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It is a great pleasure for me to dedicate this book to all those beautiful loved ones and friends who blessed my life and assisted in shaping and molding my destiny.

To my mother, Betty Sumrall, who prayed for me from the day I was born until the day she died and went to Heaven. She was a perpetual blessing in my destiny.

To Howard Carter of London, England, who received from the Lord a young American and accepted traveling with him. Though he was twice my age, he treated me as a brother and was one of my closest friends.

To my friend and brother in Christ, Smith Wigglesworth, who was so willing to share with me his experiences of miracles throughout the world and also was truly glad when I would take time to visit him in Bradford, England. I can never forget such a friend.

To my lovely wife, Louise Layman Sumrall, who has faithfully stood beside me for nearly fifty years of married life. She has been a constant inspiration and never held back when it was time to advance.

To my sons, Frank, Steve and Peter, who are gifts of the Lord and who have brought much comfort to their mother and father. We both cherish them and are so grateful for our three sons.

Lester Sumrall





It looked like just another typical cold winter morning. The mist hovered above the surface of the Mississippi River which meandered through New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Sumrall family had been expecting a new arrival and at seven o'clock on that eventful Saturday morning, Betty told her husband William, "It is time to summon the doctor. I feel the baby is coming." One hour later on that 15th day of February, 1913, Lester Sumrall was born. Little did his parents know their child's life would have a tremendous impact on the world.

So begins the story of one individual's life; a story of destiny, triumphs, trials and trust, a life destined to manifest a *Legacy of Faith*.

Even before he was old enough to walk, his mother had determined that Lester would be a preacher. During family devotional time she would often pray, "Lord, please make Lester a preacher!"

However, of all her children, Lester turned out to be her greatest heartache. He was disobedient, rebellious and had a hot, fast temper. Because he was determined not to fulfill her desire for him to become a preacher, she spent many hours on her knees praying for her son to have a change of heart.

From a very young age Lester was an ambitious, hard worker. Before he was five years old, he was selling newspapers every afternoon when the men changed shifts at the shipyard. Clutching his papers, he would run as fast as his legs could carry him and cry at the top of his voice, "Read all about it! Get your papers right here!" No one in the neighborhood could outsell Lester. The men were impressed by his zealous drive.

After he grew a little older, he would go down to the local wholesale house and buy one-hundred pound bags of peanuts. At home he would bake the peanuts in the oven, put them into smaller bags, and then sell them to the men working at the lumber mill.



One summer, he built a wagon from scrap materials. He pulled his wagon to the ice house where he bought blocks of ice which he placed on the canvas covered wagon bed. To make snowballs, he used an ice scraper to fill paper cups with ice-shavings which he covered with different flavors of thick syrup.

He often cleared a good profit from his snowball sales which financially helped his family.

His desire to be the best wasn't limited to just his entrepreneur endeavors. Lester strived to excel at whatever he was doing, even playing marbles — a favorite pastime. He was so good at the game that the other kids called him "The King."

He would shoot marbles by the hour. When he returned home, his pockets would be filled with beautiful multi-colored marbles. Lester kept his marbles in cigar boxes supplied to him by the family grocer.



Inspired by his own abilities and love of money, he dropped out of school at the age of sixteen. Against his mother's wishes, he went off to Mobile, Alabama, where he enrolled in barber college and became skilled at cutting hair. When he returned home, he quickly advanced to the front chair in the main barber shop downtown.

During his boyhood and teenage years, his mother faithfully prayed for her wayward son. Not only did she pray for him, but her ladies' group prayed for him as well. If not for this covering of prayer, Lester might never have lived to manhood.

When he was just three years old, he contracted pellagra — a dreaded disease caused by a deficiency of niacin in the diet. The disease brought on skin changes, nervous disorders and severe diarrhea. The doctor told his mother that Lester would die from the illness which, at the time, was extremely common among the "poor whites" of the south.

His mother called the ladies prayer group and asked them to come to her house to pray for Lester. God answered their prayers with a miracle. Soon afterward, the doctor who had given him up to die, reexamined Lester and could not believe he was the same child.

This bout with pellagra turned out to be only the first of a series of attacks on young Lester's life...

At the age of six, Lester lived in Laurel, Mississippi. His house was located near a railroad switching track. One day he was so busy playing on the track that he was totally unaware of a loose boxcar rolling down the rail in his direction. Suddenly, his oldest brother, Houston, grabbed Lester and they both tumbled off the track just inches away from the sharp, steel wheels of the freight car.

When he was nine, Lester and two of his friends decided to play hooky from school and walk down to the swimming hole. The winter rains had swollen the normally lazy waters of Tallahala Creek. Challenging one another to swim across the

murky water, the boys quickly removed their clothes. About halfway across, Lester got caught by the current and got sucked under by the strong current.

One of the other boys, a preacher's son, panicked and said, "Let's get home; we're in trouble! He's gone!"

The other boy said, "No, I won't do that. Let's look for him." He quickly dove into the creek and began to feel along the sandy bottom until he found him. He desperately struggled to drag Lester onto the bank and then turned him over and punched his back, forcing out mud and water. Finally, Lester began to gasp for air.

Lester and his family lived in a house in Panama City, Florida, when he was eleven. Their house overlooked the Gulf of Mexico. A group of kids made a raft from discarded lumber and empty barrels. One day after lunch, Lester and the other would-be sailors proudly launched their jerrybuilt craft. As they splashed and played their raft drifted out to sea. Startled to realize the danger at hand, someone yelled, "Look! the tide's got us!"

As they sat on their unwieldy ship, they watched the shore turn into a thin line on the horizon. The sun began to set, the winds came up and the ocean swells tossed about the flimsy raft. Big waves broke over the helpless pontoon almost capsizing it several times.

Just when least expected, someone shouted, "Look! The houses are getting bigger again." The children pointed excitedly to the shore. Once again, Lester Sumrall's life had been spared.

After each of these incidents, young Lester Sumrall would return home to find his mother praying for him.

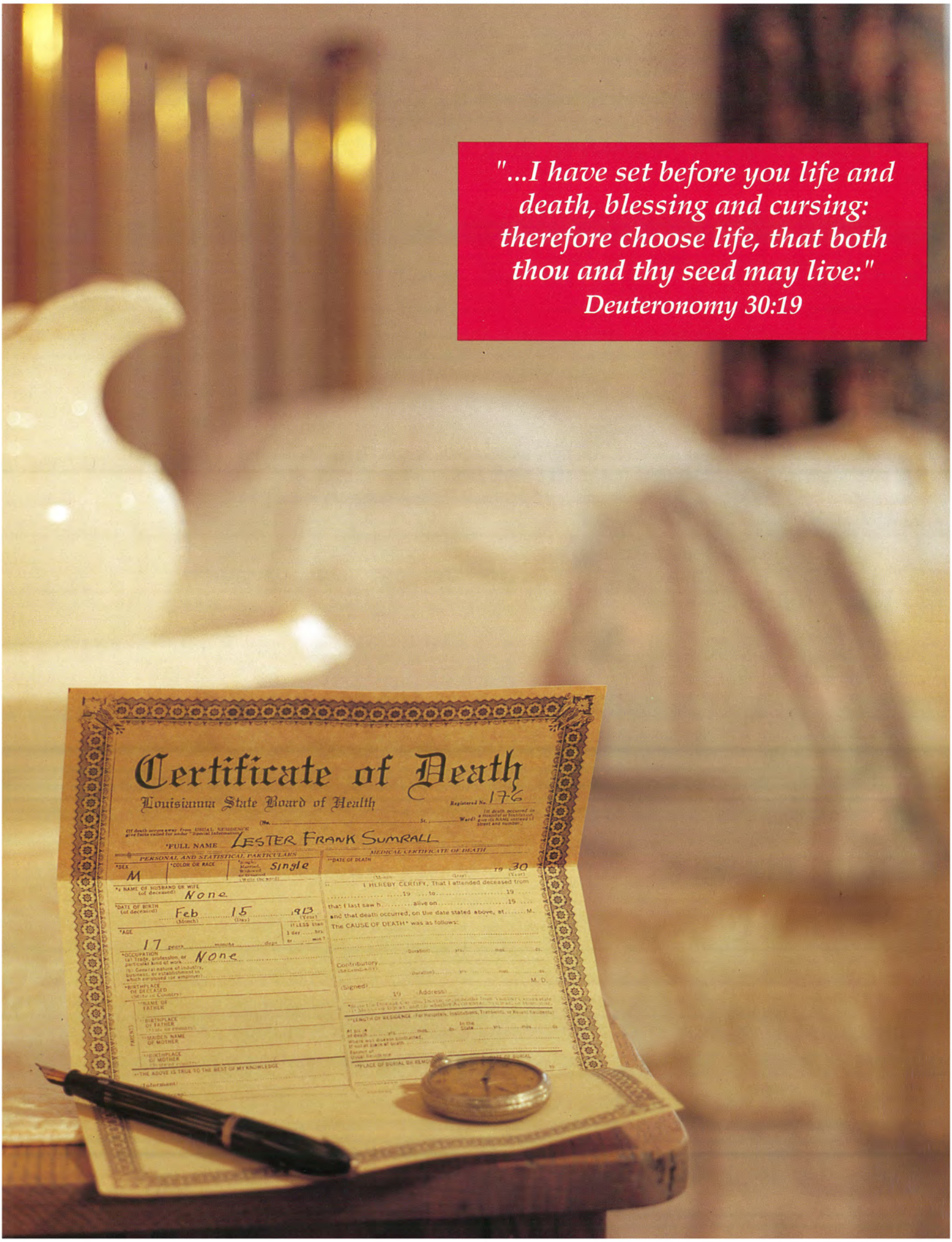
"...but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered."
Proverbs 11:21

Then , when he was seventeen, he contracted tuberculosis. It was the scourge of the day — as much as polio was during the 1950s and as the HIV virus is today.

At first, he refused to accept his death sentence. There were stories of people getting over it — just as some survived the medieval plagues of small pox and anthrax. He figured he would be one of those survivors, but he got weaker and weaker. Too ill to work as a barber, he came home and soon could not get out of bed anymore.

One day the white-haired doctor examined his skinny chest and shook his head. Lester listened in horror as the doctor quietly told William Sumrall that the boy probably would not last through the night.

I'm going back to the office now," he said softly. "There's nothing more I can do. I can't even get a blood pressure reading or draw enough blood from his veins for a test. The boy is as good as dead. Call anyone you want to see him. In two hours, there will be no life left. I'll fill out the death certificate tonight, and you come by the office to pick it up in the morning. Then you can go down to the cemetery and choose a burial plot."


"...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:"
Deuteronomy 30:19
Certificate of Death
Louisianna State Board of Health
Registered No. 176
*FULL NAME LESTER FRANK SUMRALL
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
*SEX M
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Single
*DATE OF DEATH
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*NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE (of deceased) None.
*DATE OF BIRTH (of deceased) Feb 15 93
*AGE 17 years
*OCCUPATION None
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Contributory
(Signed)
M. D.
Address
*NAME OF FATHER
*MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
*THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Informant

"Two hours to live!" As the seventeen year old boy lay there, those words from the doctor reeled through his mind. He thought, "Will tonight be my last night on earth? Is my life really over? Is there nothing that can be done?" As he lay there scared and dying, he hung onto life.

As his mother stood at the foot of his bed and wept, he heard the doctor say again, "The boy is as good as dead now. Call anyone you wish to see him. In two hours, there will be no life left in his body."

The doctor picked up his bag to leave, turned and said to William Sumrall, "I'll fill out the death certificate for Lester tonight and you can come by the office to pick it up in the morning. Then you can go down to the cemetery and choose a burial lot."

As young Lester lay there, he weakly rolled his head to the right side. Next to the bed and suspended in midair was a casket. It was bright, vivid and very real. It was the most beautiful casket he had ever seen, and it was adorned with white lilies and red roses. The casket was not completely level, but was tilted slightly to one side so that the young boy could see inside. It was empty, and he was suddenly impressed that it was just his size.

Turning his attention away from the casket, he was suddenly confronted by an enormous Bible. It was open and larger than any book he had ever seen; it must have been as big as the bed. As he stared in wonderment, a voice spoke to him, "Lester, which of these will you choose tonight?"

He wanted to be anything but a preacher. He despised preachers. Many times God had spoken to his heart about the ministry, but each time his answer was, "No." He had even boasted that he would never be a preacher. Yet, tonight was different.

Death was in the same bed with him. He could hear the subdued weeping of his loved ones in the room. He heard the farewell words of the doctor departing into the night. During his long fits of coughing he had seen the pans fill with the blood coming from his lungs. He had seen himself in the mirror, an emaciated skeleton marked for an early grave. What would his answer be?

With all the strength he could muster he prayed, "God, if the only way in the world for me to live is to preach — I'll preach."

That fateful night as he lay near death's door, a calming peace swept through his entire being. The decision had been made; the die was cast. A new direction for his life had begun. No longer would he be that same angry young man who had been so rebellious in life. It was time to learn how to walk hand in hand with the Master.

Just three days later, he was on his feet again walking around his room. Only three weeks following that fateful night, as he prayed in his room, God spoke to him a second time. "You promised me you would preach if I healed you. What are you waiting for!"

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."
Psalm 119:9



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of Grun Foust State of Arkansas

being a member of the general assembly of God (Heb. 12:23), having been divinely called according to the Word of God and in fellowship with the above District Council of the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, is hereby given LICENSE TO PREACH; and we the undersigned, by fervent prayer, invoke the divine Presence with blessing and power upon him and hereby recognize him as a Minister

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District Secretary

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20.

Certificate of Ordination

BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
HEADQUARTERS: SPRINGFIELD, MO.

This is to Certify:

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of Fort Smith State of Arkansas

being a member of the general assembly of God (Heb. 12:23), having proved his Divine Gift and Calling to the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ, and having Consecrated himself to said Calling according to the Word of God and in fellowship with the GENERAL COUNCIL of the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD in the United States of America, and Foreign Lands, has been regularly ordained on the

Twentieth day of October 1933

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"Go ye therefore, . . .



Lester Sumrall at church in Green Forest Arkansas with young peoples group.



YOUNG MINISTER PASTOR OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCH



Rev. Lester F. Sumrall

The local Pentecostal church has as its pastor a very young but able minister in the person of Rev. Lester F. Sumrall, who Wednesday of last week celebrated his 20th birthday.

Rev. Sumrall, the son of G. W. and Bettie Sumrall was born in New Orleans, La., in 1913. He was educated in the Laurel, Miss. high school and Barber College of Mobile, Ala.

At the age of 17 years, God definely and divinely called him to preach, to which he responded. He began his ministry in Panama City, Fla., his home town, devoting his time to preaching in prisons and other places of punishment, under which preaching many were blessed and saved.

From Flordia, he went to Tennessee and did evangelistic work. Later went to Ekron, Ark., and held a wonderful meeting, and raised up a Gospel Mission. He was then asked to come to Green Forest to hold a revival which was last fall. The meeting here continued for several weeks.

After the revival the church saw fit to elect him as its pastor, and the church is progressing splendidly under his patronage.

. . . and teach all nations, . . .







Shall we gather
at the river,
Where bright angel
feet have trod;
With its crystal
tide forever,
Flowing by the
throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather
at the river,
the beautiful,
the beautiful river,
Gather with the
saints at the river,
That flows by the
throne of God.

Robert Lowry

Baptismal service in Arkansas creek in 1933,

. . . baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." **Matthew 28:19**



During his days as a teenage evangelist, Lester Sumrall's preaching style was enthusiastic, to say the least. When he preached, he would jump or run and yell loudly at the sinners to repent. His voice would grow hoarse and his body would become drenched with sweat. The deep south was a violent place to live in the early 1930s, and he preached in a style reminiscent to the life he lived before his conversion.



Oldest brother Houston and wife Gladis with Lester Sumrall and Pastor Billy MacIntosh in Tennesse.

In spite of his hard work and faithfulness, he had a bad attitude about the ministry. His motivation was all wrong. He was preaching just to stay alive — to keep from dying of tuberculosis. He was unhappy with his lot as a minister. As a result, sometimes he wasn't very nice to the people. Oftentimes he would finish his sermons by saying, "You have heard my sermons. Now your getting saved is not part of my deal with God. He just told me to preach. Whether or not you get saved is your business."

One night in mid-sermon, he asked a young woman, "Do you want to go to heaven?" She shook her head no. Shocked at her refusal, he told her bluntly, "Then you go to hell!"

Upon that statement he turned and walked quickly to the pulpit. Looking back he noticed that she had fainted and fallen to the floor. After several ladies helped her to regain consciousness, he went back and said, "You seemed healthy enough when I was back here before. What happened to you?"

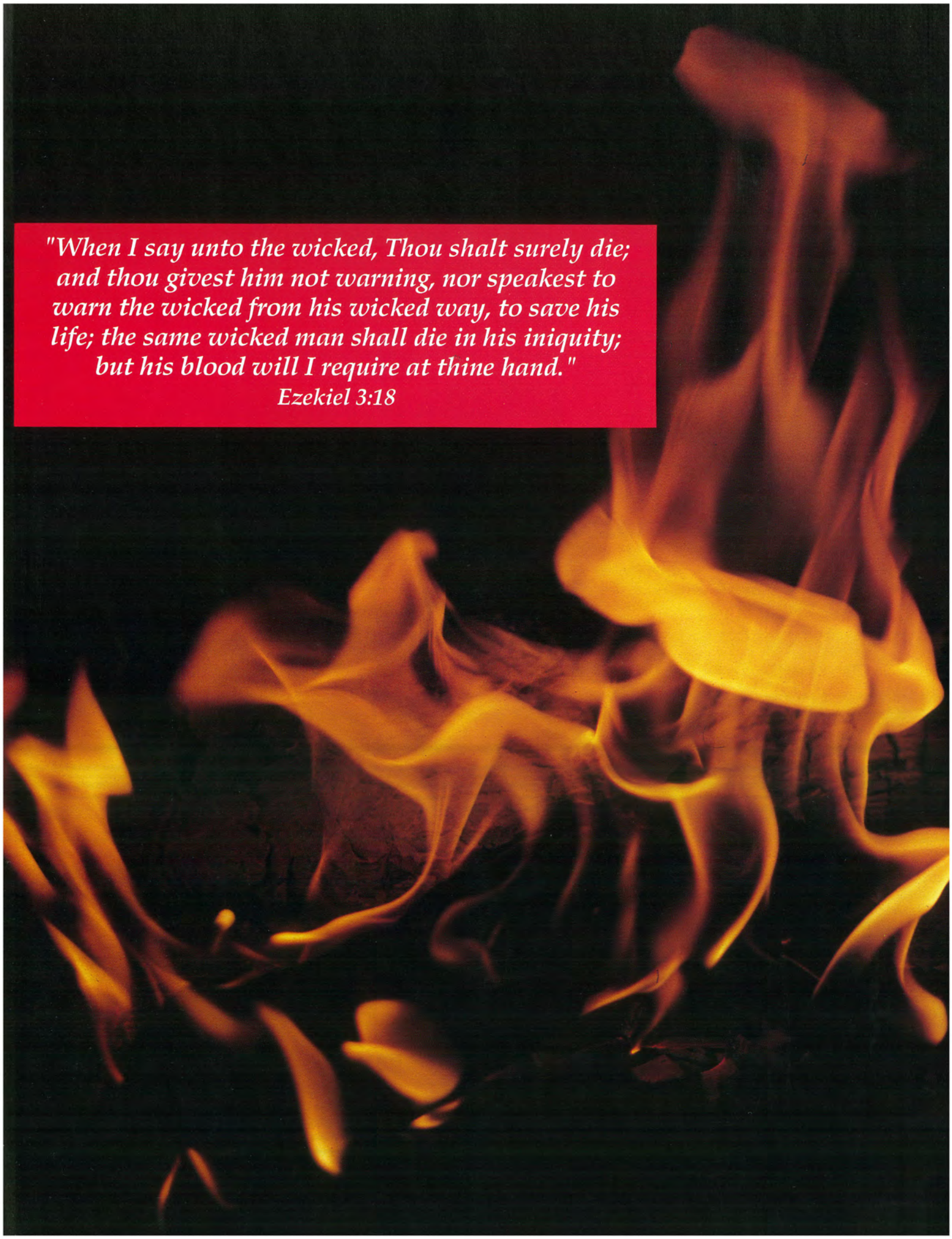
"I never had anybody tell me to go to hell before," she answered, "let alone a preacher."

"Lady, there are only two places to go," he replied, "and you told me that you didn't want to go to one of them, so you're bound to go to the other."

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
1 Corinthians 9:16

For the first eighteen months of his ministry his attitude was terrible. He had been like a gramophone, grinding out a message each night without compassion or feeling.

After eighteen months of preaching just to keep from dying, God miraculously changed the entire course of his ministry, and his life. It happened in one dramatic evening. God gave him a second vision.


"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."
Ezekiel 3:18

The most dramatic change in my life occurred the night I experienced the amazing vision in which I saw the world going to hell. A young man was leading the song service in the small frame building where we were having church. I was sitting to one side and as he led the people in song, suddenly I saw before me all the people of the world.

They were moving down a very wide highway and looked beautiful as each was adorned in their native costume. All ethnic backgrounds were represented in the crowd. It was very real.

God lifted me up in the vision from where I was sitting and took me far down the highway to the end of the road. It ended abruptly at a precipice towering above a bottomless inferno. When the tremendous mass of people came to the end of the highway, they fell off into eternity.

As they neared the end and saw what was before them, in vain they tried to push back against those in the rear. As they fell over the precipice, their faces distorted with terror, their feet and hands gyrating in every direction, God brought me near and I looked at the doomed and damned.

As I looked at them, God spoke to my heart and said, "You are responsible for these people being lost!" Immediately I replied, "No, not me; I do not know these people; I have never been to Japan, nor China, nor India; I am not to blame."

God spoke to me again and said, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18).

"Oh, God," I said, "Do you mean I can be responsible for Africans going to hell even though I have never been to Africa? Am I responsible for South Americans being lost when I have never been there?"

I asked forgiveness for not loving the lost, the last and the least of this world.

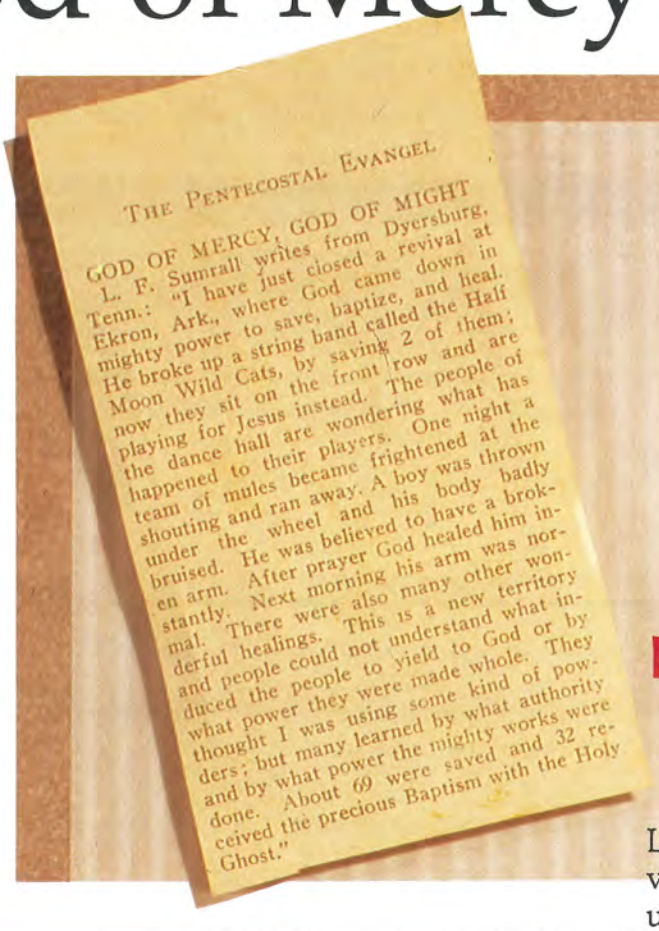
God said, "I lay upon every Christian the responsibility of the lost. If the ungodly man dies and he is not warned, I will require his blood at your hands."

When the vision was over I was trembling. When I suddenly realized what had happened, I relived the remarkable scene and something within me began to change. I began to weep. I lay prostrate on the floor of that little frame building all night weeping and confessing my sins before God. I asked forgiveness for not loving the lost, the last and the least of this world.

When I walked out of that little building about eight o'clock the next morning, I was a new man. Something had matured in my soul that night. God had given me a spiritual and divine education.

Lester Sumrall

God of Mercy



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MIGHT

L. F. Sumrall writes from Dyersburg, Tenn.: "I have just closed a revival at Ekron, Ark., where God came down in mighty power to save, baptize, and heal. He broke up a string band called the Half Moon Wild Cats, by saving 2 of them; now they sit on the front row and are playing for Jesus instead. The people of the dance hall are wondering what has happened to their players. One night a team of mules became frightened at the shouting and ran away. A boy was thrown under the wheel and his body badly bruised. He was believed to have a broken arm. After prayer God healed him instantly. Next morning his arm was normal. There were also many other wonderful healings. This is a new territory and people could not understand what induced the people to yield to God or by what power they were made whole. They thought I was using some kind of powders; but many learned by what authority and by what power the mighty works were done. About 69 were saved and 32 received the precious Baptism with the Holy Ghost."

"...and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:"
Ezekiel 11:19

That unforgettable night when the Lord penetrated Lester's soul with the shocking vision of the world going to hell, Lester Sumrall underwent total spiritual transformation. Now, instilled with reverence for God's call on his life, Lester began to demonstrate new traits of dedication, sincerity and compassion. Lester's preaching, kindled by the power of God and the Holy Spirit's anointing, won lost souls to Jesus.

Once in a small southern town, Lester was at church getting ready to begin the first meeting of the day. In walked five elderly members of the ladies' morning prayer group. They had arrived early to prayerfully uplift the revival, instead, Lester requested to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. As Lester prayed, one after another, the ladies were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Their morning prayer sessions were never the same again.

Another episode which took place during that wonderful revival exemplified the Holy Spirit at work in Lester's ministry. A very reserved, conservative businessman attended a baptism service held alongside a creek. As Lester prepared to baptize the new believers, the man suddenly came out from the crowd and leapt into the creek's cold water. He was so eager to be cleansed of his sins that he did not even take time to remove his shoes or suit jacket.

During the course of his evangelistic ministry, Lester often witnessed the wonderful miracle of salvation. The road Lester would faithfully follow, presented even more supernatural events.

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Boy Evangelist Coming For Weeks Revival



Evangelist Lester Sumrall

Lester Sumrall, the boy evangelist, from Miami, Florida, and his sister will arrive here the latter part of this week to conduct a weeks revival meeting at the Pentecostal church. The first service will be held Sunday morning his subject will be "The Prayer That Brought The Rain." Sunday night his subject will be "The Lost Cord." Sometime during the week he expects to talk on the subjects of "The Prodical Woman," and "The Meanest Man In Town."

