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"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN." Matt. 28:6

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Easter Message

of Good Will



HERE isn't likely to be one among us who hasn't much to pray for this Easter. There'll be prover in the heart of in foxholes on land; on stormy, mine-laden seas; in the traffic lanes of the air. All outdoors is our boys' Church in time of war . . . with only a chaplain's calm, steady voice to speak the Easter message . . . for those boys lucky enough to have a chaplain near.

Our boys will be praying this Easter for fulfillment of their faith that "right makes might" . . . that the United Nations may soon be victorious and restore a peaceful life to the great brotherhood of man the world over. Our boys will be praying too that they may soon be back in the folds of their families, and that next Easter may find them attending services with those they love in the Churches "back home."

And we who make up their memories of home . . . how deep and good and sure is the prayer that wells up in our hearts, and brings the tears of hope brimming over in our eyes! We are the mothers and fathers, grayed with the years, who reared our sons from the helplessness of boyhood to the all-sacrificing strength of fighting manhood. We are the wives who gallantly smiled each time we've had to say "good-bye"... first, when our men were inducted; then after each visit home on furlough, and finally when they sailed away. We are too, the children, for whose future security and freedom they fight.

Oh yes, so many of us have so much to pray for this Easter. Surely these are prayers which will be heard, for they must echo His own! He who taught the glory of "Peace on Earth!" His words: our prayers: the lives of those already fallen in battle: all these shall not have been in vain! So with courage and conviction, let us go to Church for Easter Services . . . And after prayer, let us go forth, each to the duties we have assumed as our responsibility in quickening the time in which those we love shall be Victorious!

Prayer is good for the spirit, invigorates it and giving us the stamina to go through whatever days of darkness may yet come. And the will to win . these added to our prayers are what those who have gone forward, to safeguard us from oppression, want of us. It is so little for us to do!

SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. In this reading we find the call was made for those who would fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold on life eternal. God calls for volunteers to enlist in his army. And who-soever will let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)

When we enter the army of the Lord, there is only one purpose, and that to "fight." For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph. 6:12) This being a spiritual fight against sin and satan, Paul tells us, "For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2nd, Cor. 10; 3-5)

As soldiers of the cross of Christ there is a wonderful protection. In the days of old when Egypt was smitten, and the first born of man and beast was slain, God said to His children, "And the blood shall be a token upon the house where you are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. (Ex. 12:13)

It took the blood of Jesus to make us a soldier of the cross." And without the shedding of blood, there is no remission. (Heb. 22)

We also are sanctified by his blood. "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13; 12)

And being sanctified, we are preserved." And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thes. 5:23)

Thou therefore endure hardness as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that wareth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he

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may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Tim. 2; 3-4)

In order to qualify as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, there are some requirements.

HIS SOLDIERS MUST PUT ON THE ARMOR AND PRAY (Eph. 13:18)

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching therefore with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

BE BOLD (I Sam. 17; 26)

For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God, (V;32) And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

BE STRONG (I Cor. 16:13)

Watch ye, stand fast in faith, quit ye like men, be strong. (2 Chron. 15:7) Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.

BE COURAGEOUS (Deut. 31:6)

Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee nor forsake thee. (Jos. 1; 12) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe and do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

ENDURE (Mat. 10:22)

And you shall be hated of all men for my name sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (James I; 1-12) Blessed is the man that endureth temptations, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

DENY HIMSELF (Mk. 34-35)

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples, he said unto them, who-so-ever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For who-so-ever will save his life shall lose it; but who-so-ever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospels, the same shall save it.

Let us as the royal army of the Lord press on; fight on to certain victory. "For if God be for us, who can be against us?" He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He has never lost a battle. He came conquering and to conquer. He has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. As we recall the many battles we have fought against the enemy; it may be in some cases we have not won as great a victory as we desired, and for this cause some have become discouraged, but let us remember the words of Paul" But this one thing I do; forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, (Phil. 3; 13) "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

You may be a civilian or in the armed forces fighting to preserve the freedom of our country; but as comrades of the cross of Christ let us fight the battles of life; until the eternal victory is won. Then shall we have the testimony with Paul. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love this appearing." (2 Tim. 4; 7)

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your comrade of the cross of Christ.

