 100 percent of the sheep in the fold. It is very clear that I am among the 99 already in the fold, but also it is very clear that there are a lot of lost sheep around me that should have the opportunity of being invited to enter the fold. There are lost sheep that are far away whom I don't know. Then there are a lot of lost sheep that are far from the Lord but close to me. I know them. I know where they live. I know where they work. I know their names. Some of them are my family. Others are neighbors. And I need to pay them special attention because the Lord tells me that I am "the salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). My responsibility is to share that light and that salt with the lost sheep that are close to me.

The question had always been: How can I share with the lost sheep that I know? First, I need to identify who are the lost sheep around me. I make a circle with my family who do not know Christ, my friends, my neighbors, my colleagues, etc. and I identify them. Second, I start to pray for them daily in secret. Two things happen: The Lord is interested in this type of prayer because God sent his son to die for those people, only they need to know that salvation is available. But the second thing that happens when we pray is that the Lord opens our ears. We start to hear the cry of the lost sheep that are close to us, and as we have asked the Father, he gives us the right words to speak to them to share the gospel. At first this was a plan. Then it became a strategy. And now it is a lifestyle for me.

4. BECAUSE THIS IS MY TIME. This is the best time in my life to do evangelism. The past is out of my hands, the future is in God's hands and the present is the only time I can manage in concern for my generation. I am still alive and well and can do something to help others. I can do something to fulfill the command that the Lord Jesus has given me.

5. BECAUSE DOING EVANGELISM PRODUCES POSITIVE RESULTS HERE ON EARTH AND FOR ETERNITY. When I get to heaven I want to meet three types of people. The first is the Lord, who will say to me, "Well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things." Second, I would like to find Oswald Smith, the Canadian pastor who came to Argentina in 1957, and thank him for inviting me to come to heaven. But the third type of people that I would like to meet are those whom I have shared the gospel with, directly or

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say? For the time would fail me to tell of..." Sun and Boo at the cleaners; Ray, Betty, and Marion at Wal-Mart; Rick and John at the print shop; Mary Jo at the bank; Karen and Sharon at the frame shop; and on and on and on.

The latest "one by one" came yesterday. I learned the sad news that our neighbors, Ray and Barbara (just three houses away), had lost their all-American son in a drowning accident in Italy the day before. He was a recent graduate of the Air Force Academy and was stationed in Italy. He was the pride of their lives. Tragedy had struck our neighborhood again. Of course, Dorothy and I started praying for them. But around 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon I felt strongly compelled to walk over to their home and express our sorrow. The grief that was painted on their faces, and on the faces of the others who were there, was heartbreaking. I tried to say the right things. I asked to see pictures of their son. Their tears moved my soul.

As I was about to leave, I asked if it would be appropriate if I prayed with them. I remind you that we've only talked while passing on the street or at the neighborhood mailbox. We've never been in their home. But when I offered to pray, it was as if I had been their pastor for ten years. They were totally open, responsive, tender and thankful. Something of God happened yesterday just inside the front door of Ray and Barbara's home. I don't know how this story will end, but it's a certainty that it is not finished.

"One by one." God won't let us get by with doing only evangelism from a platform. It's everyday, two or three minutes at a time, everywhere from the post office to Wal-Mart. God will bring the people across our pathway—may we be spiritually sensitive enough to make, not miss, the moment! 

What's The Problem?

by Stephen Manley

The resurrected Lord commissioned the disciples at the base of the mountain. He said, "**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you**" (Matthew 26:19-20). A close examination of the sentence's grammar in the Greek language reveals the focus of the call. The main verb in the Greek text is the word that is translated **make disciples**. It is in the imperative mood. No other commands are given in this sentence. However, there are three participles that become adverbs, giving content to the main verb. **Baptizing** and **teaching** are in the present tense. In the act of making disciples, baptizing and teaching are to be present.

The remaining participle is **go**. The tense is not imperative or present, but is aorist. We have nothing like it in English grammar. A literal translation would be **after you have gone** or **having gone**. It is assumed you are going to go. Jesus makes no attempt to motivate the disciples, only to give them instructions. The drive for evangelism is already present in the Christian. One who lives in the fullness of the Spirit is filled with the burning passion of Christ's mind and heart. He or she does not have to be motivated. If a person needs to be motivated, then the problem is not with the lack of motivation, but rather with his or her spiritual condition!

This brings into focus the great need of our hour. We stand on the only continent in the world where Christianity is not growing. Do we in the church need motivational programs? Is the answer found in contemporary approaches to worship? Or do we simply have a spiritual problem? Perhaps we need to meet Jesus at the base of the mountain and experience His resurrected person. We need revival! 



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Peter: You must remember how carnal Christians are these days. Spiritual infancy permeates congregations. We must preach for spiritual renewal and growth in grace. We need revival, if for no other reason than the presence of conflict in the Church.

Paul: So you heard about Corinth. Yes, conflict and carnality are problems to be addressed, but revival can be addressed by personal evangelism, too. You have read my letter to Philemon. Onesimus, his servant, got crossways with his master. I had the privilege of leading Onesimus to Christ. I wrote a letter to Philemon, urging him to take back his redeemed servant. I hope you noted my prayer for the slave owner: "I pray that you will become active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Sharing our faith is the best way to advance in our spiritual understanding. Evangelism promotes spiritual revival and decreases interpersonal conflict. If I became a revivalist alone, I would undermine one of God's best methods for spiritual growth. Peter, I have concluded that I will use every method possible in hopes of saving some. 

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indirectly. Not so I can feel proud up there, but so I can feel TODAY the responsibility of sharing the gospel with others, because this is my time.

Let's not miss our only opportunity to build the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the blessed gospel of Salvation. It is the most enriching experience that I have ever had. 

Dr. Radi was a key person in the early ministry of Evangelist Louis Palau, the "Billy Graham of South America." Under the influence of Dr. Bustle, who at the time was the regional director of this same region, Dr. Radi was brought into the Church of the Nazarene because of its Holiness message. Together their simple but very doable "each one win one" soul winning and growth program has produced remarkable additions to the Kingdom and to the Church. Dr. Radi is a soul winner's soul winner and a very gifted preacher, as well as the leader of a very large, growing region (ten countries). —CRM

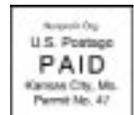
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