Rev. Smith is very anxious that everyone attend and assist in the meeting.

PENECOSTAL ASSEMBLY NOTES

The Rev. L. F. Sumrall, evangelist from Florida, has been elected pastor of the local Penecostal Assembly on Springfield street.

The church will have a beautiful Christmas program and Christmas tree at the church Saturday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited. Those who have gifts for friends or loved ones bring them to the tree for distribution.

Rev. Sumrall will preach Sunday and Sunday night.

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SONG TO MY SISTER

You will miss me from the fireside,
Sister dear, you will miss me so.
You will listen for my footsteps,
Long to hear my voice once more.

Though you may not understand me,
Do not urge me home to stay.
There are jewels in the gutter,
It is for them I am called away.

In that dark and heathen country,
Where the people know not God,
I must go and preach the Gospel,
There for years my feet may trod.

Though you may not understand me,
Do not urge me home to stay.
There are jewels in the gutter,
It is for them I am called away.

Leona was Lester's little sister — the last child born among seven children in the Sumrall family. Lester and Leona spent their childhood days playing and growing up together since their older siblings had already married and left home.

Heartbreak was inevitable for Leona when Lester left at age seventeen to preach the Gospel. He would be gone for one year, which to Leona would seem like a lifetime.

The time did pass, and Lester and Leona were at long last reunited. They sat for hours taking turns relating events of the past year. However, Lester knew his little sister needed to turn her life over to God.

Soon after he came home, Lester held a revival in town. The turnout was good and, of course, Leona was present. That evening, the elements were present to make the service great; the Holy Spirit, good preaching and a touching altar call — but Leona was not affected.

Lester wanted his sister to get right with the Lord. He boldly asked her why she had not gone forward for prayer on that first night's revival. He even walked through their house playing his mandolin and singing her the song which kept rising in his heart. (See Song To My Sister)

On the last evening of the revival, Lester preached a powerful sermon. Before extending the invitation to accept Jesus to his listeners, Lester always asked the audience to join him in singing a gospel song. As the congregation began to sing, "Sinner, Come and Be Saved", Lester left the platform and began to move out among the worshippers. He stopped to pray for individuals as he was led by the Holy Spirit.

Soon he was standing before his dear sister, Leona. Then by the Spirit of the Lord, Lester took Leona's hand and walked with her to the front of the sanctuary. She began to weep, large, cleansing tears as Lester helped her to kneel before the altar. Lester told her, "Pray!"



Leona Sumrall was saved that night and a new name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

After her conversion, Leona began to accompany Lester on his evangelistic missions whenever possible. Lester preached and she played the guitar and sang. Together they were effective team, winning many souls for Jesus.

Wherever they traveled, word quickly spread that Sumrall revival meetings were worth attending. People were being saved, healed, and blessed with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

On one occasion they were holding a revival in a small country town. In the evenings the crowd seemed to come from every direction. As people walked down the street, they were joined by their neighbors and strolled to the meeting together.

As they went down the street, the crowd did not talk about the weather, sports or local gossip; they had one subject — revival. They related thrilling stories to each other, how God had saved their son, daughter or neighbor.

During the revival, interest was so great in the meetings that the local bars and taverns, and even the local movie theater were empty. Pastors noticed their churches' attendance dwindling. The faithful few who did attend were not enough in number to warrant holding services.

In a desperate attempt to win popularity, one minister advertised that there would be a weekend meeting in his church featuring a famous clown and magician. When the night of the announced meeting came, no one showed up.

Each evening some of the local pastors would stand on the street corner and try to persuade their people not to attend the meeting. They accused Lester and Leona of deception and sensationalism, but the people continued to attend despite the opposition.

When the time came for Lester and Leona to leave for their next engagement, the townspeople begged them to stay. Although in their hearts they wanted to remain, they were scheduled to preach in Oklahoma.

Arriving in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Lester and Leona prepared for revival. The church building was small, and from the first night it was packed beyond capacity. Next to the church was a beautiful wooded area. In order to accommodate more people, the men of the congregation built a platform and moved the pews outside. They even built extra benches.

A man with a red handkerchief over his face stepped out of the shadows behind the platform.

One night Lester preached on the tragedy of a soul going to hell. Suddenly the service was interrupted by shocking news. A drunken man had been hit by a passing car and died. The accident had occurred very close to the church. Lester used the event to illustrate the uncertainty and brevity of life. Many people in the congregation misunderstood the message, believing Lester had implied the man was condemned to hell because he was drunk at the time of his death.

Attendance dropped the following night. A rumor began circulating that the sons of the dead man were planning to murder Lester at the next revival meeting.

As the service began Lester went to the pulpit to open his sermon. A man with a red handkerchief over his face stepped out of the shadows behind the platform. He stood behind Lester with a drawn pistol in his hand. The audience sat in horror. Lester did not see the man, but sensed in his spirit someone was behind him.

Suddenly the anointing of God came upon him and he continued preaching without a trace of fear. The man remained standing behind the platform throughout most of the sermon. Finally he lowered his weapon and walked back into the woods.

The next evening of revival the crowd returned. Many people came forward for salvation. One young man stood with his head hanging down and Lester went to him, to encourage him to accept the Lord. The young man asked Lester if he knew that he was the son of the man who had been killed a few nights before. Lester told him that the Spirit of the Lord had revealed that fact to him.

Then the young man said, "I wanted to kill you last night."

Yes, I know," Lester replied, "But you didn't. God was merciful to both of us."

The angry young man saw the love of Jesus shining through Lester, and he accepted Jesus as His Savior that night.

One day while they were conducting a revival in Oklahoma, Lester heard that a great British evangelist was going to be speaking at the Tri-State Camp Meeting.





In his prayer time, the Lord impressed Lester to close the revival and attend the meeting in Arkansas.

The next morning, Lester and Leona drove to Eureka Springs and arrived just in time to hear Howard Carter lecture. Following the service, Lester Sumrall introduced himself to Howard Carter.

In 1934, Howard Carter was ministering at a campmeeting in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Soon after he had arrived he received a letter from a young evangelist. The letter said the Lord had told him he was to travel with Howard Carter and that he would introduce himself at the auditorium where the crusade was being held.

A few days later he met 20-year-old Lester Sumrall, who insisted the Lord wanted him to return to England with Brother Carter. Since he was not the first young man to suggest traveling with him, Howard Carter responded that he had no specific light upon the matter. Lester asked Brother Carter to pray about the situation. They parted, agreeing to meet on the sidewalk outside the auditorium the next morning.

Howard Carter spent time in prayer and rereading the prophecy the Lord had given him in 1931. The next morning, Brother Carter told Lester that he had prayed but was given no light on the subject.

Disappointment showed in Lester's face. He was sure the Lord intended him to travel with Brother Carter. They stood together in silence for some time. When the silence was broken, the prophecy which was earlier given to Howard Carter began to flow from Lester's mouth.

"I have found one for thee, yea, I have called a worker to stand beside thee. He hath heard my call, he respondeth, he joineth thee in the work to which I have called thee. I have called him, although thou knowest him not: I have commanded him, although thou hast not seen him. He is called and chosen and shall join thee. Behold he cometh, he cometh from afar; he cometh to help thee and will help thee to carry thy burden and be a strength at thy side, and thou shalt find pleasure in his service and shall delight in his fellowship. He shall come at the time appointed and shall not tarry; at a time thou thinkest not shall he appear, even when thou art engaged in my work."

Prophecy given to Howard Carter on December 18, 1931

Howard Carter betrayed no emotion at the words coming forth, but he was convinced a miracle was taking place. He was sure that Lester Sumrall was the companion God had chosen for him.

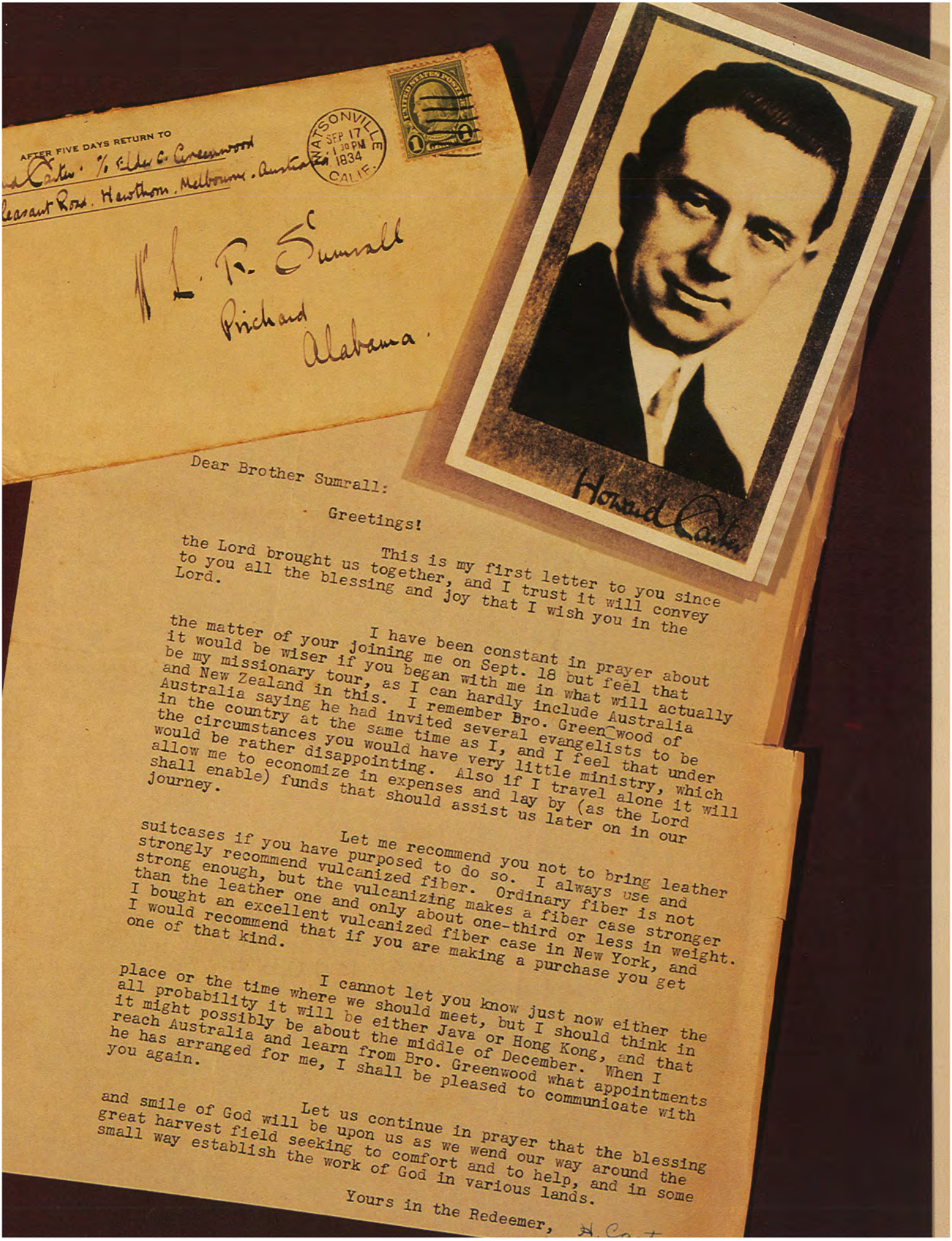
Before he revealed this information to Lester, Brother Carter described how he traveled and believed God to meet all his needs. He told Lester that he would never ask for help or even suggest that he had a need to anybody except the Lord.

Lester responded that he would travel as Howard Carter traveled; if he traveled by plane, Lester would travel by plane; if he traveled by train, Lester would travel by train; if there were no funds to pay for transportation, Lester would walk with him to their next destination.

After hearing this, Howard Carter then said to Lester, "Come with me."

Brother Carter was prepared for Lester Sumrall to begin to accompany him from that moment, but Lester said he needed to see his mother and take care of some other obligations before leaving the country.

After agreeing to meet later in Asia, the two parted company.



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
Harold Carter. % Elder G. Greenwood
Pleasant Road. Hawthorn. Melbourne. Australia

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Rev. W. L. Sumrall
Prichard
Alabama.

Harold Carter

Dear Brother Sumrall:

Greetings!

This is my first letter to you since the Lord brought us together, and I trust it will convey to you all the blessing and joy that I wish you in the Lord.

I have been constant in prayer about the matter of your joining me on Sept. 18 but feel that it would be wiser if you began with me in what will actually be my missionary tour, as I can hardly include Australia and New Zealand in this. I remember Bro. Greenwood of Australia saying he had invited several evangelists to be in the country at the same time as I, and I feel that under the circumstances you would have very little ministry, which would be rather disappointing. Also if I travel alone it will allow me to economize in expenses and lay by (as the Lord shall enable) funds that should assist us later on in our journey.

Let me recommend you not to bring leather suitcases if you have purposed to do so. I always use and strongly recommend vulcanized fiber. Ordinary fiber is not strong enough, but the vulcanizing makes a fiber case stronger than the leather one and only about one-third or less in weight. I bought an excellent vulcanized fiber case in New York, and I would recommend that if you are making a purchase you get one of that kind.

I cannot let you know just now either the place or the time where we should meet, but I should think in all probability it will be either Java or Hong Kong, and that it might possibly be about the middle of December. When I reach Australia and learn from Bro. Greenwood what appointments he has arranged for me, I shall be pleased to communicate with you again.

Let us continue in prayer that the blessing and smile of God will be upon us as we wend our way around the great harvest field seeking to comfort and to help, and in some small way establish the work of God in various lands.

Yours in the Redeemer, H. Carter


to Remember.
Lester left home for his round the world. trip. Oct 16.-1934.
oh my heart was broken oh how I wept oh it seemed to me. when that train pulled out with my dear darling on it that it was just more than I could bear. Bless his heart he will never know the tears I shed for him. but I am so glad that the dear Lord can strengthen and comfort. and he

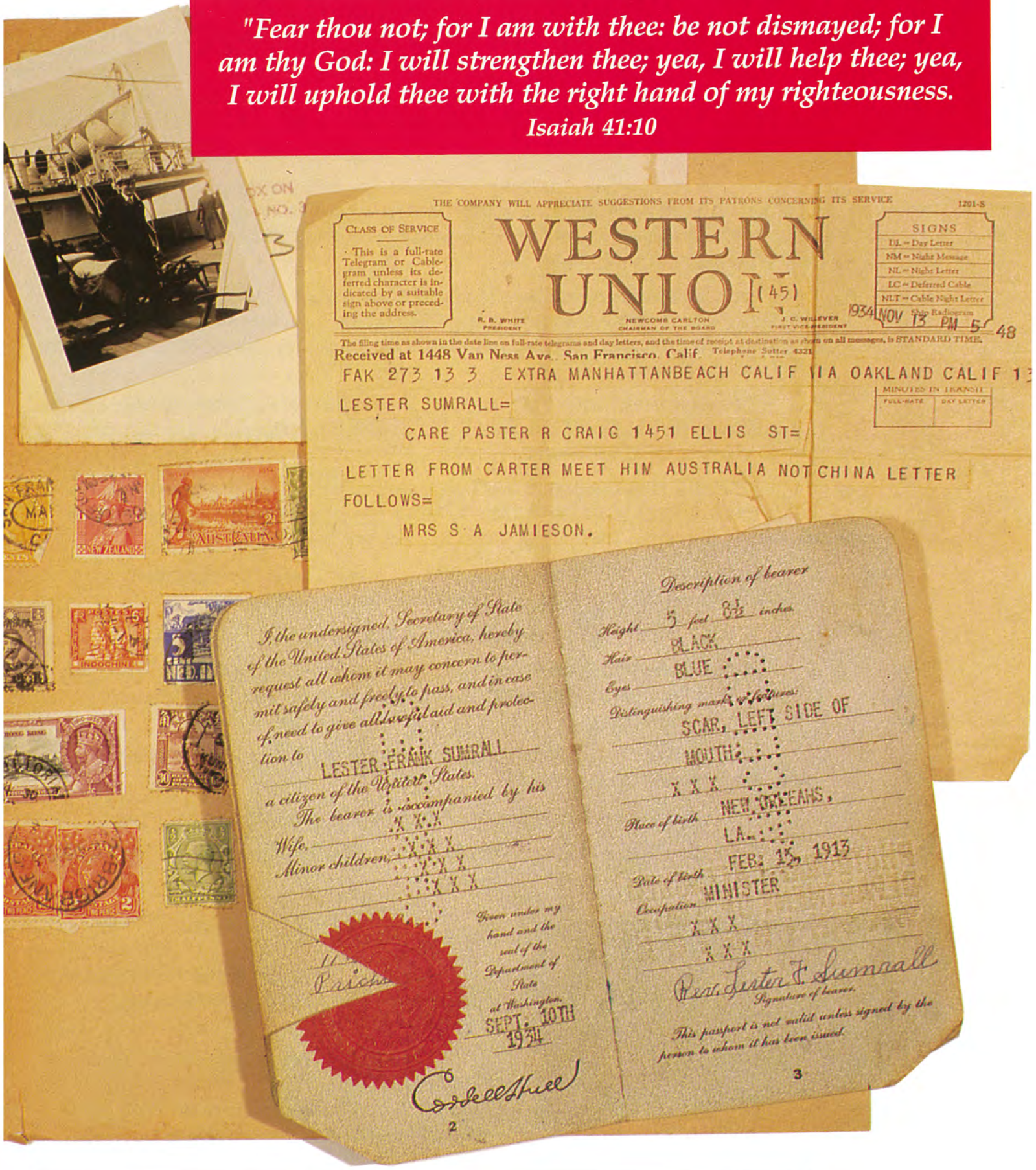
A MOTHER REMEMBERS

(Excerpts from mother Sumrall)

Lester left home for his round-the-world trip October 16, 1934. Oh, my heart was broken. Oh, how I wept. It seemed to me when that train pulled out with my dear darling on it, that it was just more than I could bear. Bless his heart, he will never know the tears I shed for him. I am so glad that the dear Lord can strengthen and comfort me.

My dear boy stayed in California for more than a month, then on November 21, 1934, he sailed away on the great ship Makura. Now I wait for a letter from my dear boy.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
Isaiah 41:10



"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17

After getting a passport, selling his car and attending to other such obligations, Lester Sumrall prepared to board a steamship bound for Hong Kong, Asia. Two days before he was to sail, Lester received a letter from Howard Carter instructing him to go to Australia.

Steamship companies, like airlines, did not normally refund fares due to a passenger's last minute change in plans. Through the providence of God, the San Francisco office manager decided to refund Lester's money. Now he could purchase a ticket to Australia.

Two days later, Lester boarded the R.M.S. *Makura* in San Francisco and set sail for Australia. He had only 12 dollars in his pocket, but total confidence that God would provide for all his needs.

When the ship stopped in Wellington, New Zealand for 36 hours, Lester set out to find the local Full-Gospel church. Upon meeting the pastor, he was given a note from Howard Carter telling Lester to meet him in Sydney.

On January 1, 1935 Lester Sumrall and Howard Carter met in Sydney, Australia. It was the beginning of a year and a half long adventure.

The pair traveled throughout Australia and Java.

They journeyed by boat from Singapore to Hong Kong and Hanoi. Then they went by train into the mountains of Tibet, where they traveled from village to village by mule caravan.

They spent nine very, cold winter days riding the Trans-Siberian Express train, from Manchuria to Poland.

They were exposed to ugly, Nazi demonstrations in Danzig, Free State.

They spent Easter, 1936 in Nazi Germany, which was preparing for the Olympic Games.



Then they traveled through Norway, Sweden and Holland.

Howard Carter and Lester Sumrall ended their around-the-world tour in Harwich, England.

Throughout their travels, they shared the Good News of Jesus Christ. People were saved, healed, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and delivered from demonic power.



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HALLELUJA!

My Precious Father, Mother, Sister ob Ford, Guida Christmas Bird, and all other concerned: X mas Greetings to you From Japan the Little Island Nation.

I have recieved about 3 letter of lat, and how thankful I am for them. The magnanimous Gift from you was fully appreciated. THANK-YOU!!

Now Mother Thday I left Mobile God gave me promice, John 15-16- He did all the choosing not me

Jesus said if we do not love HIM more than Mother-Father, Bro. Or friends, Jobs and all we are not worthy of him. I have nothing to do about where I preach in this world. But this I know there are 1000 preachers that would give their right arms if they were privileged to fill my shoes I am on the finest tours of any young man in all Christian History God has done more than any Love ones are aware of I believe. you should shout Day & night! I am carrying your name to the 4 corners of the earth all men rise and call you blessed because you are a Prophet from God. I think it is wonderful that I can visit you next Summer. Just think the missionaries come out leave their mothers and have to stay away 5, 6, 7, or 8 years before they can come home, God is good to me. Now Mother dont think me mean, I am the same loving little boy. And if the truth was known I might long see you more than You think.





"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: ..."
Matthew 25:21

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
Romans 10:15





Photo taken near the Tibetan border in 1935.



ADVENTURES OF A TRAVELLING PREACHER.

Young American Evangelist to Speak at Barnet.

To have travelled sixty thousand miles, mainly in the interiors of some of the most glamorous countries of the world, with an initial capital of less than £3; to have used twenty-one means of conveyance, from luxurious modern aeroplanes to the most primitive pack animals; to have preached, through sixty-four interpreters, in twenty-six languages and dialects; and to have encountered adventures comparable only with those met by characters of the most vividly-written novels, has been the experience of Mr. Lester Sumrall, the young American travelling preacher, who will give the first of a series of five addresses at the Assembly Hall, Barnet, this Sunday.

Mr. Sumrall and a companion sailed from San Francisco in October, 1934, and arrived in London, after a tour of Australia, Java, Japan, China, Manchuria, Siberia, Russia, and northern Europe, early last month. He is now making a short stay in England before returning to the United States, and, after a visit to his home folk in Alabama, will complete the circuit of the world by venturing to Central and South America, India, the near and middle East, and southern Europe.

In an interview with a "Barnet Press" representative on Tuesday, Mr. Sumrall said he conducted services in all kinds of places, from large, highly-civilised cities to primitive native villages, and that his travelling needs were supplied, through God's guidance, in all manner of ways throughout the tour. In every country, with the exception of Russia, where he was not allowed to preach, he found people eager to hear about the Gospel.

Mr. Sumrall and his companion started their tour with twelve dollars (about £2 10s.), and finished it happy in the knowledge that they had made converts to Christianity everywhere they stayed. Speaking of extraordinary experiences, he said that while they were motoring from Melbourne to Bendigo, Australia, he and his companion fell in with a plague of locusts, which swarmed over the countryside like falling rain. At Brisbane, a tent meeting which they held was the forerunner of a new church, and at Port Darwin, Northern Australia, they saw some aboriginals—shiny-black, athletic-looking people, living in crude habitations of skins and poles.

In Java, Mr. Sumrall penetrated into native villages, the inhabitants of which had never seen, or heard of, articles of civilisation. The men wore flame-coloured dresses, and the food included eggs that had been buried for three months. He preached in English, which was interpreted into Dutch, and, from Dutch, into Javanese—one of the most musical languages in the world.

In the interior of China Mr. Sumrall and his companion visited a slave market, and preached and gave food to a girl, priced at thirty shillings, who could have been theirs "for life." They saw bodies of baby girls tied on trees, mutilated by birds, and women staggering over mountains with heavy packs strapped on their backs—proof that women, in Mr. Sumrall's words, were treated "like dogs" in the east.

Experiences in Russia, Manchuria, and Korea; contacts with interior Chinese who were three thousand years behind civilisation; Nazi manœuvres in Germany; signs in Poland of the fear of war, and cordial receptions in the kindred nations of Scandinavia and Holland, were related by Mr. Sumrall, who said that, despite the heartrending scenes he and his companion had witnessed, the world contained thousands of people who were eager to know about, and follow, the teaching of Christ.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19


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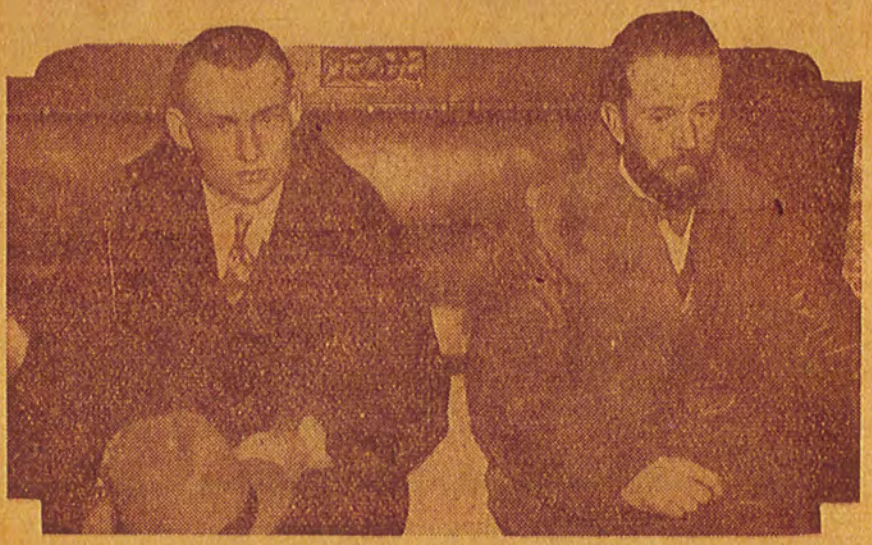
SWEDEN '36

The article at right is from the newspaper, Daily News, and is dated Tuesday, April 21, 1936. The headline reads, "The Pentecostal movement is advancing. Leaders on trip around the world."

According to the article, "The Pentecostal movement is growing rapidly in the United States at the present time and has approximately 400,000 members. Even in China and elsewhere the revival is making great strides."

DAGENS NYHETER Tisdagen den 21 April 1936

Pingströrelsen går framåt. Ledare på resa jorden runt.



Från vänster Lester Sumrall och Howard Carter.

Pingströrelsen befinner sig i hastig tillväxt i Förenta staterna för närvarande — den omfattar där omkring 400.000 människor. Även i Kina och på andra håll är denna väckelse framgångsrik.

rektorn fick under nio veckor rida på mulåsna. I Kina träffade mr Carter några svenskar, såsom missionär Landin, Sven Lidmans svåger, samt fröken Ulla Lidman.

Efter besöket i Japan togs återvägen till Europa, över Ryssland. I Polen hade pingstvännerna livligt besökta möten — särskilt på landsbygden, där man for i oxvagn. Även i Tyskland och Schweiz kommo mr Carter och hans följeslagare i förbindelse med trossyskon. Och slutligen styrdes kosan till Oslo, där man höll så stora möten att pastor Barratts kyrka, rymmande 2.000 personer, knappt räckte till.