> Harold M. Cooper, Minister Granby, Mo.

CAN'T YOU HEAR! CAN'T YOU READ!! CAN'T YOU SEE!!!

By Hattie Boulware Jones

Can't you hear the twinkling of wine glasses; the shuffle of feet on the dance floor; the soft seductive music of the symphony orchestra, or the harsh blair of the jazz band; the artificial, hysterical laughter of the intoxicated; the cursing, blaspheming of the mad, reckless multitudes? . . .

Can't you hear the roar of aeroplanes; the siren of the steamboat; the streamlined locomotives; the soft purring of the automobile; the crashing roar of war tanks; the booming and blasting of bombs, and the cracking of machine guns; the crumbling of buildings; the explosions of bombed munition factories, etc., etc. . .?

Can't you hear the sighs around the home fires; the choking sobs of wives, sweethearts, mothers, daddies, children, brothers, sisters and kinsmen as goodbyes are being said . . .?

Can't you hear the noise on the battle front; the tortures of the wounded; the groans of the dying; the cursing; the praying . . . ?

Can't you read the flaring headlines of the newspapers with two thirds of its pages covered with debauchery, murder and crime of every description . . . destruction, destruction, DE-STRUCTION on every hand . . . ?

Can't you read in God's Word: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their ownselves; covetcous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away..."

Can't you read: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows . . . For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage . . .? (Read on) "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in

CAMP MEETINGS Mississippi Camp Meeting July 6th to 16th

Snell Community, 20 miles southeast of Meridian, Miss. Rev. Otto Busch in charge

Texas Camp Meeting July 20th to 30th

Rockdale, Texas, Rev. Roy Wooster and Rev. Alfred Whitely in charge.

the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; The sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth . . . ?"

Can't you see the signs in earth, sea and sky of a great climax just ahead? Even the rulers of nations are perplexed and wondering just what is ahead. They feel a climax is pending, tho' perhaps they haven't the remotest idea of the final culmination of present conditions. Their finite, busy minds can not read the signs of the times as do the children of The Most High, who have been hearing the alarm sounding for years; who have been reading and seeing the fulfillment of prophecies which are to happen shortly before the return of Jesus to earth again! And, now that we see the fulfilment of Holy Writ daily, I wonder if we are looking up with great expectancy to Redemptive Glory and the return of Christ to earth again!

The chaos of war; the noise of the devil's playhouses have stopped the ears, and blinded the eyes of the multitudes to where they neither hear nor see what is actually happening, and will happen shortly! They hear not the prayers of the saints of God; the shouts of victory, after trials are overcome; Or if, perchance they occasionally take a notice of the doings of God, they consider we are mad, and go on their way with a shrug of the shoulders, etc. . . . Me thinks I see just a little way into the future to where the world will do more than shrug their shoulders with a high and mighty look up on an old-fashioned prayer meeting! . . . "Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

And ye shall be hated of all men for my Name's sake; but He that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved . . . But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun s h a 11 be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory . . ."

Saints of God, awake! Herald this message of the kingdom in the highways and in the hedges! Shout it from the house tops! Get arrayed in fine linen which is the righteousness of the saints! Be adorned as a bride for her husband, for surely The Bride Groom Is Coming Soon!

THE DOGWOOD LEGEND

At the time of the crucifixion, the Dogwood attained the size of the Oak and other forest trees. So strong and firm was its wood, it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be thus used for such a cruel purpose distressed the tree and Jesus smiled upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for sorrow, said to it-"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering I make you this promise . . . Never again shall the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and twisted and bent and its blossoms shall be in the form of a crosstwo long petals and two short petals, and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with blood. And in the center of the flower there will be an image of a crown of thorns and all who see it will remember that it was upon a Dogwood tree that I was crucified, and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of My death upon the cross."

The Dogwood grows abundantly in the open woods of Southwest Texas. The bark of the root is used to some extent as a substitute for quinine. An extract of the root yields a scarlet dye formerly much valued by the Indians. The wood has many uses, but is especially in demand for shuttle blocks used in weaving as the wood has the property of growing smooth with use and is preferred to all others for this use.

Submitted by Lennie Armer 541 Humble Building Houston, Texas

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BRIEF MENTION

New Radio Program, known as the "Harbor Lights" program over station K.G.F.L. Roswell, New Mexico, every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Mountain War Time. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Yeakel in charge.

This issue of the paper is being printed in California and we are compelled to make it an eight page paper on account of the labor shortage. Keep praying for the paper and stand back of it and Lord willing we plan to print next month the largest issue we have ever published.

Brother and Sister E. L. Williams, pastors of the church at Arlington, Kansas report great spiritual victory in the services. They have recently been blessed with services from different ministers visiting there. Special tarrying services are held each Saturday night. One soul was recently sanctified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Carroll Heller writes, "We are starting a Revival in Kingsmans, Kansas. The Lord has opened the Lutheran Church for the meeting. We are looking forward to great things from God."

The Lord is blessing the ministry of Sister Lula A. Parham, Pastor of the Spring Grove Church in Galena, Kansas. Roberta June Parham has been helping and assisting in the services there. The splendid group of young people all filled with the Holy Spirit is a great inspiration and blessing to the entire church.

We appreciate the labor of Sister LaReta Laughlin and Sister Lula A. Parham who are so ably looking after things and keeping busy working on the paper during our absence—Robert and Pauline Parham.

Sister Eloise Clifton who has been assisting on the paper is now in special services throughout the Tri-State district, and has been helping in the different Revivals there.

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Brother Raymond and Sister Etta Mae Peters are doing a good work for the Lord at Palm City, Calif. God is blessing and adding to their numbers. Recently Brother and Sister Robert Parham and Brother and Sister W. C. Parham were privileged to have a glorious service there. Two souls were saved and God grarciously blessed. Robert and Sister Robert Parham anticipate holding a Revival there soon.

The work of the Lord is progressing nicely at the Good News Tabernacle 2310 W. Jefferson St., in Los Angeles, Calif. A splendid spirit of fellowship and cooperation prevails. The entire church is looking forward to obtaining a new church building soon. The church is pleased to have such able Pastors as Brother and Sister W. C. Parham in charge of the work there.

The Lord is blessing the work at Sultana, Calif., under the leadership of Brother and Sister Reuben Davis. The church and parsonage have been redecorated and made quite inviting. Attendance has increased greatly and souls are being saved right along in the regular services. Brother and Sister Robert L. Parham expect to have special services there in the near future.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob C. Regier of Center Point, Texas, recently visited the Tri-State District and were in special meetings in the different churches and Missions along the way.

Sister M. C. Dean of New Orleans, La., writes, "For 28 years the Apostolic Faith paper has been a stay for me. When I could go no farther here would come the paper to give me hope. In July, 1915, Brother W. R. Bunyard got Brother S. W. Ditto to come to Meridian, Miss. It was a great time. I was sanctified and healed. The Lord has recently touched me again and given me victory to go on."

Sister Miriam D. Schoenfeld of Chicago, Illinois, writes, "I must tell you of the wonderful way the Lord is blessing in Chicago. Last night one woman was converted, a man sanctified and I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Lord opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessings. We feel this is the beginning of a spiritual awakening here." Sister Opal Ferry is the Pastor. The West End Church, 909 Knox St., Houston, Texas is anticipating an old time tent Revival during the month of April. Evangelist Jack Barker will be in charge of the Revival. Rev. P. M. Campbell, Pastor.