Om pingstvännernas verksamhet i Sverige har mr Carter genom hörsägen fått mycket gynnsamma begrepp. Han skall nu leda den redan började bibelstudieveckan i Filadelfia, dit deltagare komma från olika trakter av landet. På onsdag kväll håller mr Carter i Filadelfiakyrkan ett föredrag om sina intryck av pingstväckelsen i skilda länder. Och efter besöket i Sverige fortsätter han sin inspektionsresa, om man så får säga. Far sålunda bl. a. till Holland och Belgien, till Afrika, till Palestina och Mindre Asien och flera Medelhavsländer.



Lester Sumrall and Howard Carter in Sweden. Second from right T. B. Berritt brought the Gifts of the Spirit to Norway, Sweden, England, France and Switzerland.

United States ~ Australia ~ Java ~ Singapore

Hong Kong ~ French Indochina ~ China ~ Tibet

Mongolia ~ Manchuria ~ Korea ~ Japan ~ Russia

Poland ~ Lithuania ~ Free State ~ Germany

Denmark ~ Norway ~ Sweden ~ England



"O earth, earth, earth,
hear the word of the Lord."
Jeremiah 22:29



Tutored By **Carter;** *Blessed By* **Wigglesworth**

Smith Wigglesworth, often referred to as the Apostle of Faith, was born of humble parentage in Yorkshire, England. He was a plumber by trade, but his meetings were studded with miracles. There are even recorded instances where the dead were raised to life.

Lester Sumrall first met Smith Wigglesworth at an Assemblies of God conference in Cardiff, Wales in 1936. Brother Wigglesworth taught on faith in the afternoon and Lester gave an evening message on evangelism.

After Lester had finished his sermon, Brother Wigglesworth laid his huge hand on Lester's shoulder and said, "Young man, you should come to see me in Bradford. No further invitation is necessary. Come as you will."

Lester's first visit with Smith Wigglesworth was memorable. When Brother Wigglesworth opened the door, he asked Lester what was under his arm. Upon learning that it was a newspaper, Brother Wigglesworth thundered, "Throw it away! I don't permit lies in my house! Adolf Hitler will soon be dead and in hell and he has no place in my house."

The statement so shocked Lester that he considered running away, but he laid the newspaper under a nearby bush. Then Smith Wigglesworth grabbed Lester, tightly embraced him, and, while he shouted praises to the Lord, jumped up and down several times.

Lester was then ushered into the living room, where Brother Wigglesworth began their conversation by reading an entire chapter of the Bible to Lester. Without a pause, he said, "Kneel down right here and let us pray."

Brother Wigglesworth laid his hands on Lester, shook him and yelled, "Come into him, Lord! Bless this young man!"

Lester just prayed, "Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord!"

After Smith Wigglesworth arose from his kneeling position, he began to read another Bible chapter to Lester. Then he said, "Let's raise our hands and praise the Lord."

The two men spent some time in praise, then Brother Wigglesworth asked Lester if had received all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. When Lester said no, Brother Wigglesworth shouted, "Let's praise God again!"

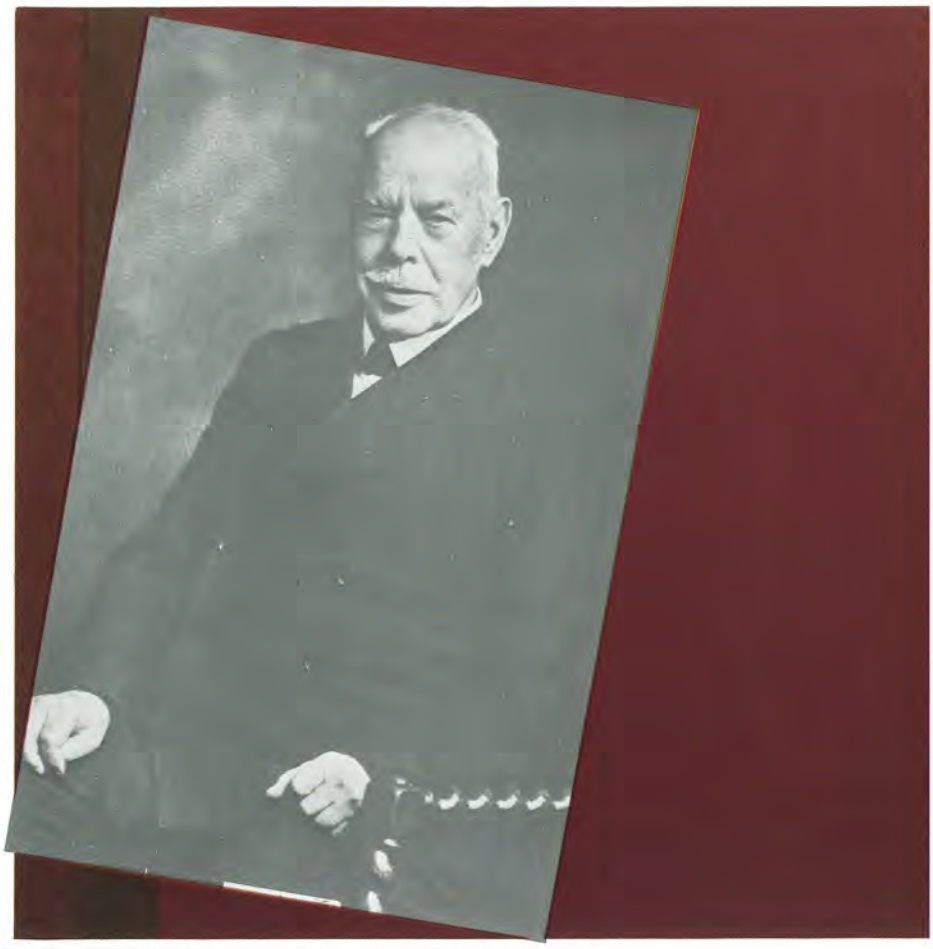
...et the holy anointing ...hat has rested upon ...y life now rest upon his life."

At that point in time, Smith Wigglesworth's daughter, Alice, entered the room to announce that lunch was ready. They enjoyed a traditional Yorkshire meal, then the 80-year-old Smith Wigglesworth said to Lester, "It's time for me to rest now. Possibly you'll come to see me again."

As Lester headed toward the train station, he felt nearly intoxicated by the Spirit of the Lord. He had difficulty remembering all the anecdotes given to him by Brother Wigglesworth.

Throughout the next three years, Lester visited Smith Wigglesworth as often as he could. The two men ministered together at conventions and developed a strong fellowship.

On Lester's final visit to the Wigglesworth home in 1939, the two men spent some time in conversation. Then Lester was commanded once more to kneel. Smith Wigglesworth placed his big, strong hands on Lester's shoulders and began to pray, "God, let the faith that is in my heart be poured into the heart of this young man. And Lord, let the works that I have seen You do be done in his life; let the blessing that You have given to me be his. Let the holy anointing that has rested upon my life now rest upon his life."



As Smith Wigglesworth prayed and wept, Lester felt the strength and anointing of the Spirit of the Lord move into his innermost being. When he left the house that day, never to return, Lester was dazed by the thought that this great man of God had asked the Lord to anoint him with faith and power.

Lester Sumrall sensed a new dimension of power in his preaching after that fateful day in 1939. His ministry has been tremendously influenced by Smith Wigglesworth's prayers.

Howard Carter and Lester Sumrall sailed back to the shores of North America in 1936. After both spoke at a national conference held in Toronto, Canada, Howard and Lester parted to make their ways through the United States. Lester ministered at churches in New York, Washington DC. and Philadelphia.

Finally, Lester made his way to Mobile, Alabama in order to be joyfully reunited with his family. It felt good to hold his mother in his arms and thank her for the prayers that uplifted him throughout his journeys.

Betty Sumrall arranged a welcome home reception for Lester, which was attended by all the ladies of her prayer group. One of the woman made a surprising request, that Lester read an entry in his journal, written while he was in China.

"Today I expected to die. At 8:00 a.m., I dismounted my mule, tied him to a tree, and lay on the ground. I awoke at noon. I had lain down to die, but God healed me."



Lester did not read further, because the woman had started sobbing. He tried to comfort her, but she could not hold back the tears. She held her own diary out to Lester and he began to read something amazing.

He looked at the scrawled words and saw that at 10:00 p.m. one night she felt God telling her that Lester Sumrall was dying. She cried out, "Oh, no, Lord. Don't let him die."

For the next two hours she continued in intercessory prayer. Finally, at midnight her burden lifted and she heard the words, "He is healed." She recorded the incident in her diary before falling asleep.

When allowances were made for the difference in time between Alabama and China, it was discovered that her intercession on Lester's behalf was supernaturally guided. She had been praying for him at the same time he had lain on the ground dying.

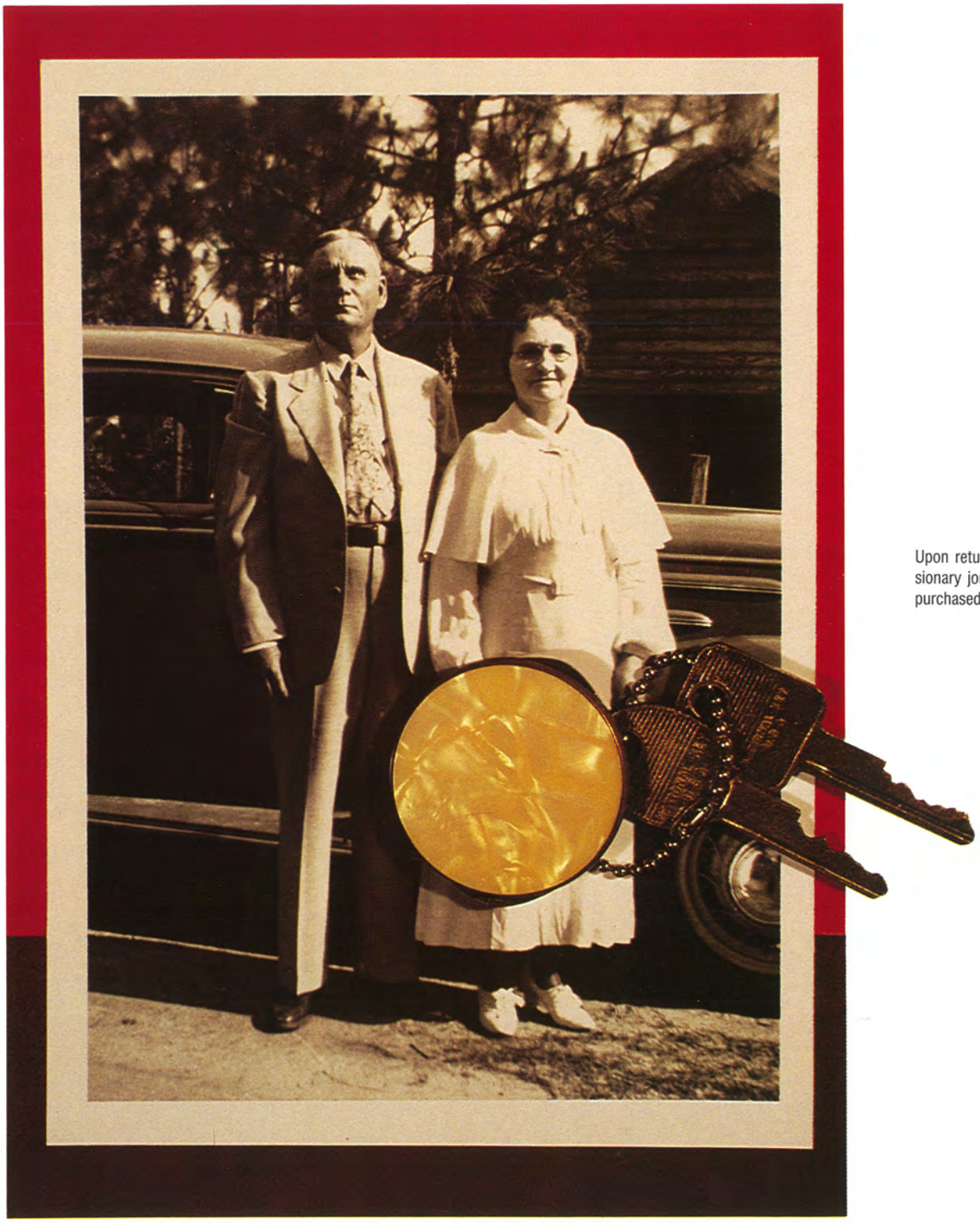
Her prayers had defeated the work of the devil. Everyone who heard of this remarkable event were awestruck at the ways of God.

After a much needed respite at home, and many, home-cooked meals, Lester was again ready to leave. He traveled to the Midwest, first to Chicago, then to South Bend, Indiana.

The revival in South Bend was particularly blessed. Little did he know that this fair city would later become his home, and the base of a world-wide ministry.

During those months of evangelistic work in the United States, Lester's heart became restless. He yearned to be back among the heathen on foreign soil. The opportunity to do so would not be long in materializing.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long..."
Exodus 20:12



Upon returning from his first missionary journey, Lester Sumrall purchased his parents a car.



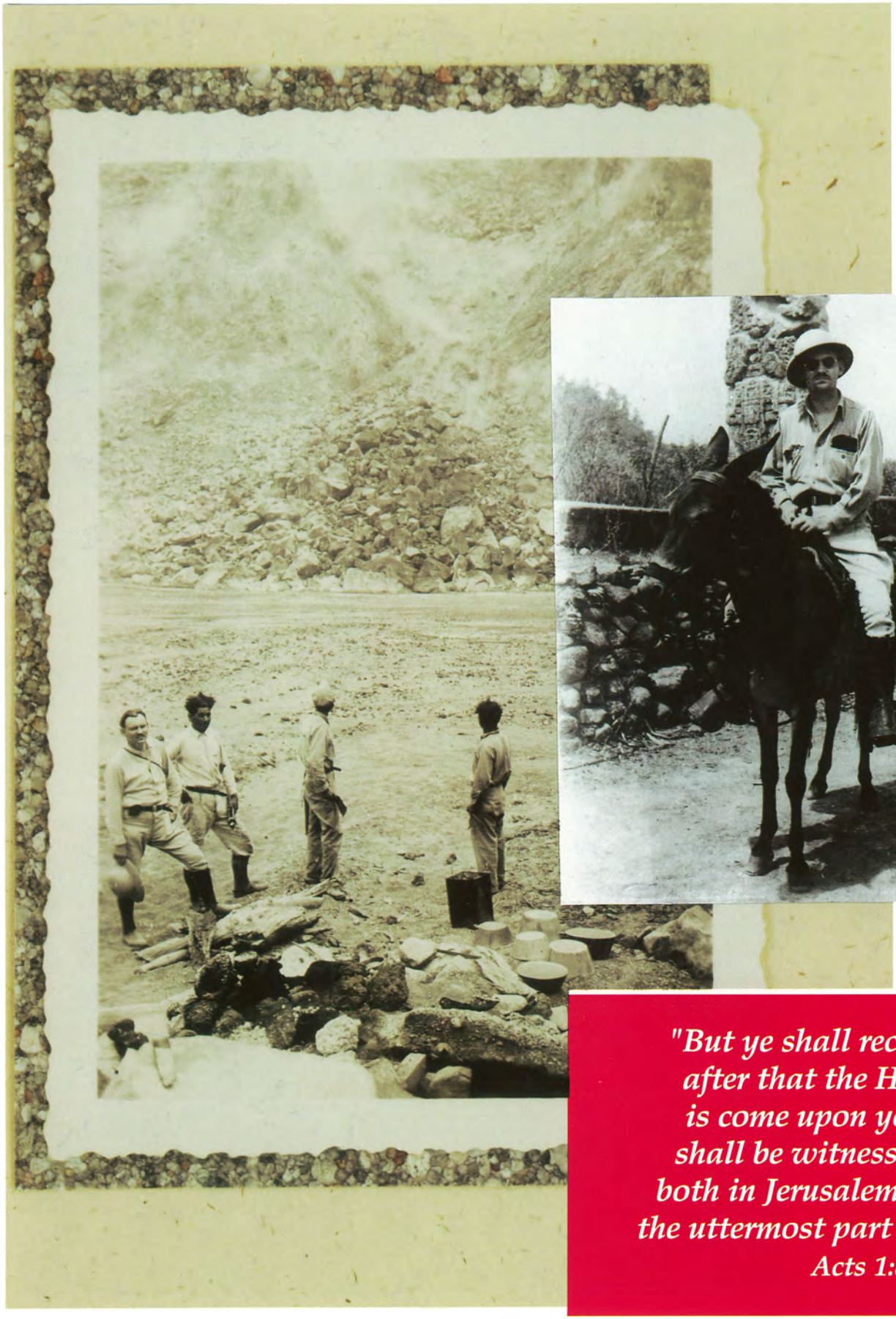
Howard Carter flew to Brazil in 1937 for a special Bible conference. A few days later, Lester followed by ship. Both men were happy to be on the missionary field again. Lester Sumrall and Howard Carter teamed up to bring the Word of God so desperately needed throughout Mexico, Cuba, Central and South America.

Evangelical faith in Latin America was planted with blood, tears and perseverance. Dramatic results were produced as men were released from sin and evil, and found new life in Jesus Christ.



General Conference of
Assemblea-De Deus. Sao Paulo
Brazil—October 2-9, 1937

Howard Carter
Lester Sumrall
Speakers



"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, ...and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
Acts 1:8

"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."
Acts 16:5





In 1939, Lester Sumrall established three churches in Turnstall, State-On-Trent, England.





Nimy Ridge, France, 1938.

In 1939, Europe was gearing up for World War II. After becoming acquainted with the British intelligence, Lester was notified that all Americans with temporary visas should prepare to leave England. However, since Howard Carter was a British subject, he could remain with his Bible school, but Lester had no choice. He had to return to the United States.

Throughout many nations, Lester Sumrall and Howard Carter had experienced the joy of preaching God's Word. They laid hands on the sick, and saw thousands receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now, after learning to love and respect each other, they would have to part company. Both men wondered if their paths would ever cross again in this lifetime. Both men knew that they would meet again in eternity, to praise, glorify and magnify the Lord.

A Long Arctic Winter 1940-41









In the autumn of 1940, Lester Sumrall steamed via the Inland Passage to Alaska.



In the winter of 1940-41, Lester Sumrall was led by the Spirit to Alaska. On his way north, Lester spent a week in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. There he first learned of the work of a courageous, young missionary named Louise Layman.

Alaska in 1940 was filled with tough, independent people, who often lived in debauchery. Many of these people were so self-reliant that they felt no need of God. Missionaries often called Alaska one of the hardest places to reach people for the Gospel.



GREETINGS FROM ALASKA

P. O. Box 1096
Fairbanks, Alaska.
February 15th, 1941.

To my Brethren with whom I have labored:

TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY! Rather than consider receiving gifts, I have decided to send my personal friends a greetings-gift from the "Land of the North Wind." Many have asked that I write them while away on this missionary journey, therefore this general letter will answer that request.

November 1st, 1940, I set sail from Seattle, Washington for an Alaskan itinerary. Steaming up the beautiful Inland Passage to S. E. Alaska, we enjoyed a delightful voyage in sheltered seas. Ketchikan is the entrance port to Alaska. It is called the metropolis of the Territory. Here, more canned salmon is packed than in any other city in the world. We conducted meetings in the Moose Hall, and then opened the Ketchikan Gospel Tabernacle, with Brother Personeus as pastor. We were also on the radio each day for three weeks. The station owner wrote me a letter of appreciation and stated that I had gained more interest than any speaker for several years. The Lord be praised! The next town up the coast is Wrangell. We were here with Bro. Calame for three weeks. The work was refreshed, enlarged, and quite a few knelt at the altar to receive Christ as a Savior. Juneau, the capitol of Alaska, was the next stop for meetings. Brother Baker is pastor there. We began the New Year with a grand revival. The pastor says that it caused a greater stir than any revival in the history of the Territory. For the first time in the history of the church it was so crowded people were turned away. I was two weeks on the radio each day, this caused unusual comment from the business and professional world. As a result I was asked to speak to the Chamber of Commerce. At present I have penetrated the Interior of Alaska, coming in by airplane. Fairbanks, the Golden Heart of Alaska, is a scene of revival. Brother Hirschy and I are hoping that the meetings will result in a full gospel church. From Fairbanks I plan to go to Anchorage and Valdez for meetings, then follow up my other meetings in Ketchikan, Wrangell and Juneau with a short return visit.

Alaska is still a frontier. It is in the process of forming a people of it's own -- made up of all nationalities. All the good and bad that attaches itself to a frontier are found here. The people are big hearted, kind and pleasing to meet; but the forces of evil are so prevalent that many who were Christians or even regular church goers in the States, abandon God up here. Liquor is her greatest curse. In Ketchikan, with 5,000 pop., there are 62 liquor retailers according to an F. B. I. Agent. In Wrangell, with 1,142 pop., there are eleven saloons on main street. A state official announced that seven times more liquor per capita is consumed in Alaska than in any other section of the States or Possessions. The women are strong drinkers; and it is heart rending to anticipate what the next generation will be, unless we have a revival of Christianity.

Our churches here in Alaska are still in the pioneer stage. Only one work is well established -- that of Juneau. Christian endeavor is not easy in Alaska, but there are plenty of encouragements for a valient soldier of the cross. There are yet towns with no full gospel work, which presents a real challenge to young couples with talent and courage to bring the whole truth to Alaska. There is an urgent need for united prayers for our "adopted" child of State.

With every good wish from the arctic regions.

Yours for Christ and Others,

Peter Simcall

Exposing Sin & Nazi Spies

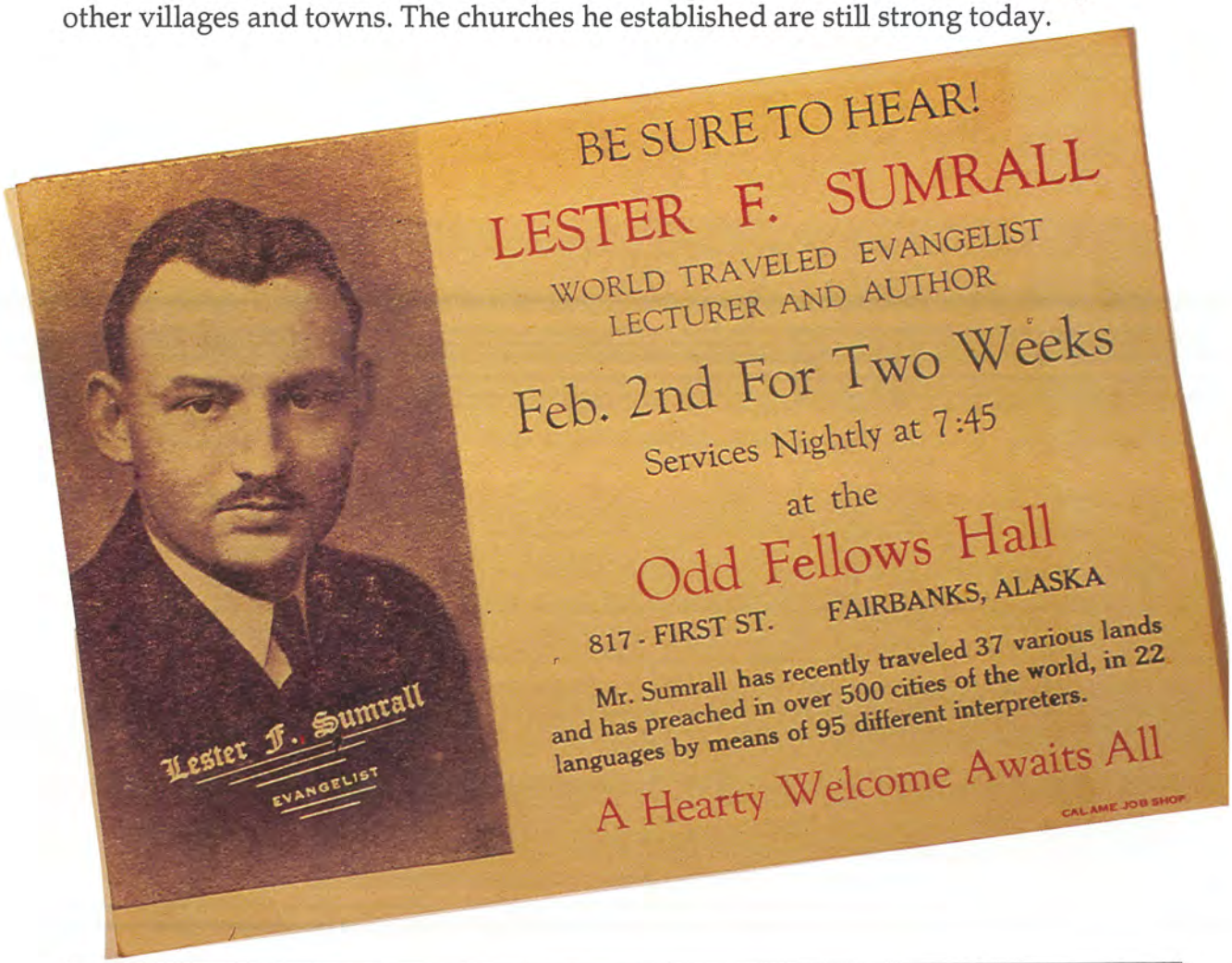
In Fairbanks, Alaska, Lester Sumrall ministered in the largest hall available. One evening, he preached powerfully against the anti-God, anti-Semitic policies of Nazi Germany. Suddenly, several men in the hall grew angry, scraped their feet loudly, knocked over chairs and stomped out of the hall.

This incident disturbed Lester, so he reported it to the local FBI office. He learned the FBI was trying to find some Nazis who were sending messages over the North Pole to Germany by radio. The FBI asked for Lester's cooperation.

The next Sunday night, Lester preached a strong, anti-Nazi sermon. The same men again showed up at the meeting, and again, they disrupted the service. They yelled, called Lester names, and knocked over chairs until they finally stomped out. To Lester's amazement, the FBI agent copied their actions.

The next day, the FBI agent called Lester and thanked him for his help. The agent had been able to infiltrate the Nazi organization and now had seven men in custody.

During the rest of the long, Arctic winter, Lester Sumrall planted three churches in Ketchikan, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. He also ministered in many other villages and towns. The churches he established are still strong today.



STATE-TIMES, BATON ROUGE, LA., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 15, 1941.

orld Traveler Here Has Seen Many Strange Sights in Many Lands

r Sumrall Returns re After Journeys to ssia, Alaska, Tibet, w Zealand; Saw ave Girls Sold for 75 nts.

By Douglas Manship

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Back From Alaska.

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. Sumrall left New Orleans in to begin his travels. Since he has seen life in 37 coun- spoken in 23 different lan- es and used 98 different inter- ers while giving lectures.

began his travels by sailing San Francisco over what is wn in sailing circles as the e wolf" trail. The "lone wolf" l is through Tahati to Raro- a and the surrounding islands. m these places Mr. Sumrall ly began to travel New Zea- d, Australia, Thursday islands, a, Singapore, Hong Kong, nch Indo China, Mongolia, nchuria, Korea, Japan, Siberia, ssia and nearly every country in rope.

Asked to Leave Europe.

The authorities in Europe asked to leave three times before I ally left, just before the war," said. "They were trying to get ery one out of the continent be- e hostilities began, and my esence there wasn't considered tal."

Here, he smiled a little.

"I was in England shortly be- re this and while I was there e British government gave out ,000,000 gas masks," he said, Every man, woman, and child in e British isles received one."

Continuing in his easy style, he lated an incident which happened Java. One afternoon a friend nd myself were visiting one of ie active volcanoes there," he aid. "There are 50 active ones on ie island. And I had edged to the m to get a better view of the rater, when suddenly, without any arning, the ground gave way un- er my feet, and I started falling ato the boiling lava. My com- anion saved my life by catching old to my coat tails and pulling ne back to safety. That was one ime I was glad to have someone hanging on to my coat tails."

During his travels in Tibet, he was captured by bandits and held prisoner for a few hours. He was released after they had taken all of his money.

"We had been given an escort of six soldiers by the American consul," Mr. Sumrall stated, "but I fired them after a few days, because they looked as if they would just as soon kill us as protect us. In that whole area I saw whole cities burning. They had been fired by troops, for at that time the Federal and Communist troops of China were fighting.

Saw Girls Sold as Slaves.

"While in the southern part of China, I had the rare experience of seeing a slave market. This slave market sold young girls. The particular day I was there, there were 24 of them for sale. They were from about 6 to 18 years of age, and their prices ranged from 75 cents to $7.50. I have known a dozen eggs to be the price of one of these pitiful creatures."

Mr. Sumrall said he believed Manchuria was the most depressing place that he visited.

"I was there in the winter time," he said, "and the streets were simply full of dead people. Most of them were opium addicts. They were all completely nude, for the beggars stole the clothing off the bodies, and it was not unusual to see as many as two or three bodies in a single city block.

Shadowed in Russia.

"Even though I am sure that some one shadowed me the entire time I was in Russia, my stay there was not at all unpleasant but it was most expensive. One taxi ride for just a few blocks in the center of Moscow cost me ten dollars, doughnuts the kind we pay five cents for two—cost almost a dollar each in Russia."

Japan is described by him as "the land of rising trouble" and the most outstanding characteristic of the country is, he says "their hate of America."

"All of the people who worked with me have been sent out of the country," he said "most missionaries are barred from the country. The government is even more anti-Christian than is the German government. All of my meetings had to be held in secret because the government wouldn't give me permission to speak."

Mr. Sumrall is the author of the book "Adventuring With Christ."



Back from his journeys over the face of the globe is Lester Sumrall, who is shown here with his sister, Miss Leona Sumrall. At top, right, is an unusual sight, a heavy hoar frost caught in Alaska, the heaviest Mr. Sumrall ever saw. Lower is the type of hut in which Eskimos live. "It's just a myth that they live in ice igloos," he said.



EVANGELISTS



Miss Leona Ruth Sumrall, top, and her brother, Lester F. Sumrall are both evangelists. Miss Sumrall is pastor of the First Assembly of God church at 4643 Sherwood drive. She is now conducting a tent revival near the Scenic highway and Plank road intersection with services nightly at 7:45. Her brother is just back from missionary work in Alaska and will come here later to preach. The two have been in evangelistic work since early teen age. Mr. Sumrall has traveled around the world twice in his missionary effort and Miss Sumrall formerly conducted a revival at Ferriday and later did evangelistic work in several states.

After his return from Alaska, Lester Sumrall teams again with his sister Leona to proclaim the Gospel.

The United States was violently thrust into World War II on December 7, 1941. Lester Sumrall rushed to enlist as a chaplain. The Navy refused his offer, the chaplaincy was filled. With this information, Lester packed his bags and headed for Latin America. The world was at war, but Lester was fighting the enemy of men's souls.

After passing through immigration and customs at Juarez, Mexico, Lester began to travel overland via the Pan-American Highway. He went on to tour all twenty nations of Central and South America, from Mexico to the Argentine.

Lester learned to adapt to the Hispanic and Indian cultures of the area. He was intrigued by the game of *jai alai* in Mexico. He ate ostrich stew—beak, feathers, toes and entrails included—with the Indians of Gran Chaco Boreal. He enjoyed the fascinating variety of colors, sights and sounds throughout the region.

As Lester traveled south of the Panama Canal, into the vast Gran Chaco heart of South America. There he found many native tribes. People who could truthfully be called forgotten. They were the least, the last, and the lost of the world. Lester had never faced more poverty and human hopelessness than he saw among the indigenous peoples of Latin America.

Lester continued to proclaim the Gospel through Columbia, Peru and Paraguay. In Paraguay, Lester traveled by train and horseback to the Santa Isabel Leper Colony, a 7,000-acre, wilderness facility. There he was greeted by a community of 370 persons. Not all the people were lepers, many had a diseased family member and also lived in the colony. Lester poured his heart out presenting the Gospel, but he was forbidden to hug or shake hands with the lepers.

Lester continued to travel through Chile into Mendoza, Argentina. Once there he again heard of the work of Louise Layman. She was a missionary from Canada and considered a blessing by all the saints.

At a wedding in Buenos Aires, Lester finally met Louise. She was playing the organ. As the bride and groom recited their vows, the two missionaries looked at each other and smiled. Later, Lester told Louise the good reports he had received about her. He admitted that he had admired Louise before he ever met her.

They met for the second time on Christmas Day, 1942, when Lester ministered at Henderson, Argentina. This was Louise's home station. Lester was surprised to find a brightly-wrapped gift, with his name on it under the Christmas tree. It was a small, wooden burro with wheels under its feet, a gift from Louise. The toy had a comical way of moving its hips when rolled on the ground. Not long afterwards Lester began a correspondence with Louise that lasted over a year.

Lester continued to travel throughout Latin America during 1943 and into 1944. He had traversed North and South America the top to the bottom, without omitting a single country in-between.



CONFERÊNCIAS EVANGÉLICAS

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Rev. Lester Sumrall

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REV. LESTER SUMRALL
Escritor e Conferencista que tem falado em 67 países do mundo

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EL EVANGELISTA VENEZOLANO

«No con ejército, ni con fuerza, sino con mi espíritu, ha dicho Jehová Dios de los ejércitos»

Julio de 1942 – Barquisimeto – Venezuela – Número 17

La Libertad Divina

"Y pregonaréis libertad en la tierra a todos sus moradores:" Lev. 25: 10

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CORDIALMENTE INVITAMOS

Al culto y religioso pueblo de Barquisimeto, a dar la bienvenida y a escuchar las conferencias que dictará el célebre Conferencista y Escritor Evangélico, Rev. LESTER F. SUMRALL, quien ha viajado por 37 países, incluyendo a Nueva Zelandia, Australia, Java, Singapure, Hong Kong, Indo-China Francesa, Mongolia, Manchuria, Korea, Japón, Siberia; países en que ha dado sus conferencias en más de 23 idiomas por medio de unos 98 intérpretes en más de 500 ciudades del mundo, inclusive las grandes ciudades de Norte América.

Conociendo el espíritu religioso de este pueblo creemos de gran interés estas conferencias, las cuales versarán sobre la historia del Hijo de la Virgen María y el progreso de su doctrina en el mundo entero.

Las Conferencias tendrán principio el día 9 de Julio a las 7.30 p. m. en el Templo Evangélico «Bethel» de esta ciudad, con cultos de noche hasta el domingo 19 de Julio, menos los sábados.

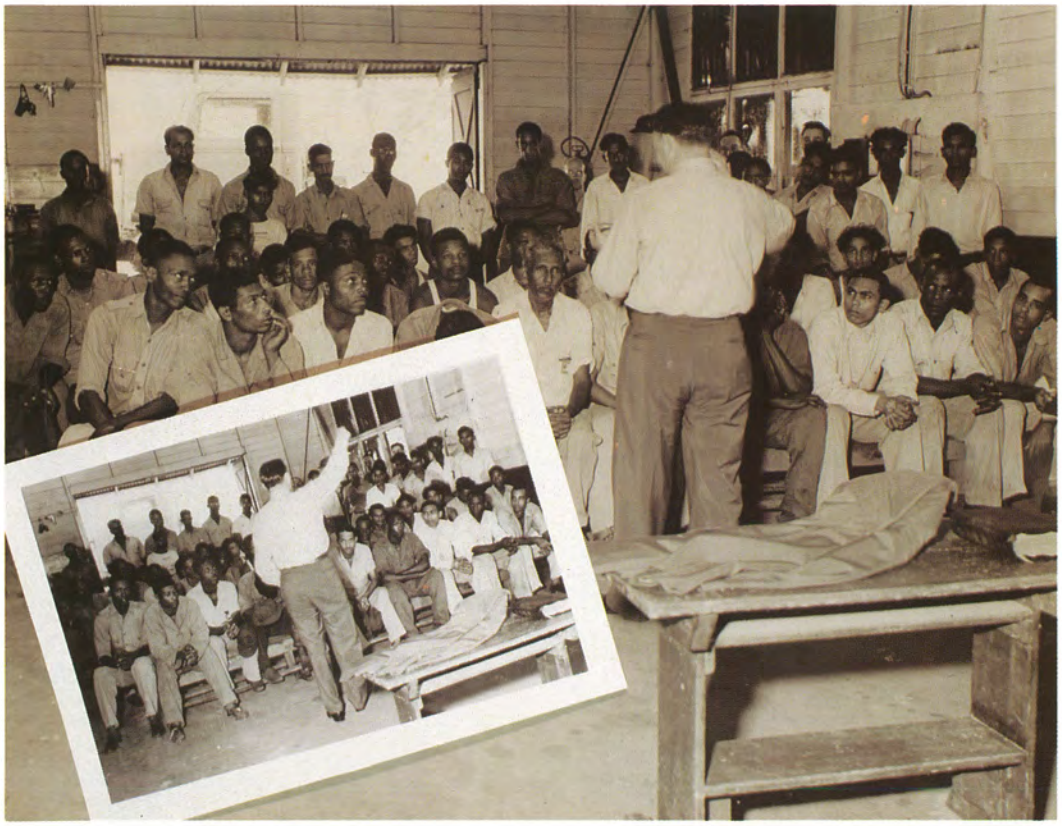
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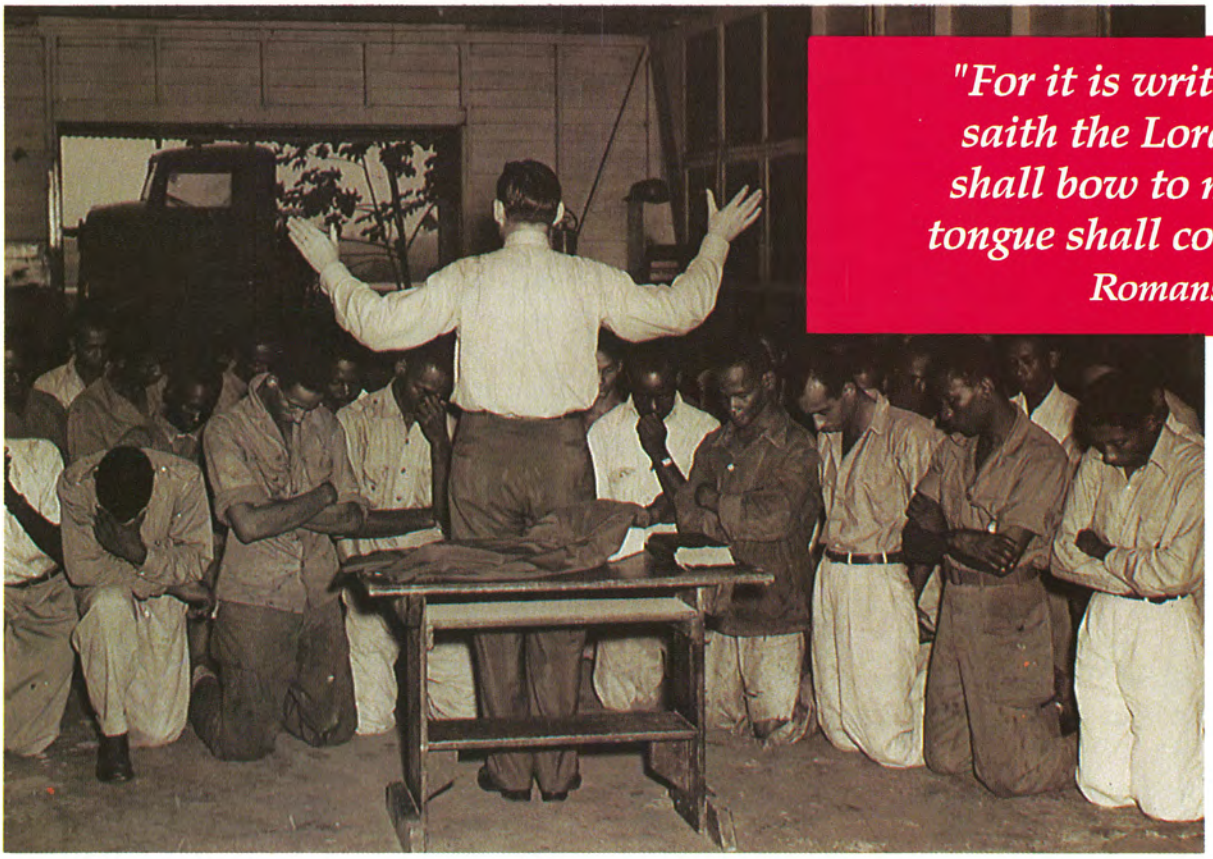
"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna."
San Juan 3:16



Clockwise from top: Lester Sumrall traveling by mule through the jungles of Honduras. Lester Sumrall pictured with a group of missionaries in Columbia in 1942. Lester poses with a group of believers in Columbia.

Back In Latin America





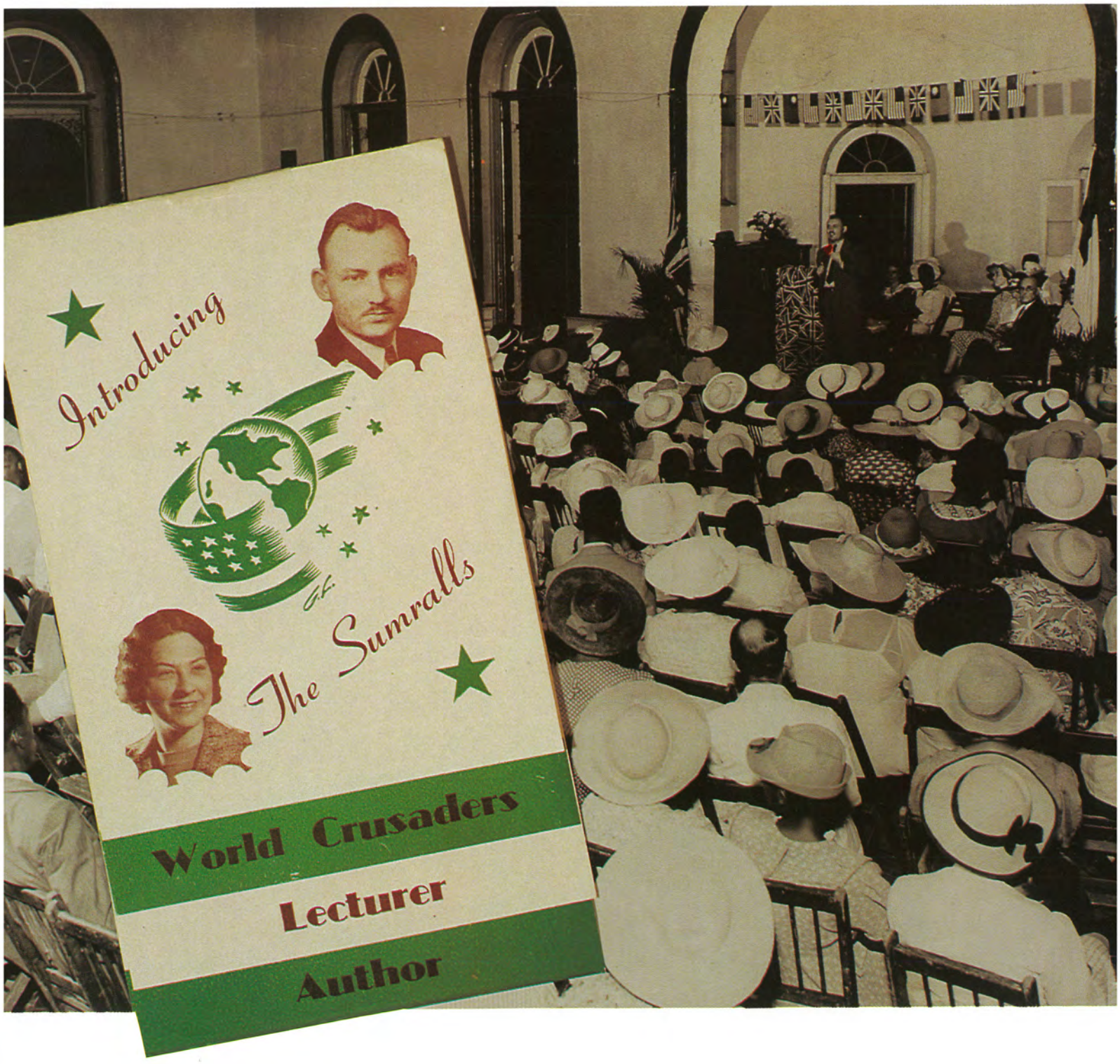
"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."
Romans 14:11

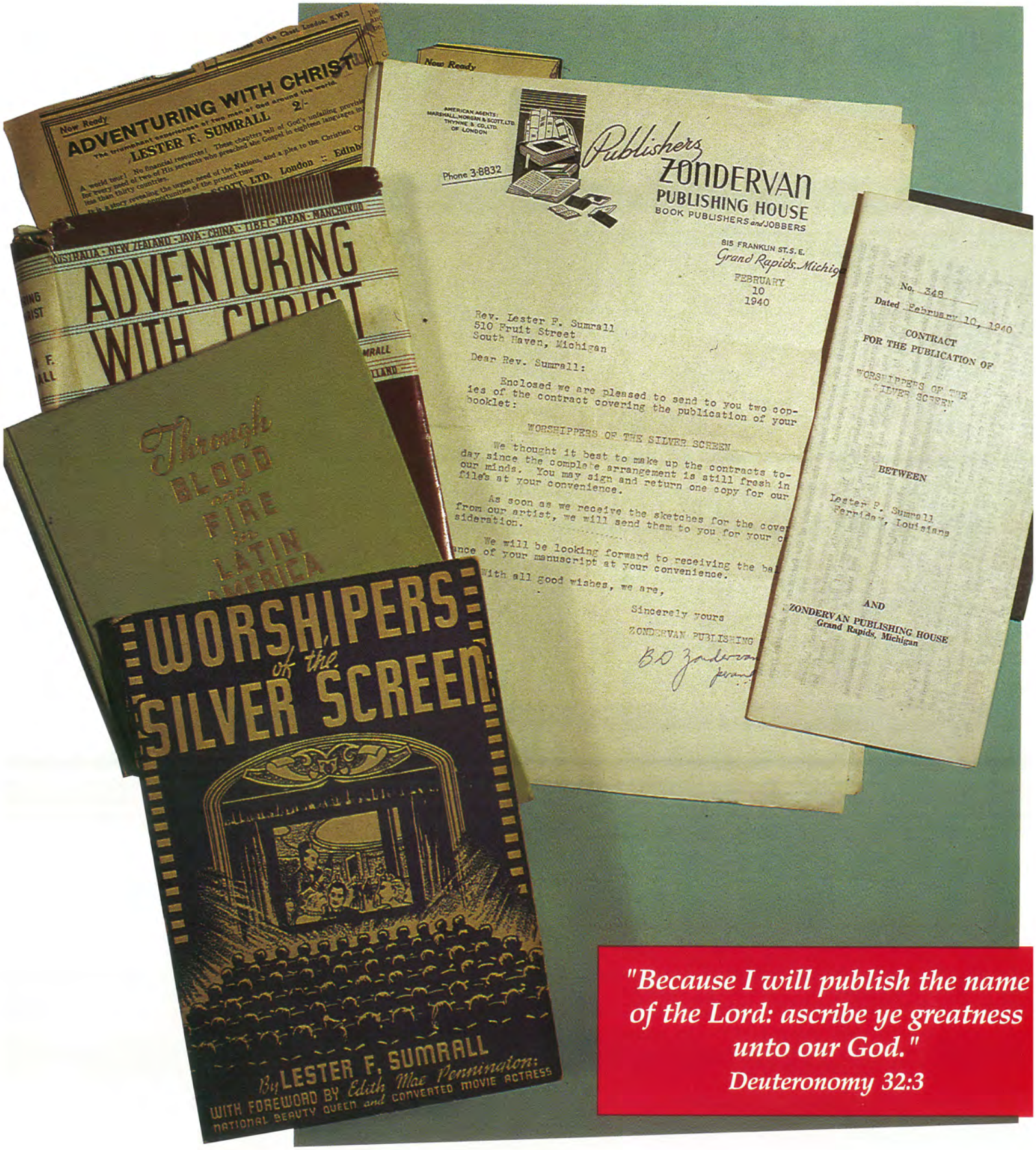


After Louise had thrown her bridal bouquet, she and Lester drove to Niagara Falls, Ontario. At their honeymoon cottage, they spent a few days in Bible study and prayer. They also took long walks and marveled at the beauty of God's creation.

The newlyweds had earlier decided to extend their honeymoon with a missionary journey. Since Lester and Louise had met as missionaries, this decision was the natural result of their compassion for the lost. This journey through the West Indies, Central and South America encompassed more than 50,000 miles and lasted over a year.

50,000 Mile Honeymoon





"Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God."
Deuteronomy 32:3

Switzerland 1947

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Basel, March 15th 1947

Dear Mr.Sumrall,

This is to let you know that we recognize you as official delegate to the forthcoming World Representative Conference of Pentecostal Churches from 6th to 9th May 1947 in Zurich. We therefore invite you to the Conference and for a period of 10 days including the two Sundays preceding and following the above dates and shall be pleased to eventually ask you to speak at one of the public meetings. It will be a pleasure to us to consider you as our guest and we shall cover your expenses during your stay in Switzerland.

Trusting that you will meet no difficulties in obtaining visas and tickets, and looking forward to soon meet you wit many other ministering brethren,

Yours in the Ministry of the Gospel

Below, while visiting Switzerland in 1947, Lester has his picture taken with the Alps in the background. Bottom, the delegates to the World Representative Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Zurich.







By 1946, Lester and Louise were expecting their first child and needed a place to call home. They purchased a house in Springfield, Missouri. For the next few months, they continued ministering throughout the United States. On December 31, ten days early, Frank Sumrall made his first appearance in the world. Lester and Louise were excited to have a healthy, red-headed son.

In early December, 1947, Lester took his first pastorate in South Bend, Indiana. As the church grew, so did the Sumrall family. On June 27, 1950, Lester and Louise's second son, Stephen was born.

One more son, Peter, was added to the family on October 17, 1953, after the family had moved to Manila, Philippines. Lester began two traditions with the birth of Frank. First, Lester wrote a letter to each of his sons on the first day of his life. Each letter expressed the love and joy Lester felt on the day his son was born.

"The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee."
Psalm 102:28

The second thing Lester did was purchase a few hundred dollars worth of IBM stock in each son's name. These purchases were expressions Lester's love for his sons.





In late 1947, Lester, Louise and baby Frank moved to South Bend, Indiana. They were to pastor the South Bend Gospel Tabernacle, a church which was later renamed Calvary Temple and continues to be a strong church today.

Feed Your Faith & Starve Your Doubts To Death





On May 24, 1952, Leona Sumrall became the bride of James Murphy. Officiating at the wedding were her three older brothers; Houston, Ernest and Lester.

In 1950, though they were well established in South Bend, Lester still had a heart for missions. A six-week missionary tour to Europe, Africa and the Orient, included his first visits to Israel, Egypt and India.

The highlight of the tour was a crusade in Manila, Philippines. The crusade was held in Rizal Stadium and hundreds responded to the altar call, but Lester was saddened when he left Manila. There was no leadership for the new converts, or even a place for them to worship as the city was without a Full Gospel church.

After Lester returned to South Bend, he and Louise purchased a home and ten acres of land on East Ireland Road. One Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, the Lord spoke to Lester's heart. Though the voice was not audible, Lester knew the Lord was asking him to go to Manila.

The Sumrall family sailed from San Francisco in the summer of 1952. After 22 days at sea, they arrived in Manila. They began their church in an abandoned vegetable market in Tondo, one of the worst slums in Manila. The first six months were frustrating to Lester as the Filipinos were very difficult to reach.

When Clarita first saw Lester, she snarled and hissed, "I don't like you." Lester recognized the power of Satan speaking through her.

One evening, after the news, the radio aired a special broadcast concerning a young woman recently incarcerated in Bilibid Prison. The young woman, Clarita Villanueva was being attacked by demons. More that 25 people had witnessed Clarita's pain, as tooth marks appeared on her body. As he listened to her piercing screams, Lester said to Louise, "That woman is demon-possessed."

Lester spent the night on the floor, weeping before the Lord for the girl who was being destroyed by demons. Early in the morning God impressed Lester to go to the prison to set Clarita free.

When Clarita first saw Lester, she snarled and hissed. Lester recognized the power of Satan speaking through her. At that moment, he entered the greatest spiritual battle of his life. Lester began to rebuke the devil in the name of Jesus. Soon he realized he needed more time alone with the Lord, so Lester requested to be allowed to return the following day.

Lester used that night to fast and pray. The next day, strengthened by the Lord, Lester again commanded the demons to leave Clarita. They cursed and screamed, but suddenly Clarita relaxed. Lester knew she had been set free.

Clarita's miraculous deliverance opened the city of Manila for Lester. Construction permits for the completion of the church, delayed in the mayor's office, were released. Permission was granted for a crusade to be held in the Sunken Gardens at Roxas Park. Thousands of people made decisions for Christ during the crusade.





Above, Lester and Louise are pictured with a group of believers in Manila. Right, their first church was located in an abandoned vegetable market in Tondo. The mats on the back wall are made of banana leaves.

A Heart For Missions



COME OUT!!
In The Name Of Jesus!

While in Bilibid Prison, Clarita Villanueva receives her deliverance through Lester's prayers– May 22, 1953.



RECEIPT FOR WARD

This certifies that I have received from PTSG. Welfareville
the person of CLARITA VILLANUEVA, 18 years
this 30th day of July, 1953 for having been released
to my custody by the Municipal Court, Br. V, Manila as per order
dated July 30, 1953.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Witness

Rev. LESTER F. SUMRALL
133 Gral. Luna, Manila
Address



"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;"
Mark 16:17

Building "The Church"

Manila 1953

After six months in Manila, Lester purchased a lot at Taft Avenue and United Nations Street, in the heart of Manila. The lot had even been cleared by a bomb during World War II. Since he now needed a building, Lester bought an old, used, B-52 airplane hangar. He was able to purchase it for 10,000 dollars, about on-fifth its actual value. After the building had been redesigned and remodeled, it was named Bethel Temple.