God is blessing the work at West End, Houston, Texas. Several backsliders have been reclaimed and the entire church is going forward in the name of the Lord. Rev. P. M. Campbell, Pastor.

Evangelist Ava Durham of Wichita, Kansas has just closed a very successful Revival at the Mission in Bayard, Nebraska. During the two weeks meeting, 20 were saved, 17 sanctified and 5 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. The house was well filled every night and many were blessed. The last week of the Revival Brother Albert Durham and Brother and Sister Ed Stork of Wichita, Kansas assisted in the Revival. George Hindergardt, Pastor.

The Lord is blessing in the work at Snell Community near Meridian, Miss. Brother Lester Cooper is leader. The entire community is looking forward to the Camp Meeting there in July.

Brother and Sister Virgil Peter of Pontiac, Michigan report victory there. The Lord is blessing in every service, saving souls and confirming His word in many ways. Brother Peter is able to be up now and is filling his pulpit as strength permits.

Evangelist Francis R. Sutton and Homer Sutton are now in the Evangelist work together and expect to be in Revival meetings shortly. They plan to be in new fields and expect to go into Iowa to evangelize soon.

Sisters Leota and Hallie Chitwood, assisted by Lucille Robinson have recently held a good Revival at Leakey, Texas. The Lord blessed and confirmed His word in every service. Brother and Sister Albert Janzen, Pastors.

Tune in to "THE RADIO RE-VIVAL" over K.P.D.N. Pampa, Texas on 1340 Kilocycles. Every Monday at 2 p.m. Conducted by Rev. Sidney B. Rees, Pastor of Union Church, Spearman, Texas. Wilma George and Claudine Wooster will be singing on this program.

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Evangelist and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz of Laverne, Okla., have been in special meetings throughout the Tri-state. They plan a special Revival at the North Hill Mission in Roswell, New Mexico during the month of April. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Yeakel, Pastors.

Brother Albert Janzen, Pastor of the work at Leakey, Texas, has been overseeing the remodeling and redecorating of the church there. Great improvement has been made and the church there is in very fine condition.

Brother Alfred Whitely, Pastor, of Alvin, Texas has been in special meetings in Fayetteville and Greenland, Ark.

Brother and Sister Charles R. Dale, Pastors of the work at Fayetteville, Ark., expect to be in the Tri-State district for special services around the first of April.

Evangelist Otto Busch, assisted by Evangelist Bob Palmer have just closed a good Revival at the Full Gospel Mission, 1314 S. Main St., in Joplin, Mo. Audley Hervey, Pastor.

Evangelist and Mrs. M. E. Brown have recently held a Revival for Brother and Sister J. M. Scott at Magnolia, Ark., and are now in a Revival at the Seneca Mission in Seneca, Mo. Brother and Sister Laverne Johnson, Pastors.

PRAYER LIST

Mother E. C. Lee Mrs. Ira Watson Mrs. W. L. Bundin John Bales Mrs. James J. Dixon Mrs. Anna Beckman Viola Renfroe **Iosie** Hall Mrs. Ruby Defore Mrs. Jasper Arnold Mrs. A. C. Dean Alice Carter Mrs. C. H. Redding Mrs. C. J. Whitehill J. C. Brown Grant Strom Frank Meredith Jones W. D. Huddleston Bessie Williams Irene Stanleys family Mrs. Mae Moon Mr. L. G. Weaver Mrs. Reaba Weaver.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Dear Parhams:

Just a word of appreciation for the paper. I have been receiving it pretty regular and sure enjoy it. It always has the best and most interesting news. Letters and news of my brothers and sisters in Christ are always helping and inspiring. The book you sent me for Christmas will always be the most treasured book of my possession. I wish every one in America would read "In His Steps."

I am healthy and happy for the Lord has been wonderful to me. I truly thank my Saviour. I need your prayers.

A Brother in Christ,

Gerald M. Murray.