As a result of the revival started by Clarita's deliverance, Bethel Temple became the largest Protestant church in the Philippines. Soon additional Sunday services were held to accommodate the crowds. Church began at seven o'clock in the morning and continued until late Sunday evening. The church was packed to overflowing at every service.

Full-time pastors were added to minister to those who spoke various dialects. Services were held in the Ilocano, Tagalog, Chinese and English languages. As the revival spread, branch churches were established in other Filipino cities.



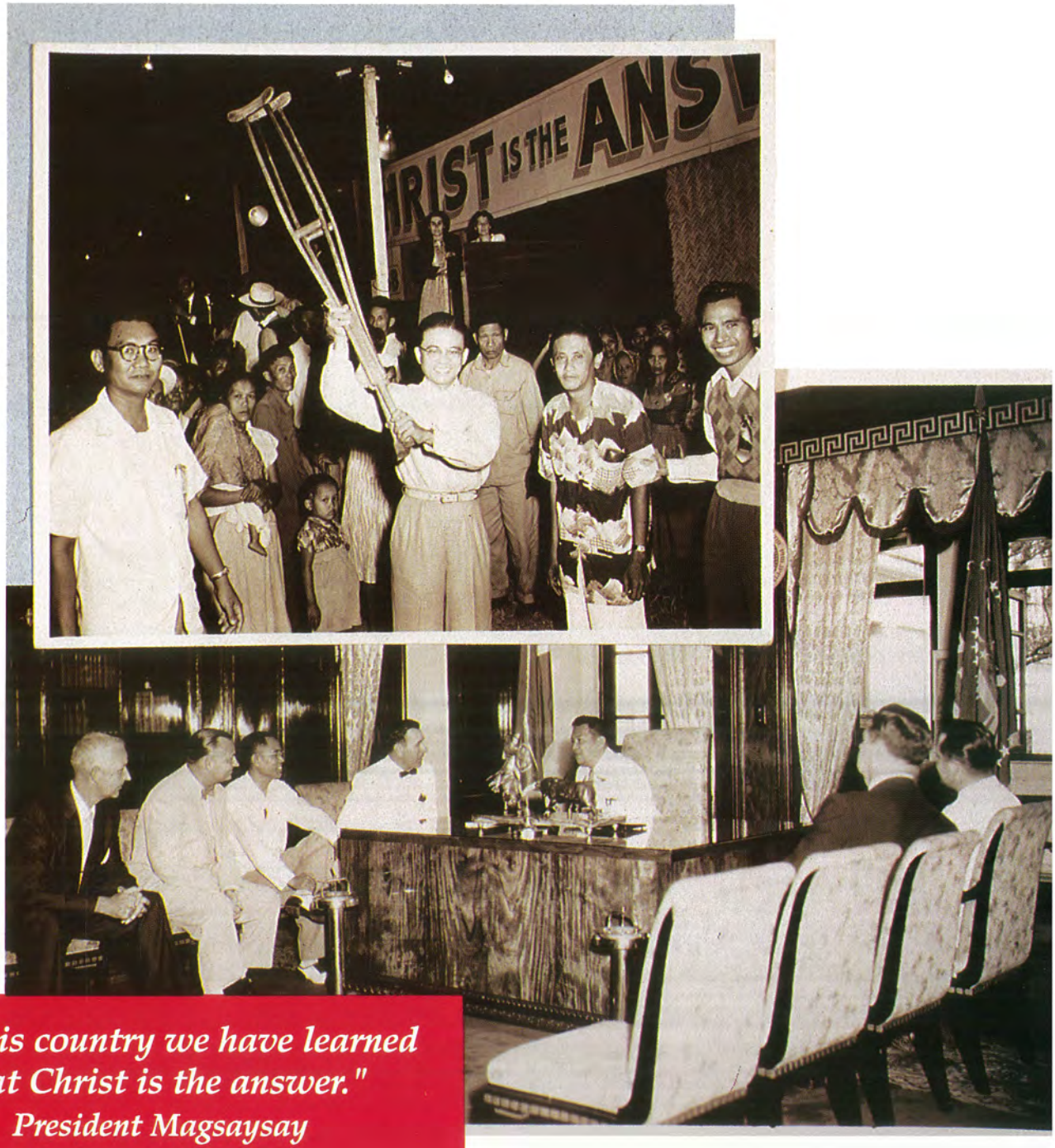
Even before the completion of Bethel Temple, Sunday services were full.



"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."
Psalm 27:4

Christ Is The Answer

At right, miracles abound at revival in downtown Manila. Below, Lester Sumrall and Oral Roberts meet with the president of the Philippines.



"In this country we have learned that Christ is the answer."
President Magsaysay



In the late autumn of 1953, soon after Peter Sumrall was born, the Lord began to deal with Lester about returning home to America. Lester wanted to stay in Manila amid all the excitement and activity, but Lester sensed the Lord saying, "The Oriental people are beginning to worship you instead of Me."

Lester understood clearly what the Lord was telling him. Though he taught that only God was to receive the honor and glory, many of the local people had begun to greet him in an extraordinary way. They would drop to their knees and kiss his hands before he could stop them.

Within two weeks, Lester received a cable from the States. The church in South Bend needed him. Thousands of Filipinos crowed the airport to say farewell to the Sumralls as they left.

Israel 1956



In August, 1956, Lester Sumrall felt the Lord was leading him to Israel. He took a leave of absence from his South Bend pastorate, and the Sumrall family packed and moved to Jerusalem.

Daily, Lester walked to a craggy rock near their residence to pray. From that private spot he could see Zion's hill, the old city of Jerusalem, the Wailing Wall, the Mount of Olives, and the road to Bethlehem. At that place the Lord spoke to his heart, "Lester, you are responsible for taking one million souls to heaven."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."
Psalm 122:6

On October 29, the Sinai War began. As most non-Israeli's were evacuated out of the country, Lester and his family chose to stay. They were comforted through the blackouts and terror by the knowledge the Lord had sent them to Israel, and He would protect them.

In March, 1957, with his leave over, Lester and his family returned to South Bend. He had acquired a new urgency to win souls for Jesus.



"Empires rise and fall in Israel."
Lester Sumrall

Lester Sumrall believed strongly that a church needed to be established in Hong Kong. It would be a lighthouse when the doors into China opened again. After prayer, Lester and Louise felt encouraged to begin a work in the hub of the Orient—Hong Kong.

In 1959, the Sumrall family moved to Hong Kong, and Lester bought the fourth floor of a new office building. After it was converted into a 300-seat auditorium, he named it, New Life Temple.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."
Isaiah 6:8

Three times a week, Lester ministered to three dissimilar Chinese congregations. Most importantly, the Lord used their work to perform miracles and remarkable healings. Many families were drawn to the Father. New Life Temple became a very strong evangelistic center, which remains so to this day.



Sumralls Going to Hong Kong.

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Rev. Lester Sumrall pastor of Calvary Temple, will leave South Bend Monday for Hong Kong to establish a temple there. Rev. Morris Cerullo, evangelist from New York and Dallas, Tex., will become associate pastor of the local church and assume Rev. Mr. Sumrall's duties while he is in Hong Kong.

Rev. Mr. Sumrall came to Calvary Temple, formerly the South Bend Gospel Tabernacle, 11 years ago when the average attendance of the church was 165. The church's average attendance for May was 1404.

Rev. Mr. Cerullo, who conducted a week of meetings in Calvary Temple several months ago, recently returned from crusades in Hong Kong and Manila. He is an ordained minister of the Assembly of God churches. Currently Rev. Mr. Cerullo is conducting meetings in Harrisburg, Pa., and will

REV. SUMRALL REV. CERULLO.

companied on the trip by his wife and three sons. He will be in Hong Kong about a year, returning to South Bend in September to attend the annual business meeting of Calvary Temple.

begin his duties here June 22.

The two ministers conducted a series of evangelistic crusades in Hong Kong last January and purchased the fourth floor of a building there where Rev. Mr. Sumrall will conduct services until a temple seating 3,000 persons is established. Hong Kong is a British Crown colony.

Rev. Mr. Sumrall will be ac-

- Billy Graham's Tour Thru 17 Latin American Countries
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UNDAY, JUNE 15

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LEAVING FOR HONG KONG!

Tomorrow is your last opportunity to see and hear Rev. Sumrall before he leaves for Hong Kong.

Rev. Lester Sumrall

10:00 A.M.
Colossal Sunday School Rally

11:00 A.M.
"My Vision of A Dying World"

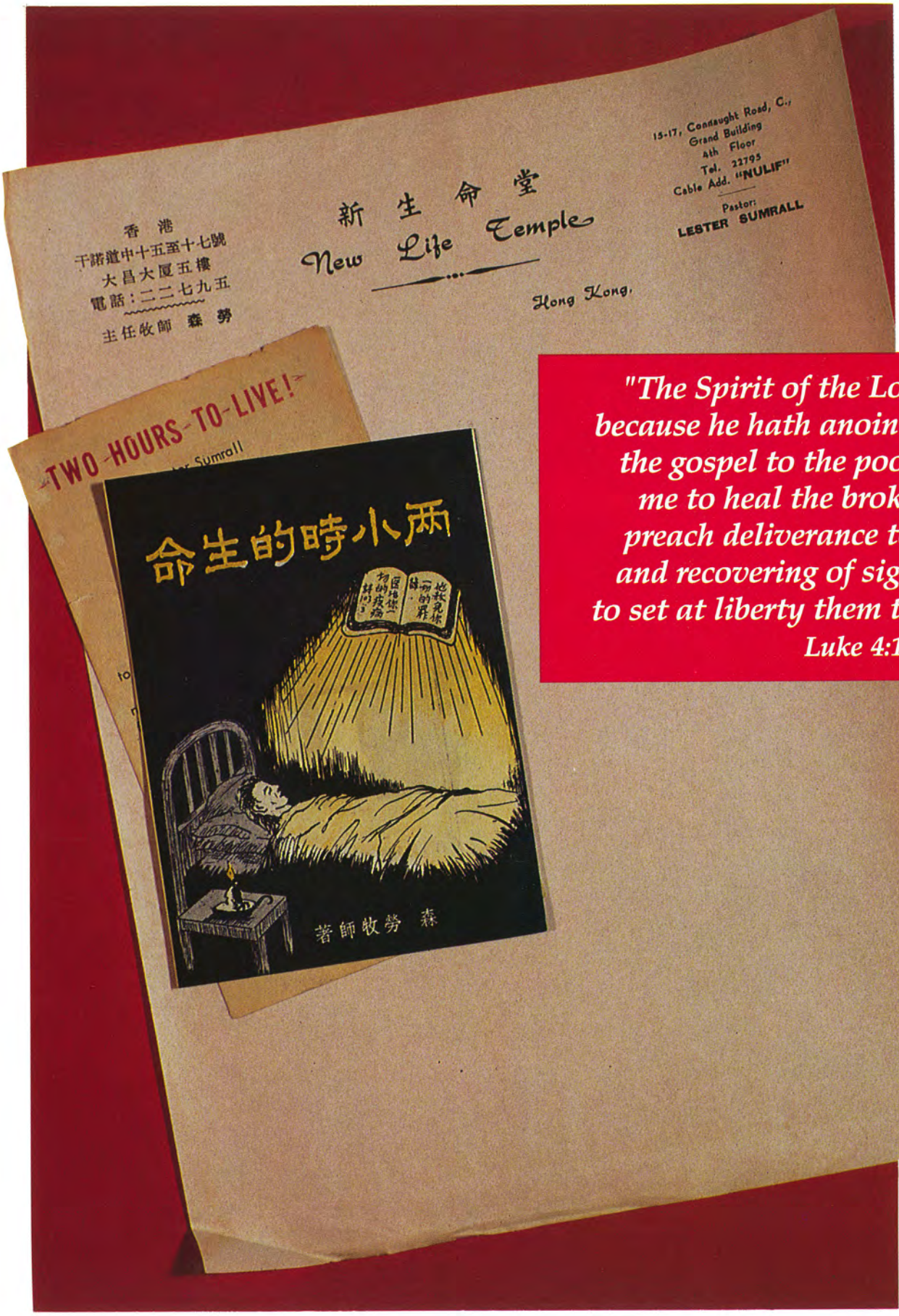
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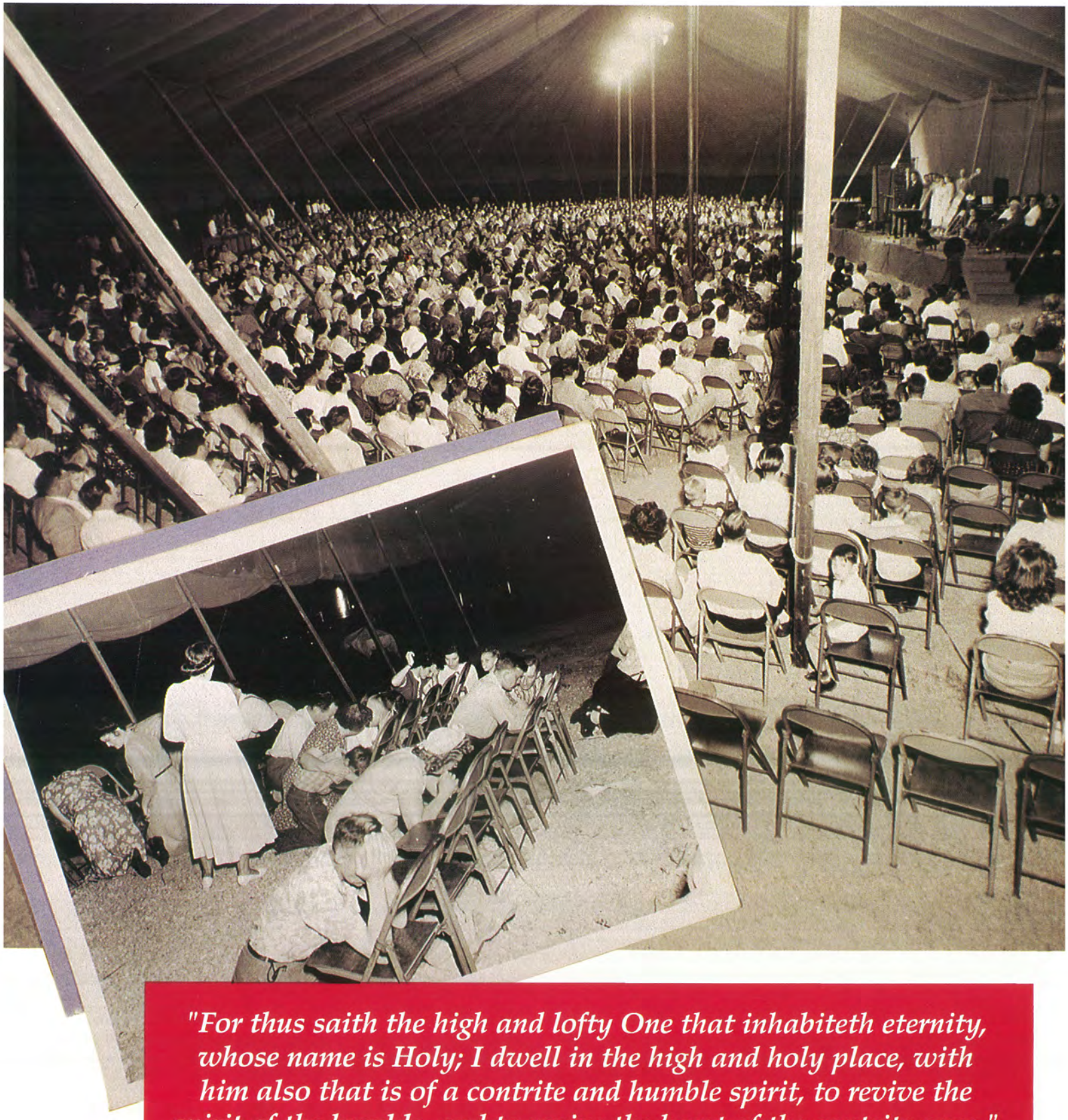

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Songs
在台灣佈道時的感況
Sister Sumrall and Brother Sumrall
Peter, Frank, and Stephen
YOUR MISSIONARY VOICE TO HONG KONG
NEW LIFE TEMPLE
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BEGINNING
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Minister - Lester Sumrall



Top, Lester Sumrall and Morris Cerullo hold a crusade in Hong Kong. Middle, Lester baptizing recent converts. Lower, Louise leading worship service at New Life Temple. Interpreting in all these photographs is Ronald Chan.



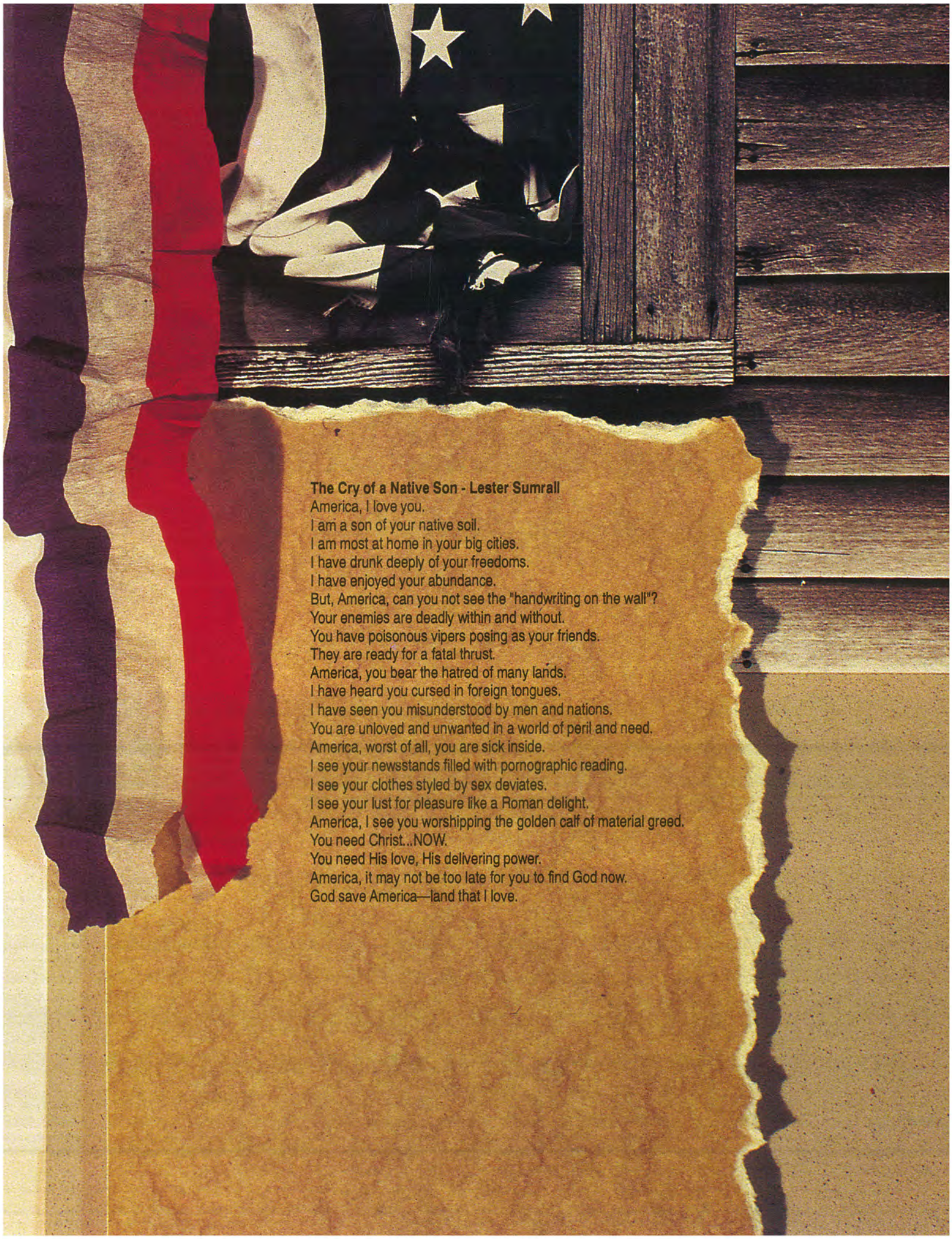
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."
Luke 4:18



"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."
Isaiah 57:15

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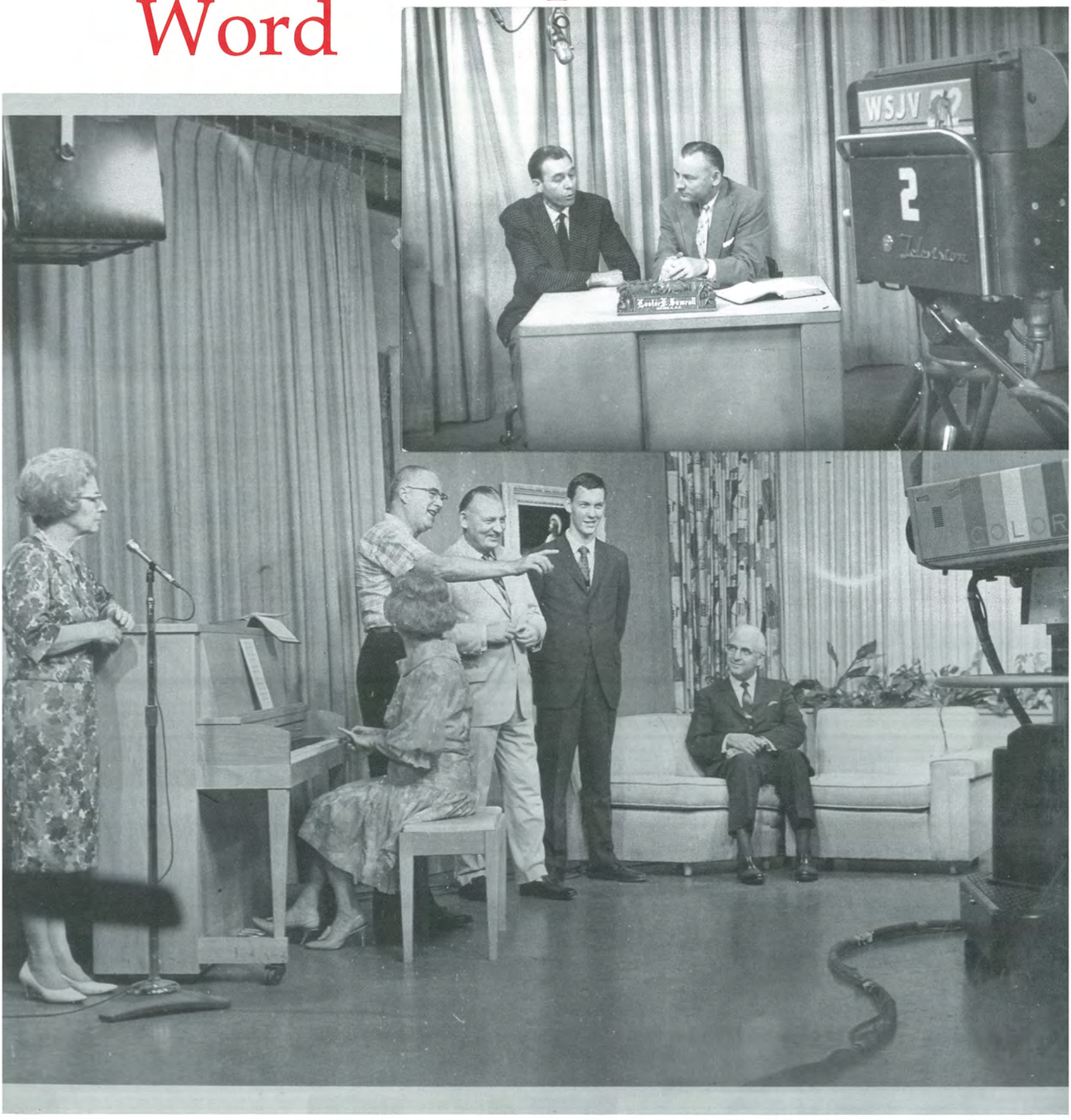
The Cry of a Native Son - Lester Sumrall

America, I love you.
I am a son of your native soil.
I am most at home in your big cities.
I have drunk deeply of your freedoms.
I have enjoyed your abundance.
But, America, can you not see the "handwriting on the wall"?
Your enemies are deadly within and without.
You have poisonous vipers posing as your friends.
They are ready for a fatal thrust.
America, you bear the hatred of many lands.
I have heard you cursed in foreign tongues.
I have seen you misunderstood by men and nations.
You are unloved and unwanted in a world of peril and need.
America, worst of all, you are sick inside.
I see your newsstands filled with pornographic reading.
I see your clothes styled by sex deviates.
I see your lust for pleasure like a Roman delight.
America, I see you worshipping the golden calf of material greed.
You need Christ...NOW.
You need His love, His delivering power.
America, it may not be too late for you to find God now.
God save America—land that I love.