Somewhere in New Guinea Dear Robert:

Received your letter, always glad to hear from you, for mail call is very important to us. It is a comfort to know the Lord's work is progressing. I know He has certainly looked after me, especially my health. Have been receiving the paper regularly, enjoy it so much—several of my buddies read it also. They seem to get something out of it too.

Keep praying for me, for I surely need it.

Love,

Jack Stephens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. and Mrs. Darrel Sutton of Houston, Texas announce the arrival of a son, Darrel Eugene on February 18.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Girouard of Cheney, Kansas announce the arrival of a daughter, Patricia Angeline, on February 20.

Pvt. Gerald W. Crouse, Co. C. 28th E. T. Bn. E. R. T. C. Platoon 4, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pvt. Gerald N. Crouse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Crouse of Argonia, Kansas, and was a great helper in the service of the Lord before entering the army. He is a very talented musician and singer, and his life is proving to be a blessing in the service of his country.

P.F.C. Theo A. Winter, 11th Med. Sup. Depot A.P.O. 813 New York City, New York.

Dear Brother Robert:

I received the paper and your letter but sorry to have waited so long to answer. I just got out of the Hospital. Our Chaplain has been transferred to another place and I sure do miss him. We have had civilian preachers the last two Sundays. I sure would like to go to a good revival again.

May God bless your efforts for Him.

Ted Winters.



Oddities Of Latin America

Harvey L. Smith

Please don't misunderstand me because I have named this little article the above name. We are not odd here in our beautiful Latin-America; we only do things differently from the way you do there in the States. Often we think our ways are far better than the way you do it. Take for instance:

WE ACCEPT SALVATION

By standing to our feet at the end of a message, or at the end of a Sunday School class, and say to the congregation, "You accept," or I accept. Again I say please don't misunderstand me, we are not formal, neither are we trying to go modern, for when we stand and make this declaration the work of Salvation has already been done in our heart. For many of us to say the above words it means that we must leave family and friends; yet none of us have ever regretted having made the decision.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Is oftentimes poured out upon us, without effort on our part, when we stand for dismissal at the end of a service. Then many of us have received in the quietness of our homes.

IN THE SERVICES

We don't sit together, the men sit on one side of the church, and the women sit on the other, but there is one time

WHEN A MAN SITS WITH HIS WIFE

What a privilege! What an opportunity! Often before services we see the deacons bring two chairs and set them in front of the congregation, oh yes, we know what this means. A wedding! When the service begins the prospective bride and groom come forward and sit in these chairs. At some time during the service the preacher comes forward and the ceremony is done, then the bride and groom sit together throughout the service.

WEARY PASTORS

If in your church you not only have to preach, but lead the song service, be your own S.S. Superintendent, receive your own offering, then you resign and come south. For here the deacons do everything in the service, except bring the message. If the pastor becomes sick, or dies, the head

preaches. In one case near here the pastor died, then the head deacon took over, then he got sick, the second deacon took over. I like this system myself.

THE SINGING

Is very different here, for we sing with everything in us. Much of our music is written in the minor, which makes it different from yours, but we like it this way. Here the church doesn't buy the song books; for each of us have our own books. This way we take better care of them, than do you.

THE SERVICE ENDS

Not when the preacher finishes, for much of the time our services last as long after the services, I mean after the sermon. Here again the deacon takes over and we sing a few songs, announcements are made, offerings received and then a prayer or two. Then if the one in charge calls out

BUENOS NOCHES

Which is Good Night, then we know that this is all. So we start shaking hands with everyone and saying, "Dios le bendigo," which means, God bless you.

NOT EVERYONE TESTIFIES HERE

No sir! If your life is under suspicion, you must keep your seat until the Board passes upon your case to see if you are a fit witness. Then you can't "swell up" at your pastor because he preached a sermon straight from the shoulder and got down to where you are living, and go across town and begin taking part in another church. To go to another church and take part in the services one must have with them a freshly dated letter from their pastor saying that everything is all right. Not infrequently do we see some stranger walk up to the pastor before service and present such a letter so that he might have the privilege of testifying in the service.