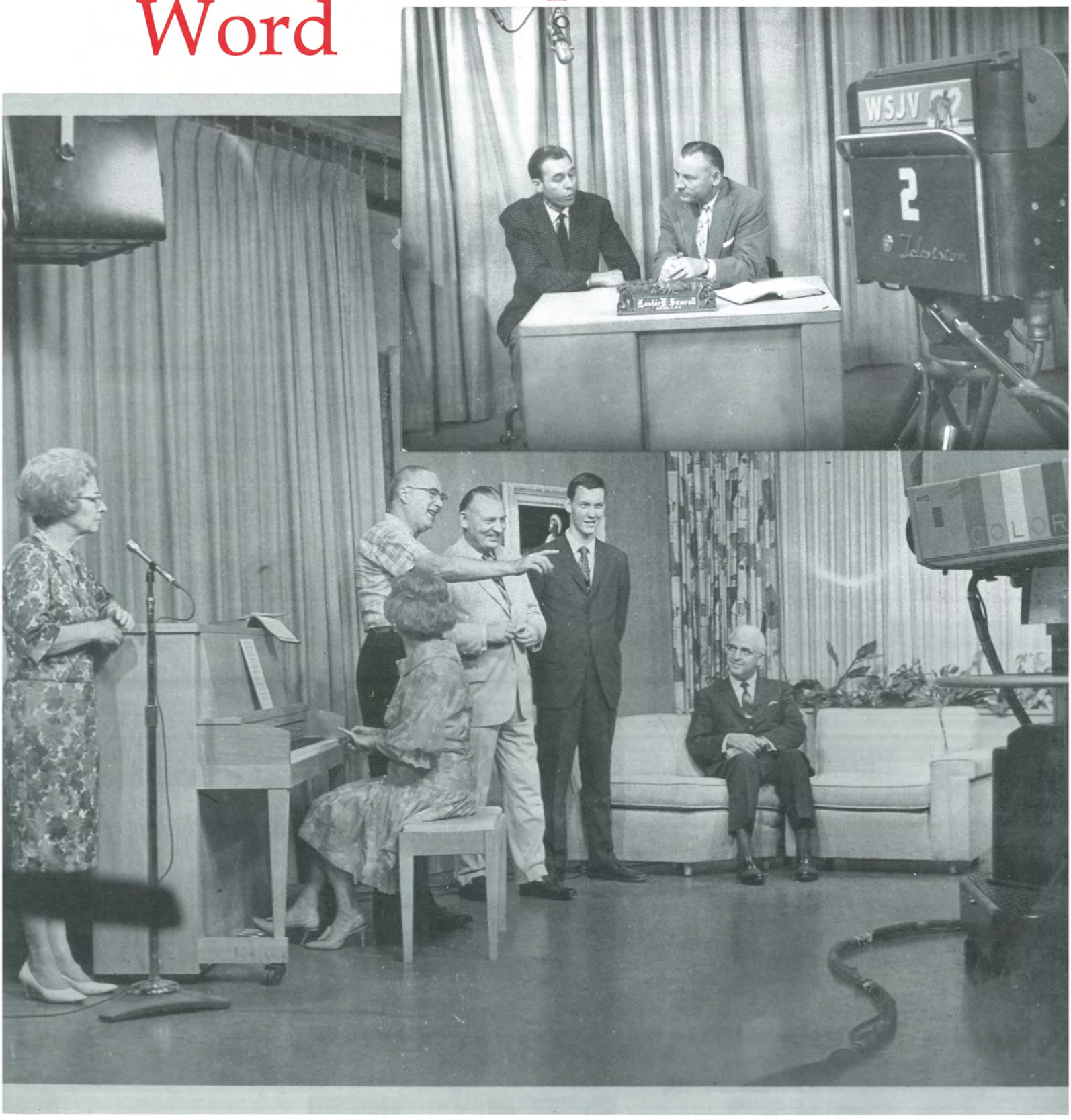


Lester recognized that the written word would be a tremendous asset to the ministry. Books, pamphlets, tracts and magazines could go where the spoken word could not. Lester and Louise started World Harvest Magazine—a pulpit through the printed page. This official journal has reported the activities of LeSEA, its tragedies and its triumphs. It has remained centered on the person of Jesus

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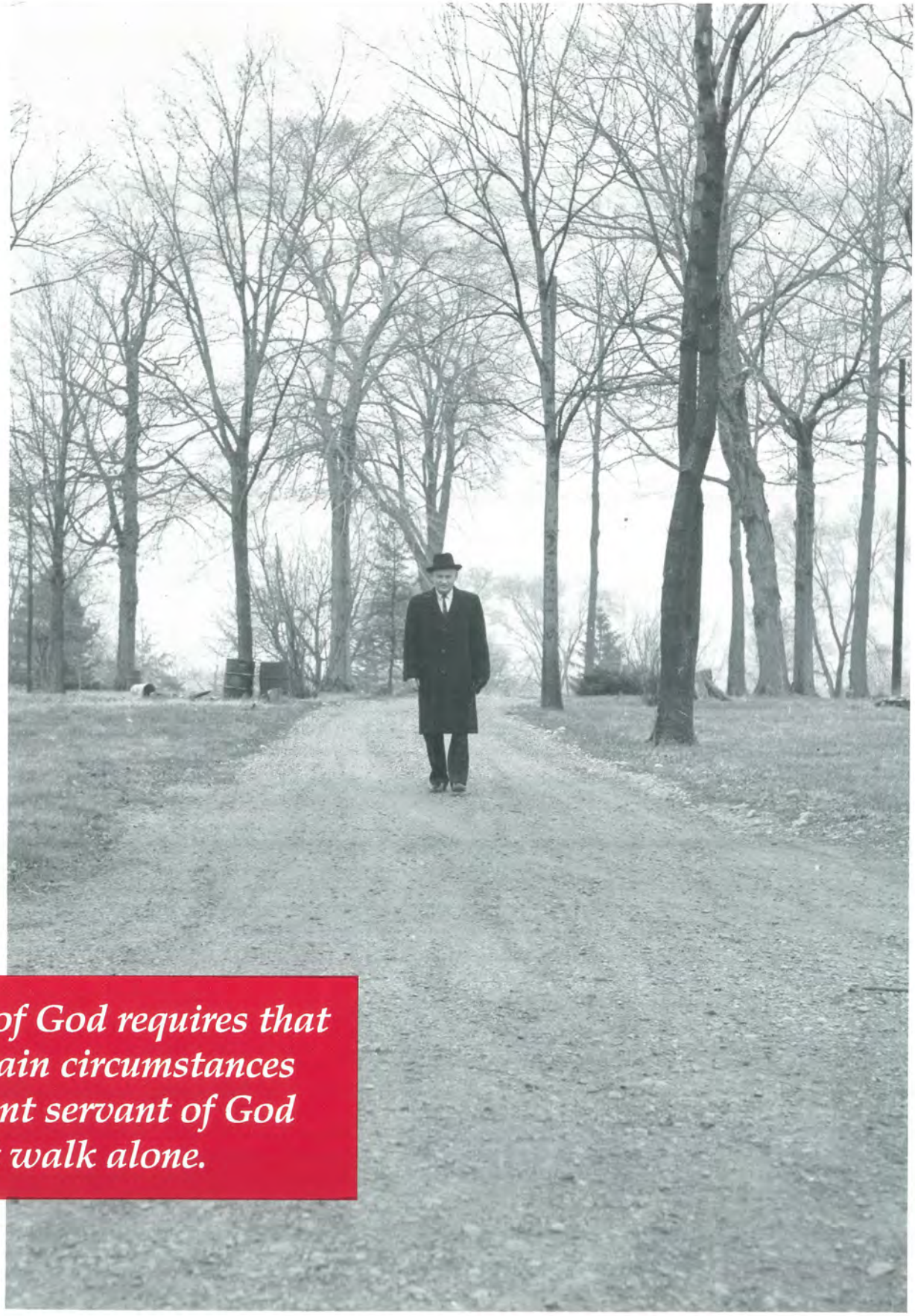




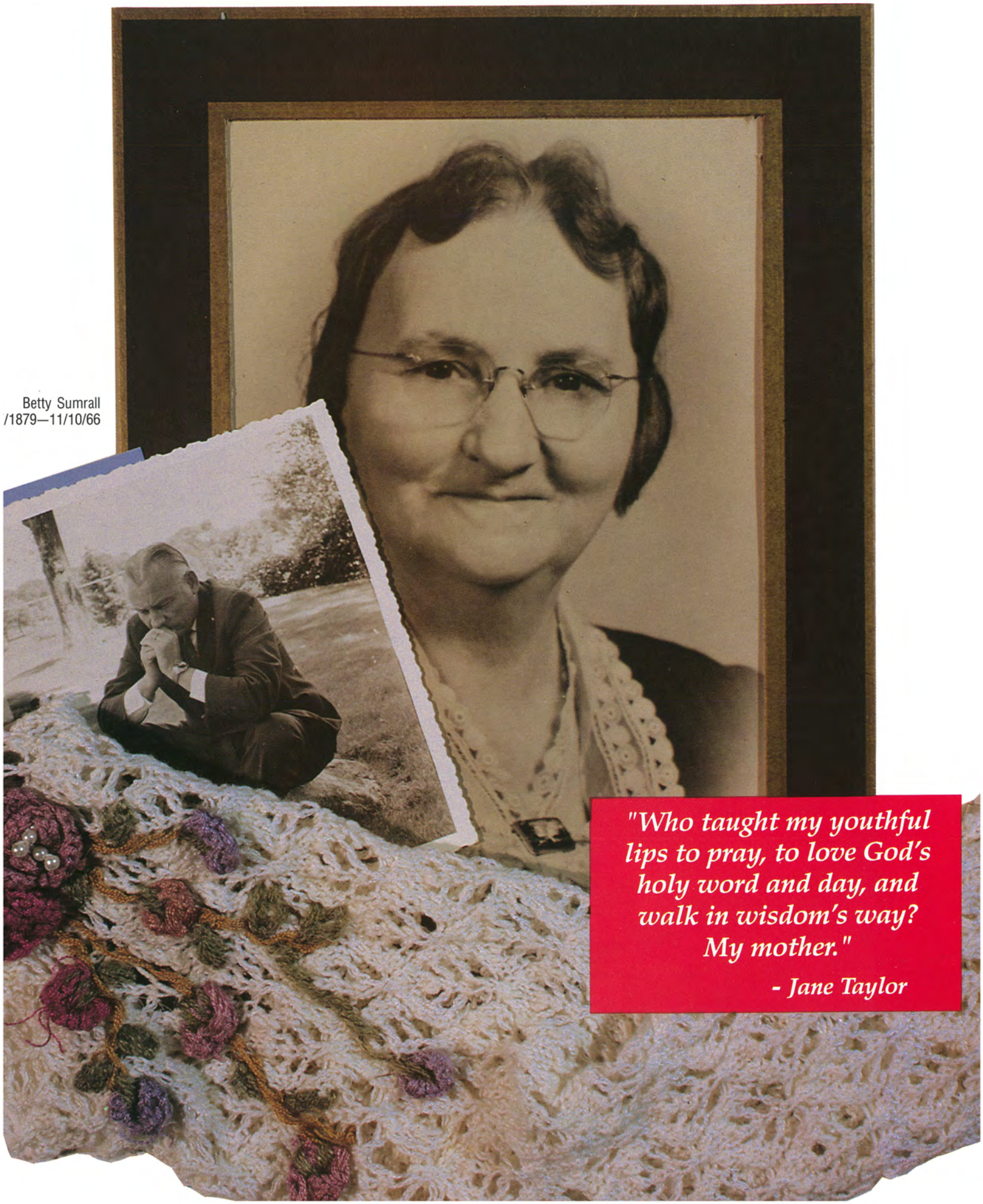


"...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
Mark 16:18





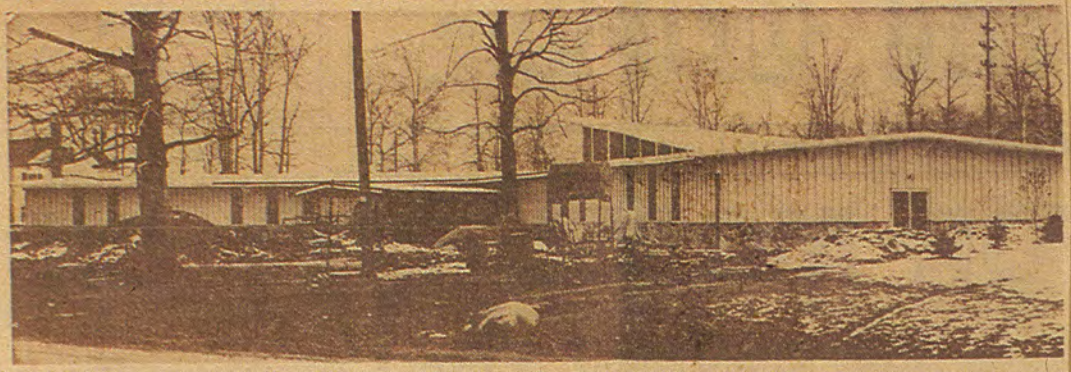
The calling of God requires that under certain circumstances the obedient servant of God must walk alone.



Betty Sumrall
/1879—11/10/66

"Who taught my youthful lips to pray, to love God's holy word and day, and walk in wisdom's way? My mother."

- Jane Taylor



BETHEL TEMPLE TO OPEN — The Full Gospel congregation of Bethel Temple, of which Rev. Lester Sumrall is pastor, will have opening Easter services at 10 and 11 a.m. Sunday in the new church located at 19440 Ireland Rd. This front view of the nearly completed three-wing structure enters to a triangular foyer with offices and classrooms to the front and the sanctuary and chapel in the rear. The church represents a $350,000 investment.

CHURCH PLANS FIRST SERVICE

New Bethel Temple Goes Into Use Easter

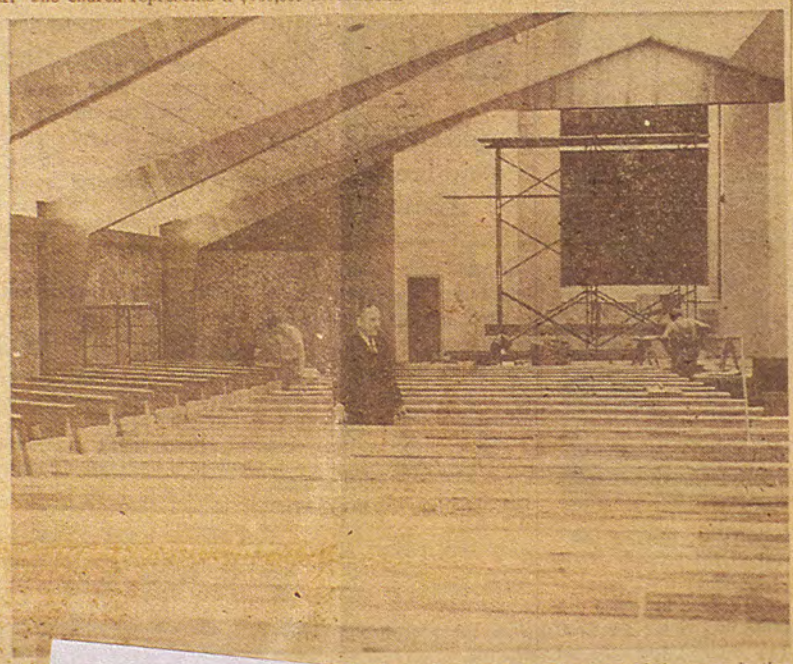
Easter Sunday will mark the date of the first service in the new Bethel Temple Church, 19440 Ireland Rd. Sunday School is at 10 with morning worship at 11. Youth Crusaders will meet at 6 p.m., and Sunday evening evangelistic services will be at 7. Mid-week services will be at 7:30 on Thursdays.



REV. E. SUMRALL

Rev. Lester Sumrall is pastor of the church, an independent Full Gospel congregation organized in December of 1965, with about 300 members.

Rev. Ernest Sumrall, brother of the pastor, will participate in [illegible] ceremonies on Eas- [illegible] revival for



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Built of Stone, Steel

The stone, steel and glass structure has been under construction less than a year. It was designed and built by the Dynamic Structures Division of the Hickey Construction Co., of South Bend.

Built in three wings around a triangular atrium, the building can accommodate several activities simultaneously.

Oone wing houses the Sunday School Department, with eight classrooms and a complete kitchen facility. The sanctuary occupies another wing with stone aggregate wall paneling and cathedral ceiling with exposed beams. The room seats 800. Behind the sanctuary is a large youth chapel and prayer room, fully carpeted.

Houses Headquarters

The third wing, in addition to providing church office space, houses the international headquarters of the Lester Sumrall Evangelistic Assn., known as LeSea, Inc. Included in this area are general offices, a complete recording studio, publication offices for Rev. Mr. Sumrall's books and montly publication, and a film department.

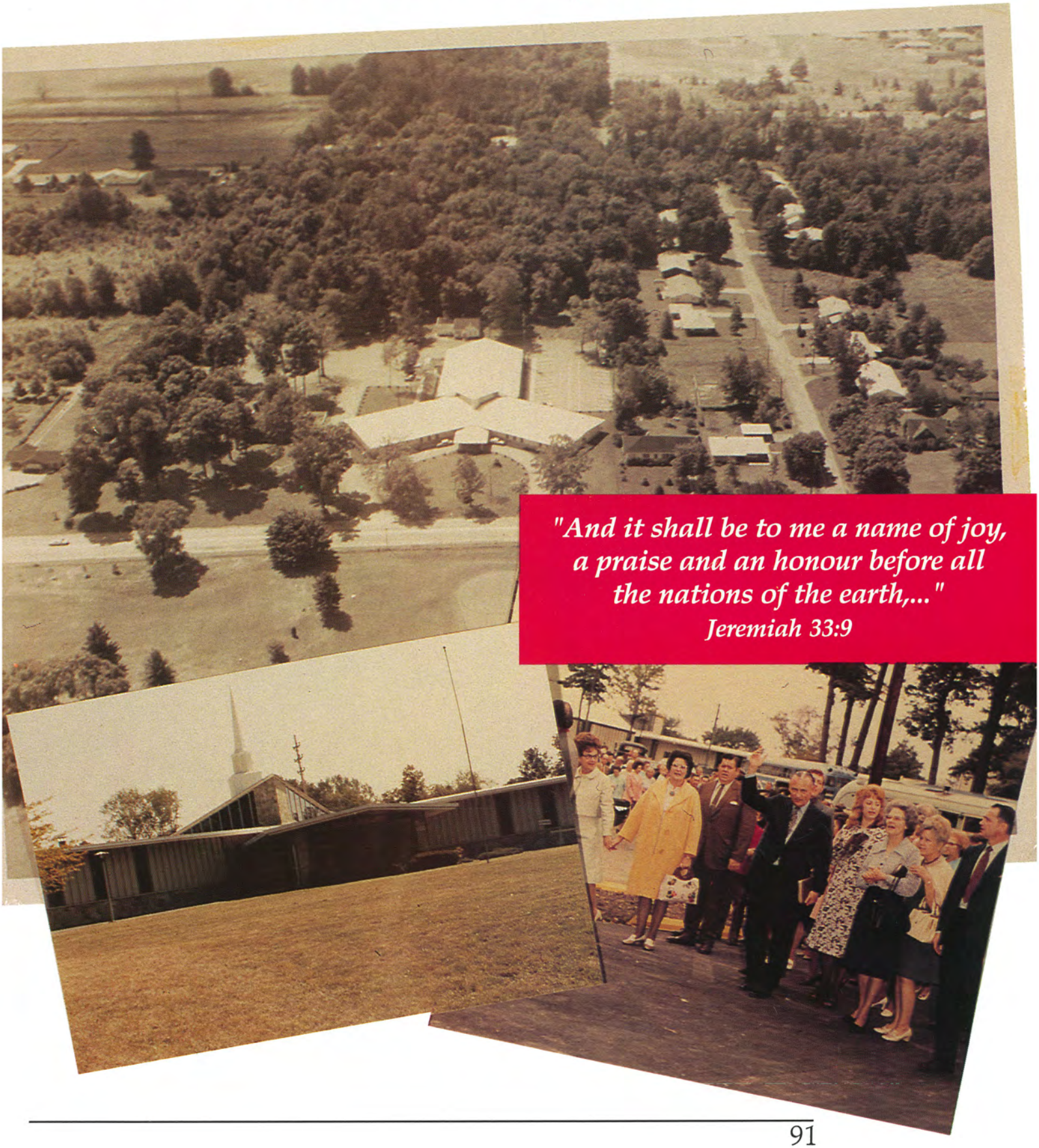
Three mission films highlighting the overseas ministry of Rev. Mr. Sumrall are having wide distribution in this country and abroad.

Although the new church will be ready for use on Easter, formal dedication of the church has been scheduled for Mother's Day, May 14.

Special Good Friday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the new fellowship hall. Rev. Lester Sumrall, pastor, and his brother, Rev. Ernest Sumrall will be assisted by staff ministers, Rev. Frank E. Harshman Rev. James H. Kerby and Rev. Stanley Wright. Music will be provided by the Temple Choir and a youth group known as the LeSea Singers. Rev. Mr. Wright is director.



A NAME OF JOY



"And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth,..."
Jeremiah 33:9



One morning in 1966, Lester Sumrall received a call from Elva Soriano in the Philippines. Her orphanage for Luzon headhunter children had grown beyond her ability for support its needs. Thus was born World Harvest Homes, an outreach to the abandoned and starving children of the world.

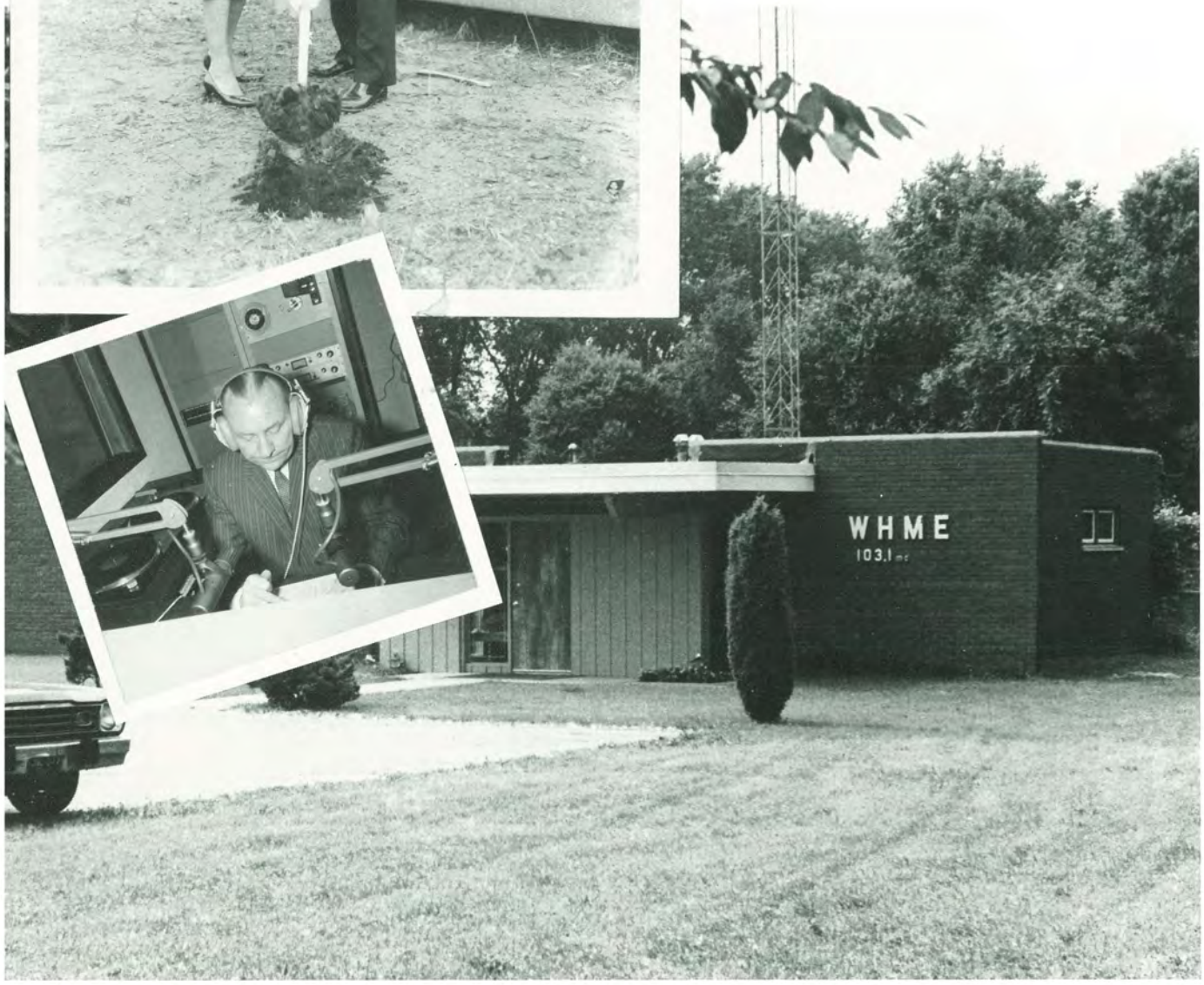
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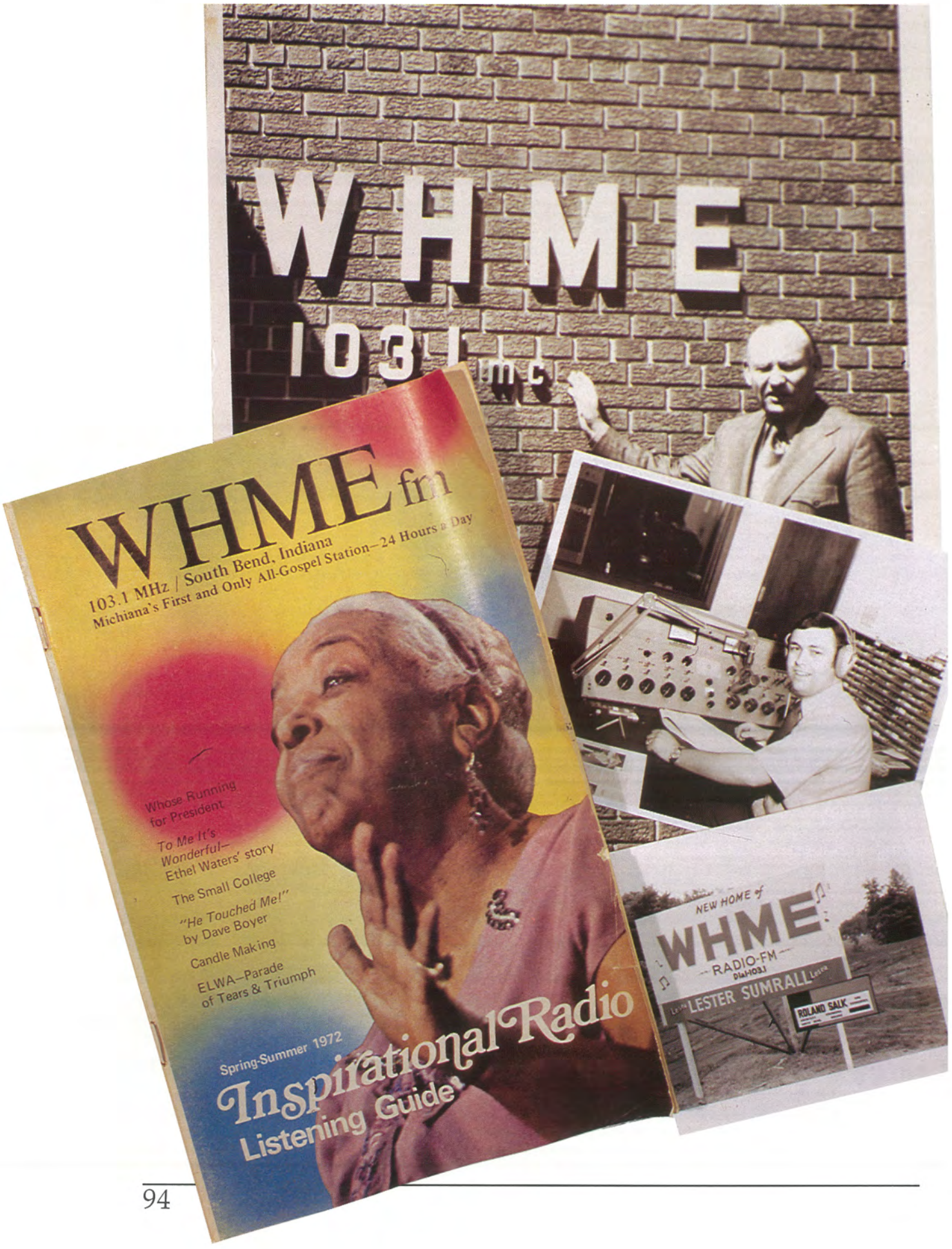
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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."
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Left, Lester Sumrall with David Ben Gurion.