WE SAY, ADIOS

Not only when we part with friends and relatives, but if we meet someone on the street, or in the country, we wave and say Adios. Often you Americans think we are saying good-bye when we meet, but we don't mean it that way. The word, ADIOS is a contraction of, "To God I Commend deacon takes his place as pastor and You"; so you see it is a very polite

word of greeting as well as a word for "good-bye."

WE BUY OUR SHOES

By going to a shoemaker and selecting a pair, the picture taken from a mail order catalogue from the States. The shoemaker then copies them to every detail; only we get a good grade of leather here!

WHEN WE GET A NEW SUIT

We go to a store and buy the material, then go to a tailor and are measured. In a few days our suit is ready. You see here we don't have large factories, and everything is done in small shops, but the craftsmanship is excellent.

BLUE MONDAY OR WASHDAY

Of course in our larger towns and cities we have waterworks and everyone has his own facilities at home for doing the laundry; however in the villages and in the country the women take the clothes to some nearby stream. Here they remove their own clothes and wrap a scarf around their waist and wade out into the stream and wash the clothes in the running water and on the stones, which are abundant in the streams. We often see this being done as we go out for week end trips into the country to preach the Gospel.

THEN WE DRESS SOME DIFFERENTLY HERE

For you there in the States, in the summer, often dress your babies only in their little pants, and the larger boys wear only khaki shorts, with nothing on for shirts. Here we are more practical, the babies and little boys wear instead a shirt which comes about to their waist. Then not infrequently do our little boys play only in what you call there, "birth-day" suits.

I see a faint smile, and know that you are wanting to know what my sons, Billy, who is now ten, and Danny, who is now eight, wear. By the time you read this school will have begun (February 2) and the boys will be in school at the Colegio Bautista, or Baptist College which necessitates them wearing white dress suits. Then you who know my sons very well are smiling as vou wonder how long will these clothes be white every day after these boys put them on.

May I say here that the Northern Baptist have a very splendid institution here, which is recognized all over Latin-America as such. They are very

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considerate of our children and permit them to attend school for the small sum of two colones, or eighty cents, per month, per child.

WE GO TO MILL

Every day or two by buying a quart of shelled corn, parching it in the oven, then taking it to a nearby mill where it is ground into meal. Of course we can buy bread here, but it is twice the price as there.

THRESHING

Of grain here is still done very much as Gideon, of old, did it. For barley, rye, etc., a pit is dug in the field, and here it is threshed by hand and stick, and winnowed the same as did Gideon. Corn is kept by shucking the whole crop, then placing a few bushels at the time in a frame built for same where it is shelled by beating it with long sticks. Then the corn is separated from the broken cobs and placed in metal containers.

MILK IS DELIVERED HERE

Not by a horse and driver planking down the pavement in the early hours of dawn, but by a woman who carries an earthernware jug, sometimes metal, on her head. Much water is still carried this way. In smaller villages the women and children still gather at the well, as in the day of Christ, and there converse as they fill their containers.

YES LIFE IS DIFFERENT HERE

But we like it this way, and we are "muy contento," or very happy with our customs. I just wish that each of you readers could make a trip out into the country with us, and see how anxious for the Gospel our people are. Yes the food out there is course, and sleeping in a hammock is not very comfortable, but when we see how very appreciative the people are, and how they accept the Gospel; yes we are muy contento here.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Because of the good will of international relationship between the United States and Latin America, it has made an opening for the gospel in a greater way and is a needed field for the Gospel. Pray for the Missionaries as they go forth in the service of the Lord. All Missionary offerings sent to us, will be sent on to the different Missionaries in the different fields of service.



THE EASTER MESSAGE

St. Matthew 28th

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. . . . And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Amen.