Lester Sumrall has been visiting Israel since 1956. Every year he leads a large number of people in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



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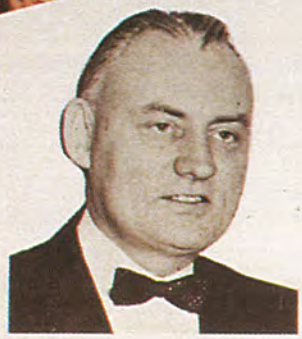


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Lester Sumrall Says:

Go with me from New York to Rome, Cairo, the Pyramids, Luxor, the Valley of the Kings, Beirut, Tyre, Sidon, Damascus, the Dead Sea (for a swim), Mount Nebo, the Jordan River, Old Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Galilee, Bethlehem, Hebron, Samaria and Jacob's Well.

Visit Israel Jerusalem, Mount Zion, David's Tomb, the Upper Room, the Valley of Megiddo, the Mount of Transfiguration, Tiberias. Sail across the Sea of Galilee. Go with me to Nazareth, Cana, Mount Carmel, Caeserea, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Eskelon . . . Istanbul, to the sites [illegible] Churches of Revelation and to M[illegible]

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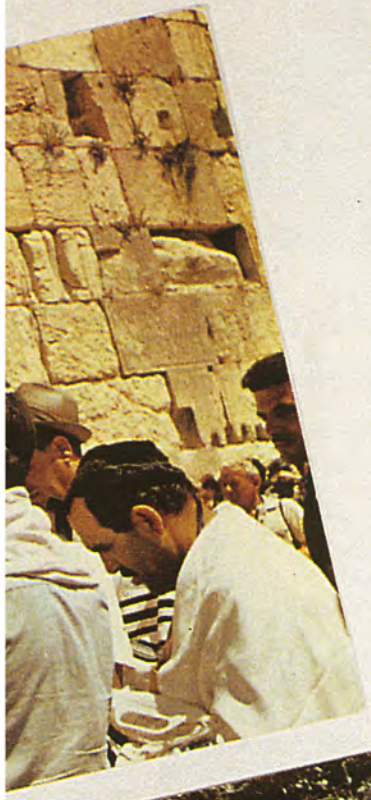






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Psalm 71:18





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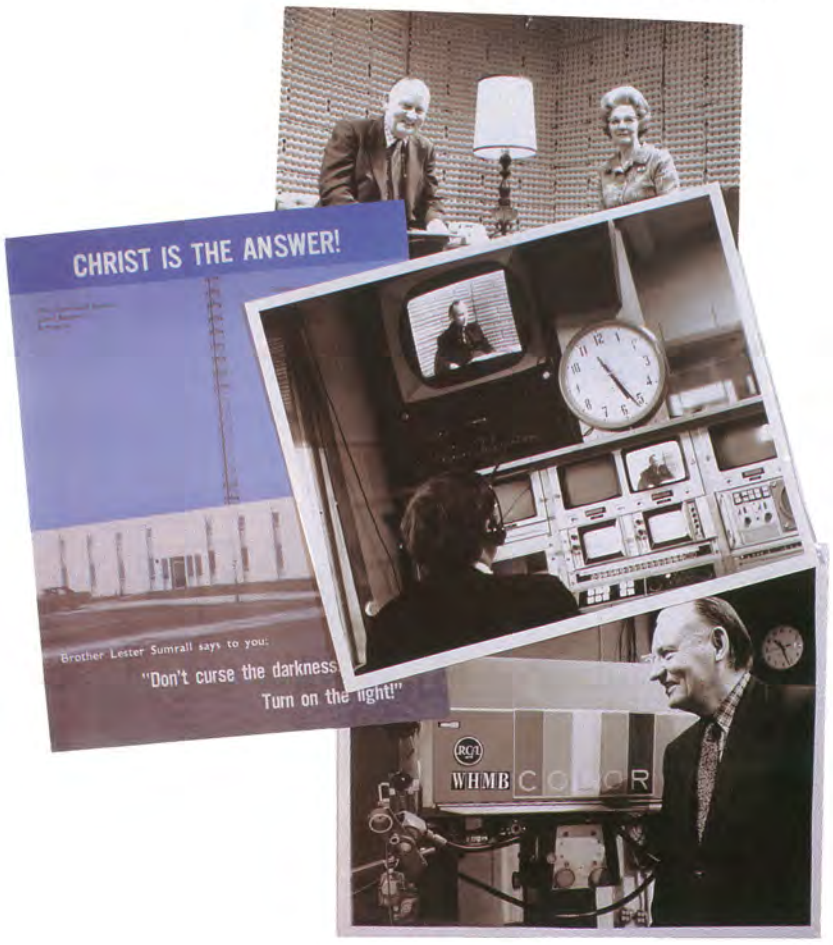
Christian Television

God's End-Time Voice To America

In 1972, Lester Sumrall was offered the opportunity to purchase a bankrupt, one-million-watt television station near Indianapolis, Indiana. This station, with its cable outlets, had the potential for reaching over two million people. By faith, Lester accepted the challenge of raising the cash necessary to pay for the station.

The Lord performed miracle after miracle until the funds were acquired to purchase the station, and put it on the air. The station had very little equipment when LeSEA obtained it. Gradually, God has provided the funds to re-equip the station.

On November 3, 1972, World Harvest Missionary Broadcasting (WHMB) introduced the concept of family gospel programming. Originally a call-in and talk show, WHMB launched the "Today With Lester Sumrall" program (now called "World Harvest"). Throughout its existence, WHMB-TV, Channel 40, has been a pioneer in Christian broadcasting.



Twenty years later, WHMB is still broadcasting throughout the central and southern Indiana area. People have been saved, healed, delivered and filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of the ministry aired via Channel 40.



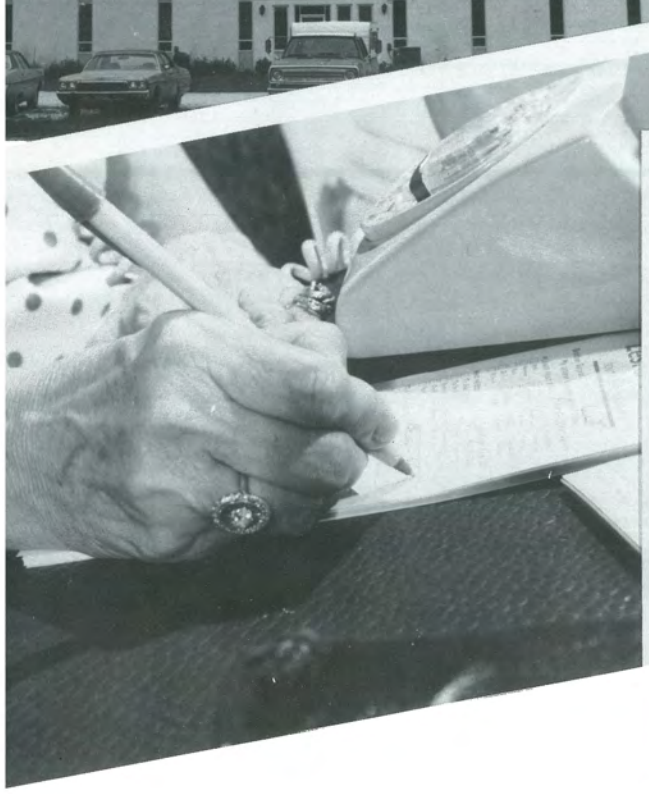
Top, Rev. James Murphy with Lester Sumrall. Above, Pat Robertson and Lester pray for viewers' requests. Right, Charles and Frances Hunter with Lester.



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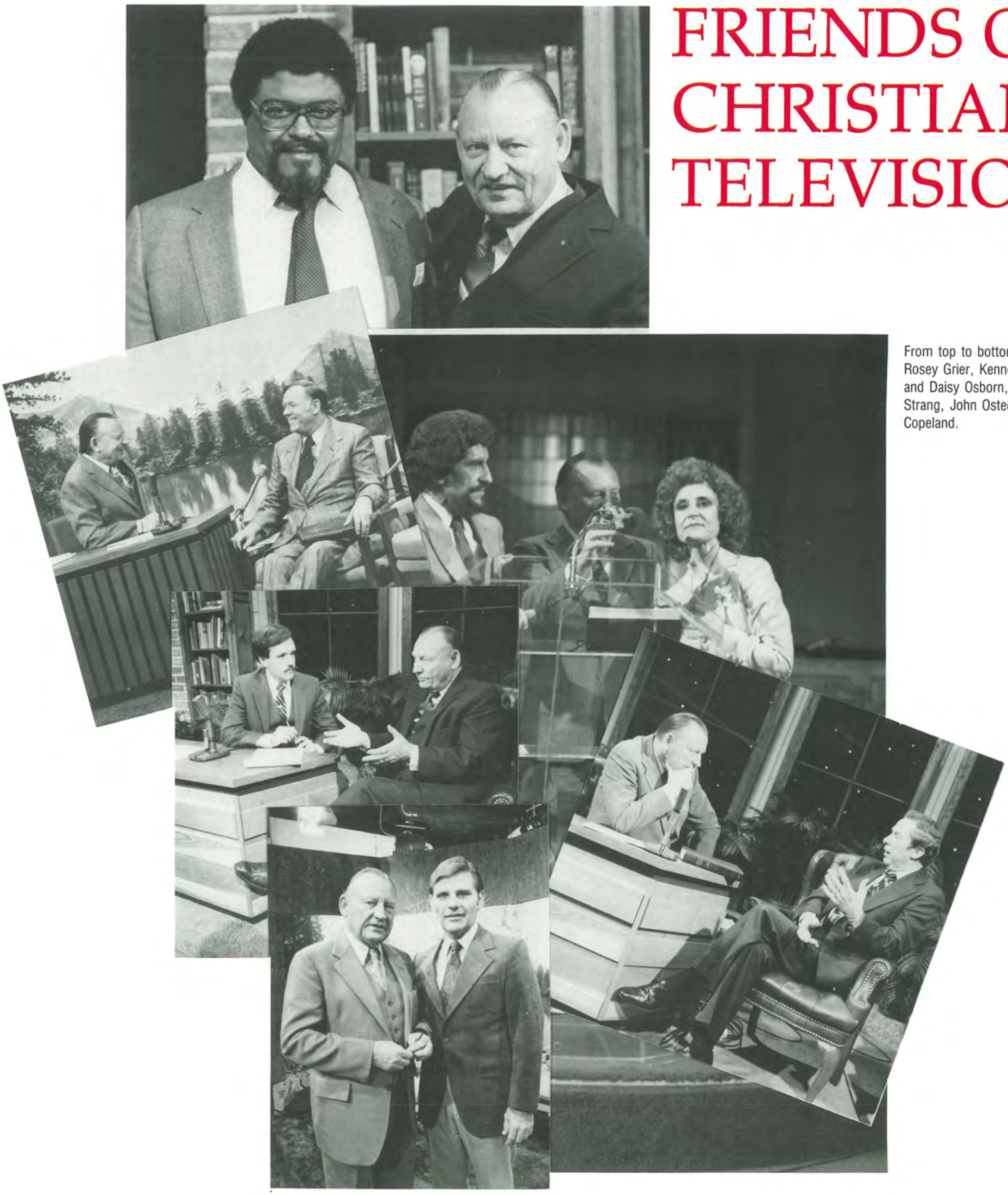




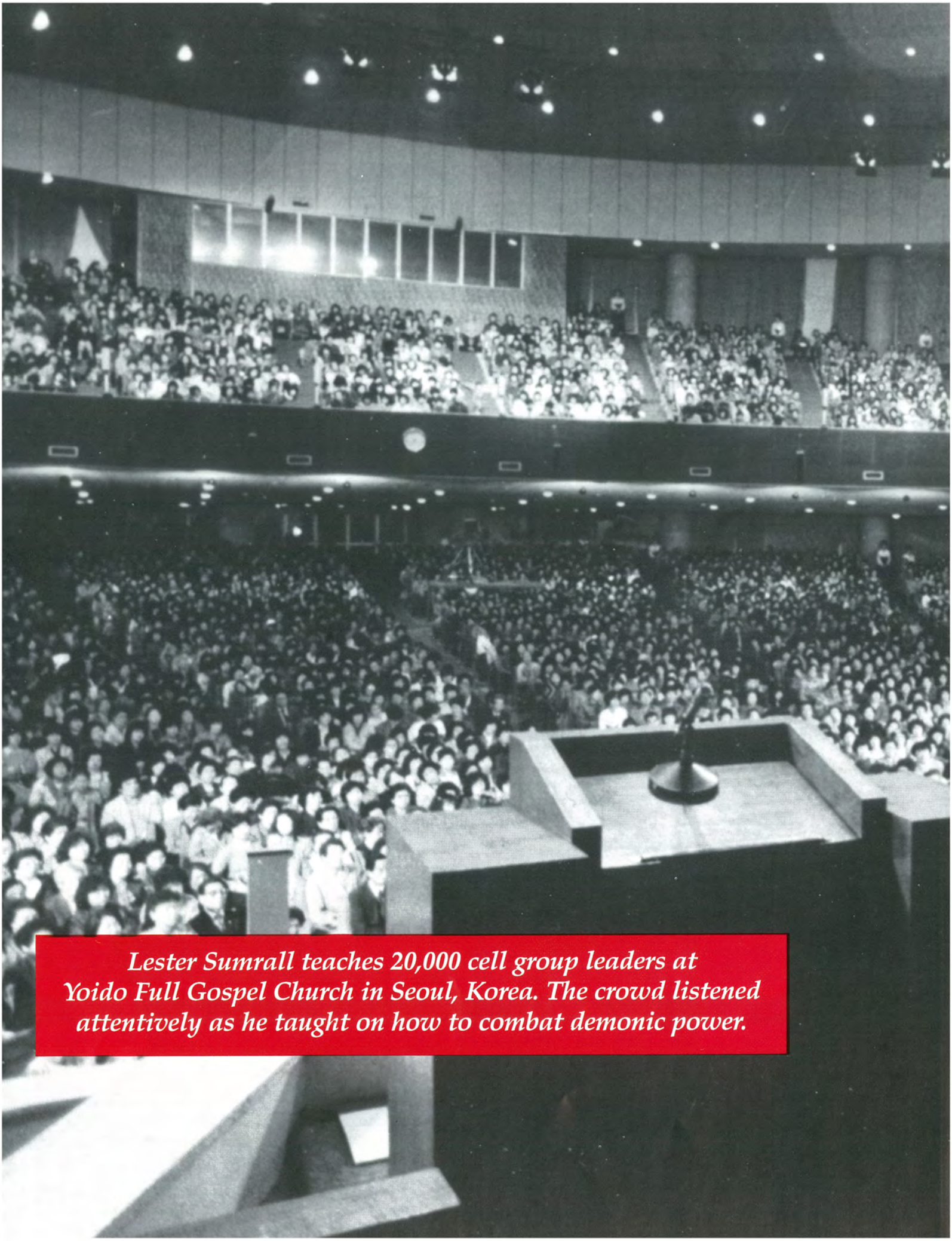




FRIENDS OF CHRISTIAN TELEVISION



From top to bottom, Leste Rosey Grier, Kenneth Hagi and Daisy Osborn, Stephe Strang, John Osteen and F Copeland.



Lester Sumrall teaches 20,000 cell group leaders at Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea. The crowd listened attentively as he taught on how to combat demonic power.



The Power Of The Printed Page



Lester Sumrall is a prolific author of more than 200 books, Bible study guides and tracts. He has also authored many articles in a variety of Christian magazines, such as *Charisma*.

Lester's first book, Adventuring With Christ, was published in 1938 by Marshall, Morgan and Scott, LTD., of London, England. This book is a detailed story of Lester's world missionary tour with the famous English theologian, Howard Carter. Although originally written over 50 years ago, this book is in print today.

Over the years, Lester has authored books for a variety of publishers. His books have been published by such companies as: Harrison House; Thomas Nelson; Zondervan Publishing; New Leaf; Whittaker House; Creation House; Gospel Publishing House; and LeSEA Publishing, the Lester Sumrall Evangelistic Association's publishing company.



Along with his vast collection of books published in English, many of Lester's works have been translated in to other languages. Some of his books are currently available in Bulgarian, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Korean and Chinese.

Of all Lester's numerous titles, Faith To Change The World has been translated into the most languages. It is currently available in English, Bulgarian, French, Italian, Spanish and Swedish.

Besides English, the French language has the distinction of having the most titles available. Fifteen of Lester's books, and eight of his mini-books have been translated into French.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."
Isaiah 55:11

Other than the printed page, Lester has generated thousands of hours of Bible teaching series on video and audio tapes. Each week, books, study guides, audio and video tapes are shipped throughout the world.



The Gospel According To Television

Channel 45 Spreads the Word in Prime Time

By Jack E. Anderson

It is a frequent occurrence in the daily life of Dr. Lester Sumrall, evangelist and broadcaster, this couple hand-delivering a contribution for the maintenance of his television station, WHFT (Ch. 45).

The man and woman, their faces wreathed in smiles, interrupted Dr. Sumrall as he was about to begin a visitor's tour of the station's temporary headquarters in Hallandale, in the shadow of I-95.

They handed him a check for $500, to be added to the pledges then pouring in during the station's four-day spring telethon. Dr. Sumrall, a stocky, soft-spoken man, smilingly expressed his appreciation. He sent for and autographed one of his inspirational books for them.

"We feel so blessed," said the wife as she and her husband backed out through the doorway and returned to their car in the parking lot. Dr. Sumrall smiled again and gave them a wave of his hand. "It happens all the time," he said benignly, as we went on with the tour of a building that will be vacated next September in favor of new studio and office quarters under construction a few west on Pembroke road.

This manna and more like telethon pledges that week talled $167,000) from Ch. voted viewers are needed t write the difference betw station's commercial inco the cost of its operation. not cheap, under any stances, secular or spiritual

Although licensed as C Church of Lesea Inc., which establishes its tax-exempt WHFT's identity as a religi tion is not one Dr. Sumrall He calls his programming









"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God:..."
1 Corinthians 3:8,9



Top, LeSEA Broadcasting Corporate offices, housing WHME TV-46, WHME-FM and World Harvest Radio International. Below, Lester Sumrall teaching in television studio.





For the past two decades Lester Sumrall has shared a prophetic view of the year to come.

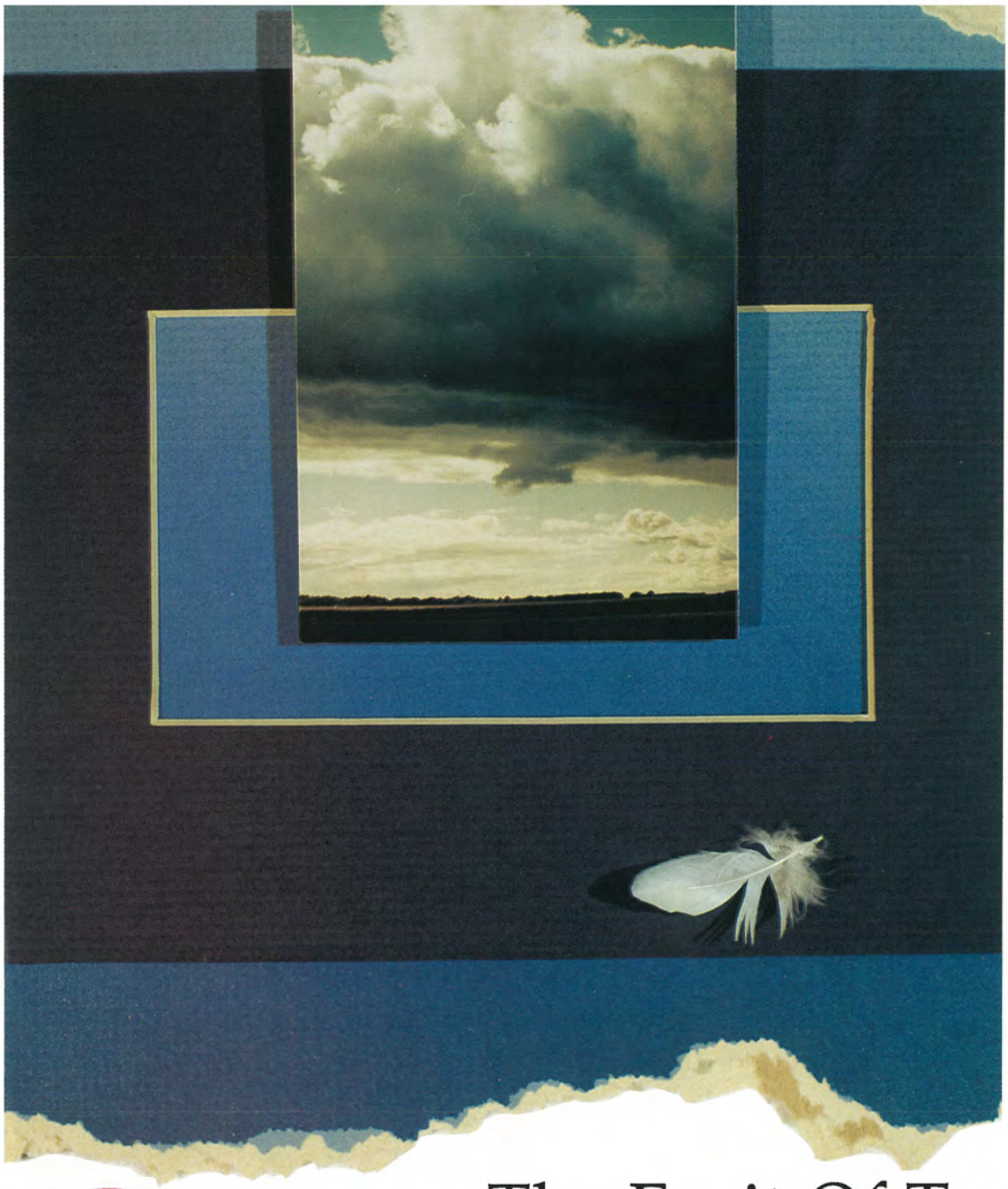
"Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."
Amos 3:7



Top, Lester Sumrall teaches from the studios of WHME-TV.

Below, Lester Sumrall teaching on location in Israel.





The Fruit Of Tragedy

God could not save the world until He gave His Son. Jesus could not save the world until He gave His life. God knew that tragedy would be the price of our salvation.

On September 28, 1979, five men died in an airplane crash while returning home. They had been actively involved in a LESEA Broadcasting telethon just prior to their flight. Few have lost so much in one hour. Ron was Lester's closest counsellor, Dick was his closest advisor and John was his most devoted benefactor.

A memorial chapel was built at WHMB-TV in Indianapolis in memory of Dick Crittenden, John Harris, Ron Bayer, Don Jones and David Harris.

Christian Center School dates back to 1981-82 at which time the school's name was Little People's Day School. During 1982-83, the School's name became Christian Center School.





"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations:..."
Isaiah 54:2

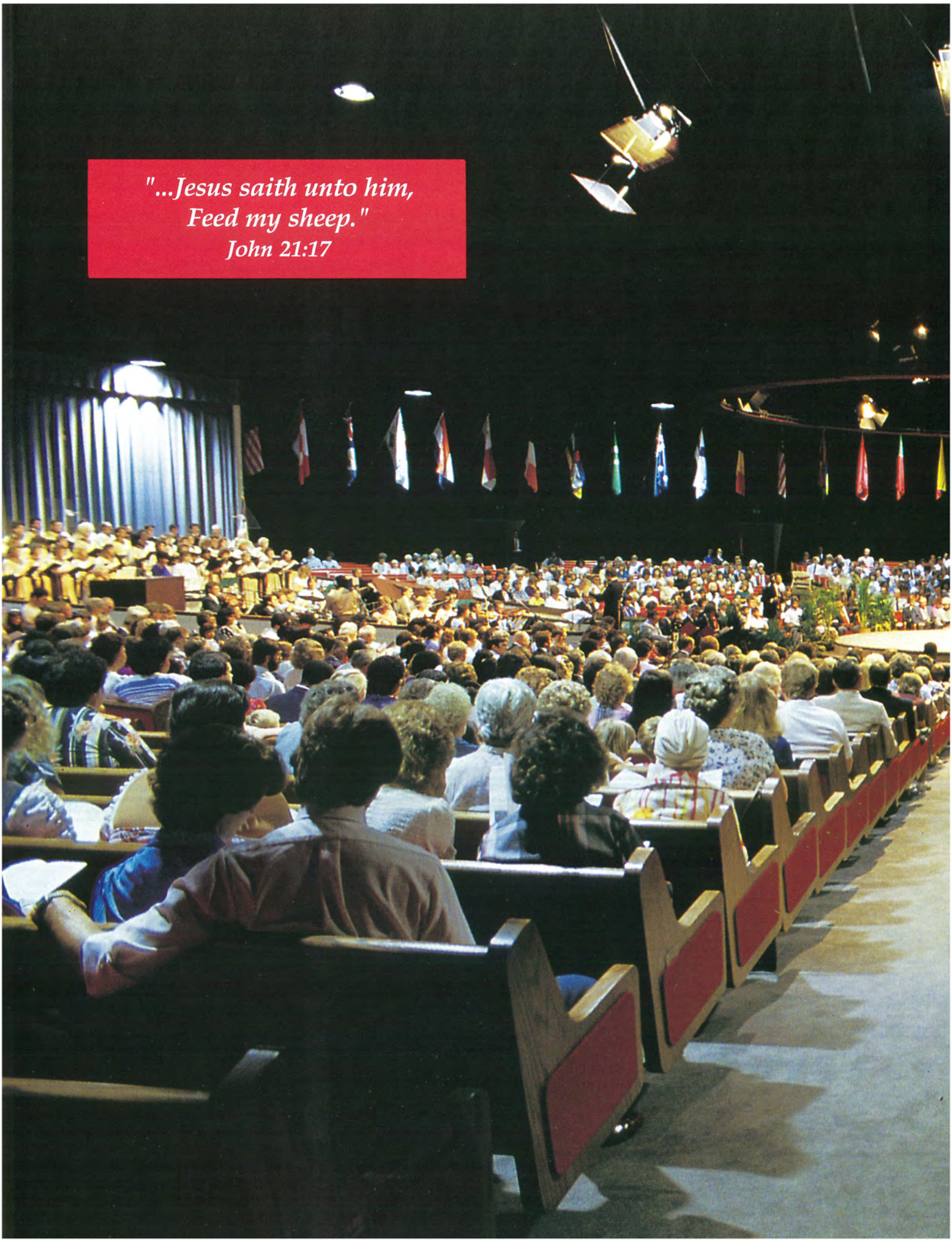


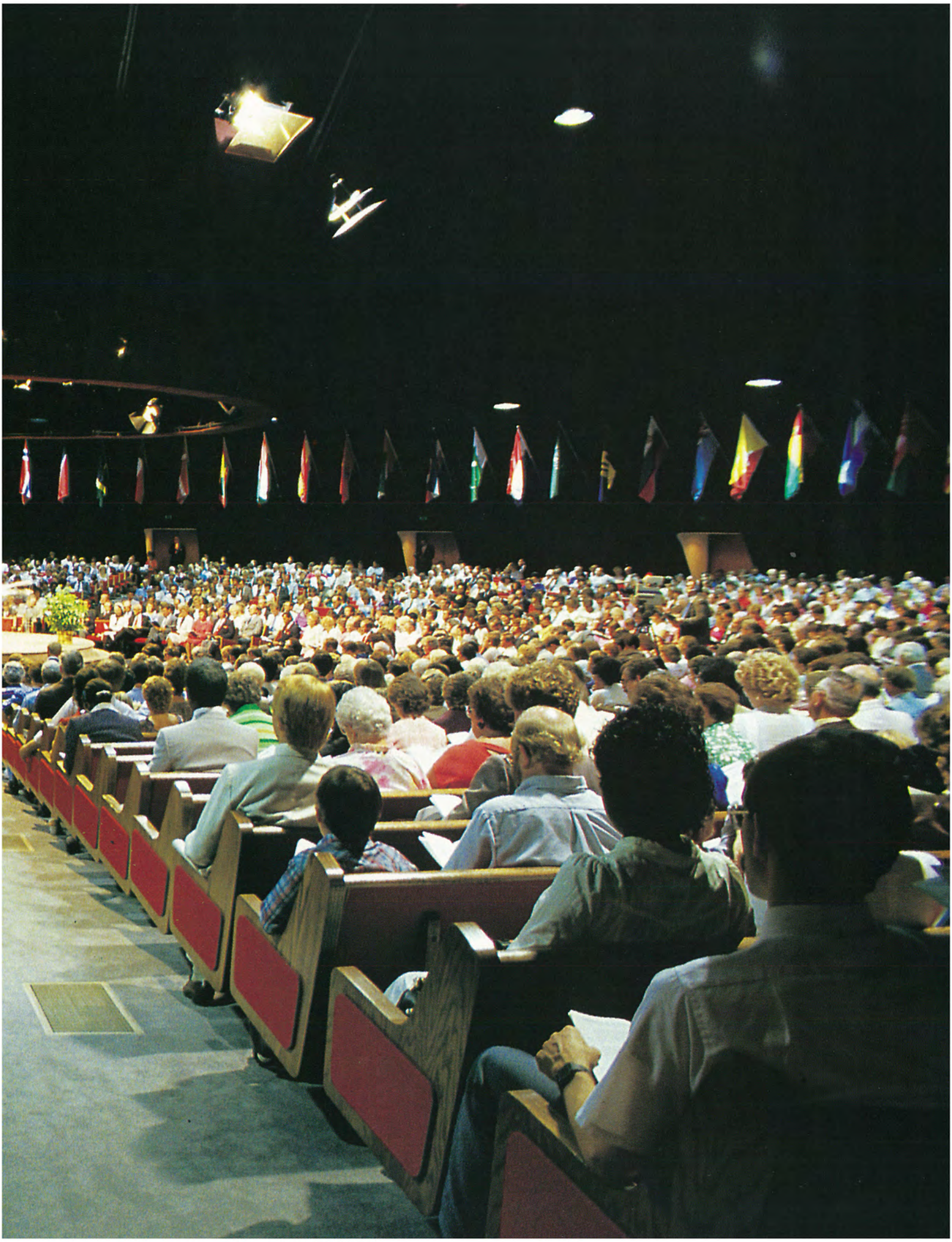


In the early 80s it became evident to Lester Sumrall that his congregation and ministry were outgrowing their current building. It was decided to construct a new facility that would provide necessary room for growth.