CONVERSION-IN EVERY MAN'S LIFE

- Look, God, I have never spoken to you-
- But now—I want to say, "How do you do."
- You see, God, they told me you didn't exist—
- And like a fool—I believed all of this—
- Last night from a shell-hole, I saw your sky-
- I figured right then, they had told me a lie—
- Had I taken time to see the things you made,
- I'd known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
- I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand.
- Somehow—I feel that you will understand.
- Funny—I had to come to this hellish place
- Before I had the time to see Your Face.
- Well, I guess there isn't much more to say—
- But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.
- I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here.
- The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go.
- I like you lots-This I want you to know.
- Look, now-this will be a horrible fight.
- Who knows. I may come to your House tonight—
- Though I wasn't friendly with you before
- I wonder, God,—if you'd wait at the Door—
- Look, I'm crying! Me-shedding tears!
- I wish I'd known you these many years.
- We'll I have to go now, God, goodbye.
- Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

(The above was given to Bosley Lane by one of his buddies while at Reno, Nev., and is being printed at the request of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lane.)

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Carrie Dunham Williams, beloved wife of C. A. Williams, passed away at her home in Perryton, Texas, February 12. She was converted in 1908 and always lived a consistant Christian life. Last April Mr. and Mrs. Williams observed their 56th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were held at the church in Gray, Oklahoma, with Rev. Paul Bollinger in charge, assisted by Rev. Ralph Durham, and Rev. B. W. Taylor. Burial was in the Gray cemetery.

Survivors are the husband, C. A. Williams, eight living children, two sons having preceded her in death.

Mrs. J. N. Murray, age 68 years, passed away at her home in Goodwell, Oklahoma, February 11, after an illness of two weeks. She was the mother of T. R. Murray of Perryton, Texas.

Funeral services were held February 12 at the Goodwell Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Coleman in charge. Burial was at Hardesty, Okla.

Mrs. Cornelia Roberts of Spur, Texas passed away at her home there on January 24. She was a very devout Christian and was a believer of the Apostolic Faith for many years, and was an ardent reader of the Apostolic Faith paper.

She is survived by her daughter, Josie Walker of Spur, Texas.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA

We are happy to send a word of greeting to you at this blessed time of the year—a time that is so sacred to those that know Him who endured the cross and have been with Him in the fellowship of His sufferings and know the power of His resurrection and rejoice to know He ever liveth to maketh intercession for us.

We are in Revival meetings or special services every night and we desire your prayers that God will use our lives to His glory while here.

Our sincere thanks are extended to you for your prayers and cooperation that has enabled us to put the gospel message to those in the armed forces. God has made it possible for us to put thousands of Bibles, books and literature in the hands of the boys in uniform. While on the western coast we want to contact as many as possible, so if you have a boy in service stationed in California please send us his address at once and we will do our best to personally contact him.

Looking for that blessed Hope,

Robert and Pauline Parham.

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BRIEF MENTION

Evangelist Robert and Pauline Parham made several stops for special services on their way to California. God blessed in every service along the way. Due to the illness of their little son, Charles F., they were detained in Perryton, Texas, and while there, God gave an old time Revival in the Gospel Tabernacle. Fourteen souls were saved, the same number sanctified and one received the Holy Spirit. God graciously met and answered prayer in special healing services that were outstanding on account of the presence and power of God.

Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon ably assisted in the meeting with their splendid music and singing. Rev. Ralph A. Durham, Pastor.

A Special all day service, with basket dinner was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd at Calvary Chapel, 1100 Las Tunas Blvd., in San Gabriel, Calif., Sunday March 12. A day of spiritual blessing and fellowship was greatly enjoyed by all. Evangelist Robert and Pauline Parham were in charge of these services. Some of the Ministers and workers present were, Brother James Davis, Rev. E. M. Pearson, Brother Ed. Durban, Evangelist Homer Coberley and family, Billy Rusk, Rev. Harry B. Miller, and Brother and Sister R. W. Elwell and a number of faithful laymen from all over the mid-western states. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Parham. Pastors.