Lester decided that the building would be paid for as it was being built. Construction on the monolithic dome structure began in August 1983 and was ready for use in June 1985.

Even with a sanctuary that seats 3,500, the round design of the building provides a good view of the platform from any seat.


"...Jesus saith unto him,
Feed my sheep."
John 21:17





WHRI Shortwave Radio

Christmas Day, 1985 marked the beginning of World Harvest Radio International (WHRI). This shortwave outreach, with its studio located in South Bend, and its twin transmitters in Noblesville, Indiana, has been heard in over 130 different countries.

WHRI's broadcast is heard throughout Central and South America, eastern Canada, Europe, and northern Africa. Letters have been received from listeners as far away as New Zealand, eastern Russia, and Israel. WHRI is truly a vehicle to reach the world.



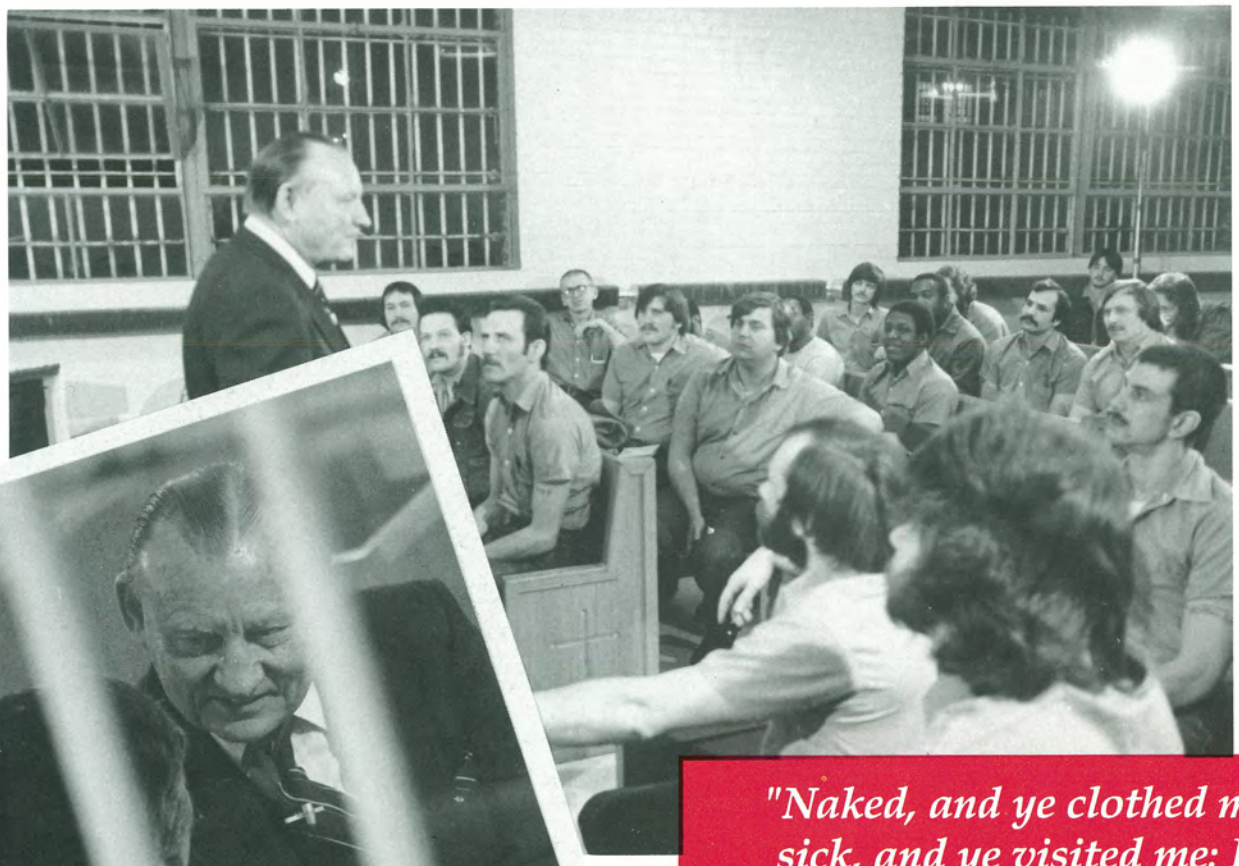
"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

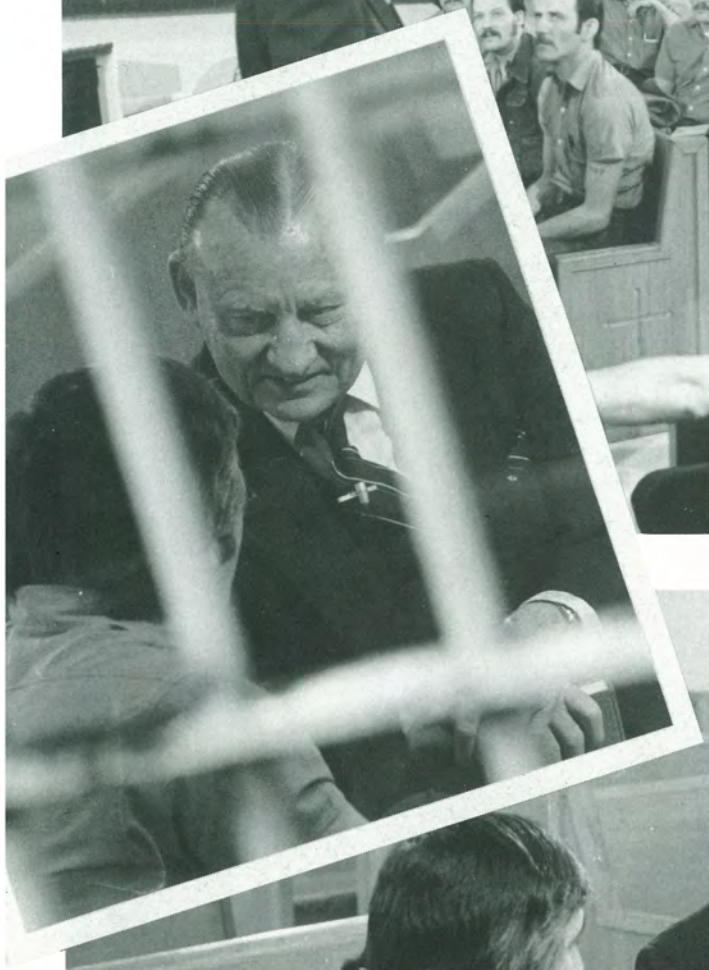
Romans 10:14



"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14





"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."
Matthew 25:36




WE'RE REACHING OUT
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WIN A MILLION

God first spoke to Lester's heart concerning television while he was still in the Philippines. The inaudible voice of the Lord directed him to become not only a station owner, but to build a network of TV stations as a channel for truth to America.

Lester began with an FM-radio station in South Bend, Indiana. After five years of complications and red tape, WHME-FM began broadcasting in 1968. Since its inception, WHME-FM has continuously blessed the Michiana region in word and song.

WHMB-TV, Channel 40 in Indianapolis, aired its first broadcast in November, 1972. It is the oldest, consecutively run, Christian television station in the United States. In 1976, WHFT-TV, Channel 45 brought Christian programming to the Miami, Florida area.

On September 10, 1977, WHME-TV began airing inspirational television to the Michiana area. The headquarters for LESEA Broadcasting were moved from Indianapolis to South Bend. With the purchase of WHME-TV, studio facilities became available within a few minutes drive of Christian Center Church. In 1983, the studio and transmitter for WHME-FM moved into the WHME-TV building.

During the summer of 1983, an earth station was constructed on the grounds of WHME-TV. This huge, satellite dish has enabled LESEA to bring its network into a cohesive whole. With this technology, LESEA broadcasts via satellite 24-hours a day.



Today, LESEA owns and operates ten television stations: WHMB-TV in Indianapolis; WHME-TV in South Bend; KWMB-TV in Tulsa, OK; KWHD-TV in Denver, CO; KWHE-TV in Honolulu, HI; KWHH-TV in Hilo, HI; WHKE-TV in Kenosha, WI; W15AM-TV in Grand Rapids, MI; K69EK in Oklahoma City, OK; and K21AG-TV in Wailuku on the island of Maui, HI. As well as, WHRI, a shortwave radio station ministering the Gospel to Europe and South America.

LESEA Broadcasting has become a center to reach the world through the video and audio media. It has continued to be a light in the darkness of secular broadcasting, proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:..."
John 10:10





FIRE TRAGEDY
Does Not Stop LESEA Broadcasting Vision

On Sunday, June 12, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., a fire began in the phone banks at WHME-TV's studio. Before the day ended, the station and its equipment were destroyed by the flames and smoke.

As the fire raged, Lester was ministering in Stockholm, Sweden. He had been working with Feed The Hungry® in Eastern Europe for a week. When his plane landed at O'Hare International Airport on June 13, he was greeted by his son, Stephen. Stephen took Lester aside and said the unexpected, "Dad, Channel 46 has gone up in flames!"

Lester had a decision to make at the airport. Should he continue to Jacksonville, Florida for three days of scheduled meetings, or return to South Bend? Lester decided to keep his commitment, and proclaim the Word of God in Florida.

When Lester returned to South Bend, the full impact of the fire caught up with him. He realized that the stations: television, radio and shortwave had been destroyed. But he also found mailgrams, letters and telephone messages from friends all over the world who had responded to the tragedy.

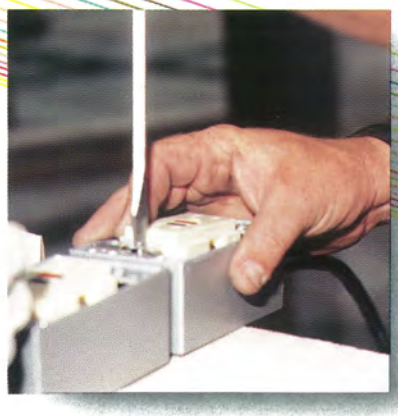
Something rose up inside Lester, he wrote: "We are not quitters. Our God is a good God. Our people are winners. When tragedy strikes, we know who our enemy is. We also know who is for us. If God is for us, who can be against us? We are more than conquerors through Christ!"

None of the Sumrall family or LeSEA staff had been burned or injured in the fire. The television station was back on the air within seven hours. The shortwave broadcast was handled through the television station in Indianapolis. The FM-radio station began transmitting four days later. The Lord had provided for His children.

When tragedy struck, Lester discovered he, his family and the LeSEA staff had the strength needed to overcome adversity. Lester's ministry would not perish in the ashes of defeat; but would rise again to be a witness to the faithfulness of the Lord.



Below, within hours following the fire, WHME-TV began rebroadcasting using temporary facilities at Christian Center Cathedral of Praise.







"...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."
Psalm 30:5

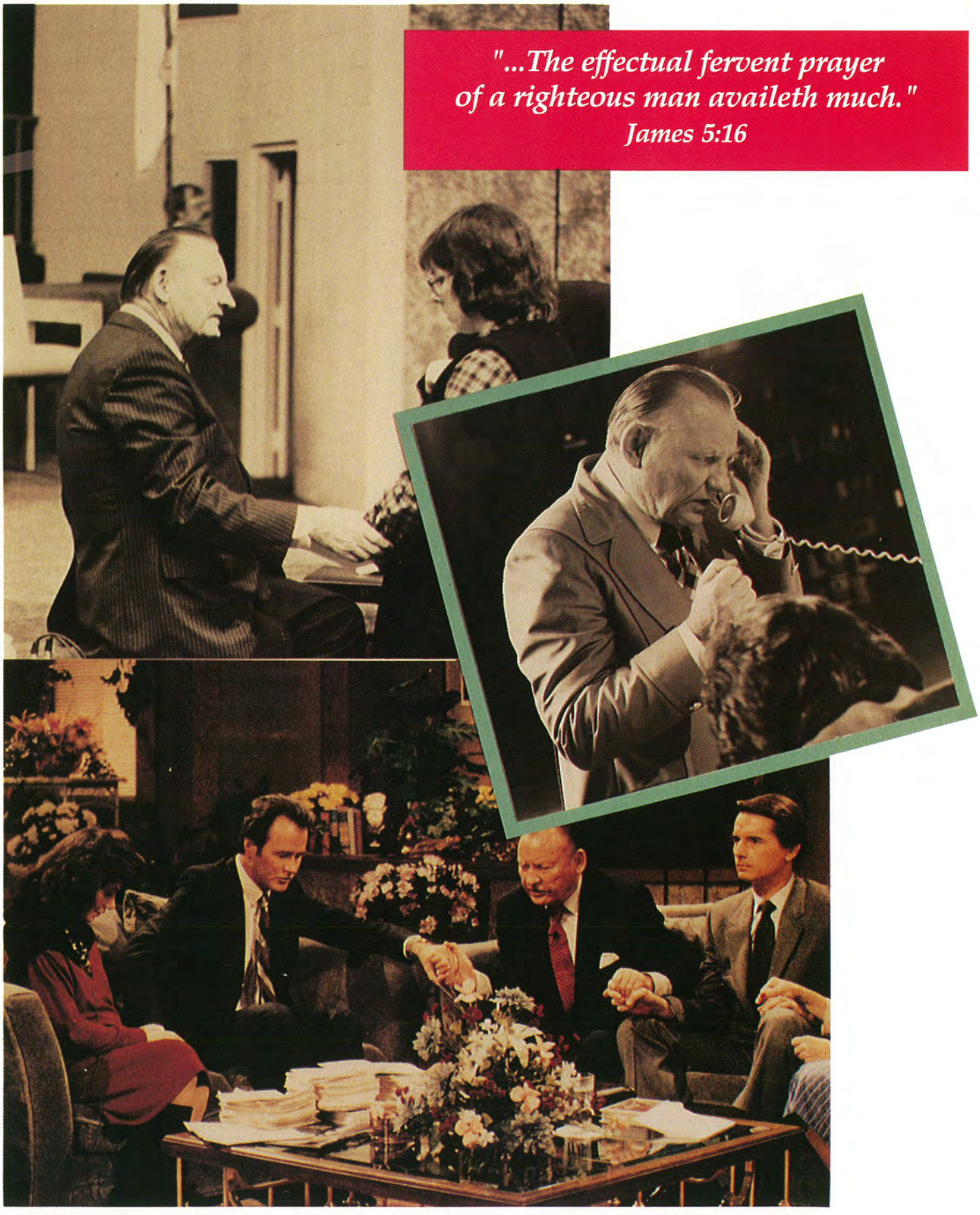




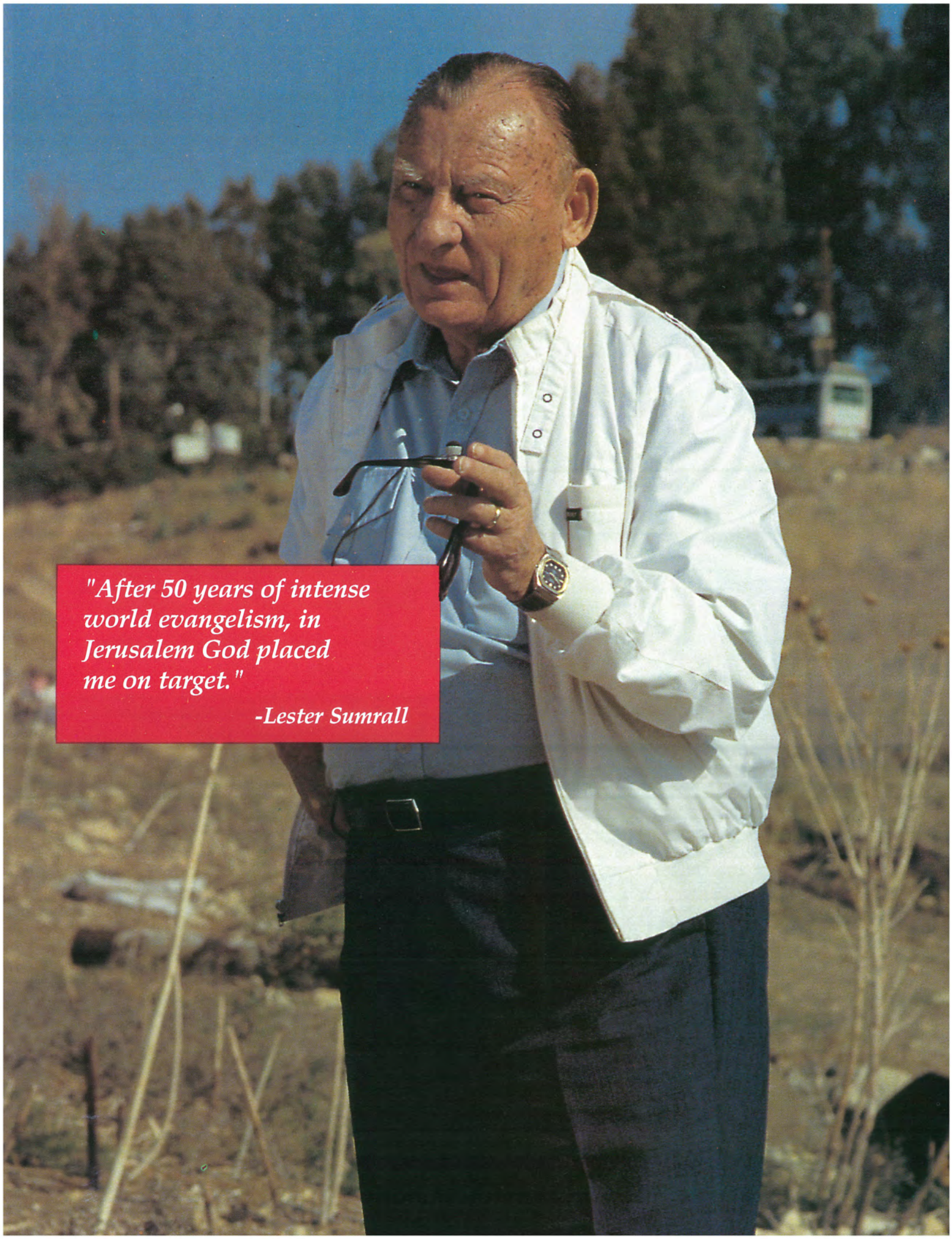








"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5:16


"After 50 years of intense world evangelism, in Jerusalem God placed me on target."
-Lester Sumrall

I suddenly woke up at ten minutes to midnight, after going to bed a 11:00 p.m.

God said, "It is almost midnight in prophetic time. Listen to Me.

"One of My greatest concerns is that My own people, part of My church, do not suffer death by starvation before I return. Will you help feed them? Only My people!

"To them it will be an angelic food supply! It will be a miracle!

"I say to you, hunger is an agonizing death. Give to those who are dying and you shall live happily and victoriously. You shall prosper, saith the Lord.

Don't let My people die of starvation!

"I speak to you in Jerusalem. It is the city where I took the bread and blessed it and said, 'Take eat, this is My body broken for you.' So take bread for the spirit, soul and body to the multitudes of the earth.

"Go especially to war areas where there is devastation and hunger and feed them.

"Many are suffering. You will bring the food in fast by plane. You ride on the plane with the food, watch it given out and rejoice to see the children fed.

"Give food to the refugees who will be coming to Israel and who require help. It is My pity upon them.

"America has the food. Buy it and take it to the hungry.

"Use storage houses to hold the food until you are ready to distribute it to the hungry."

The Lord said, "If I bless you financially for your needs, will you operate a global feeding program—only for My people?

"You will distribute the food through My churches only. Around the world I want you to feed My people who are hungry.

"Do not let My people die of starvation!"

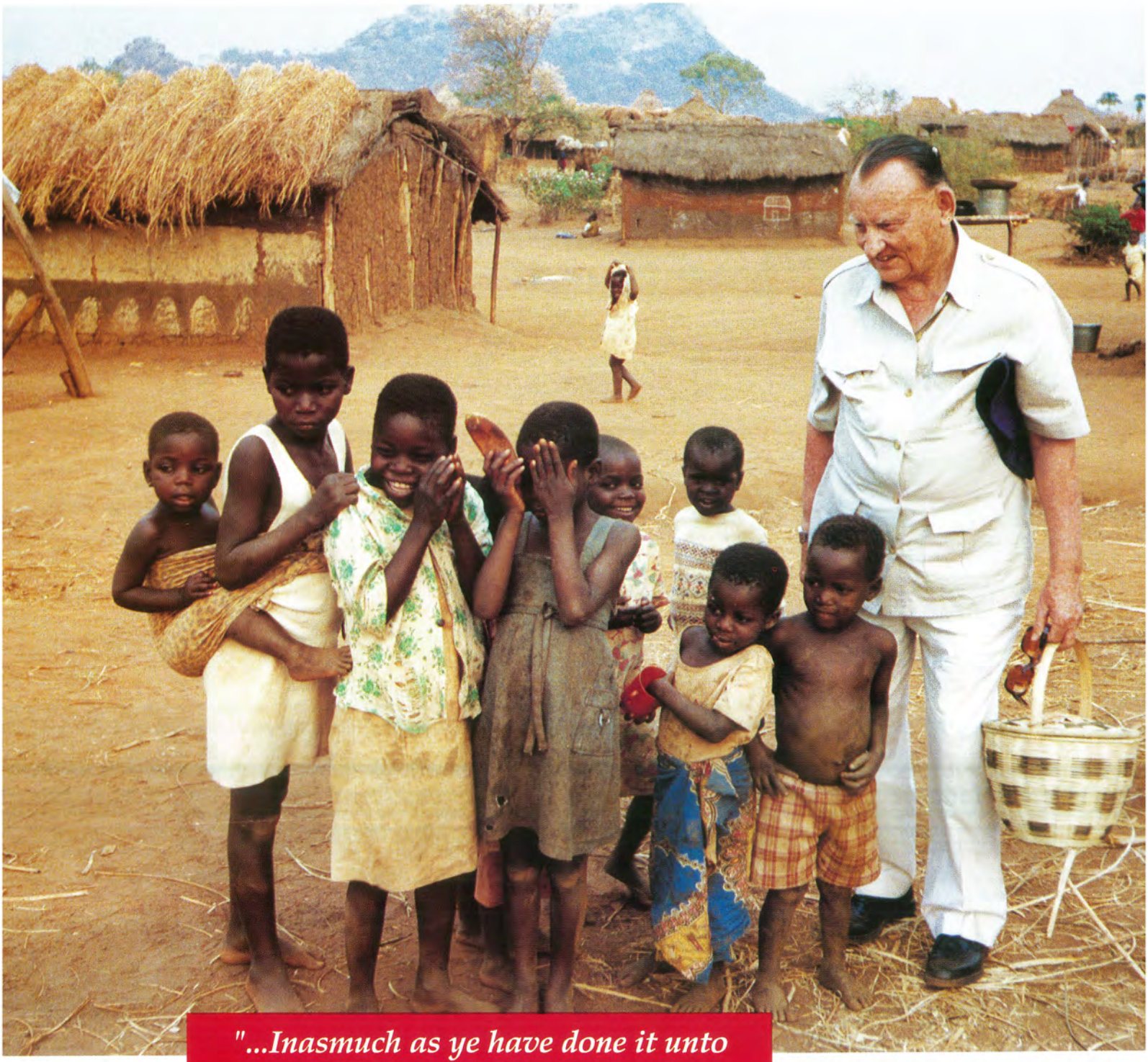
I am willing Lord.

My response at nearly 5:00 a.m., after listening to God for five hours was: "I am willing Lord."

Then the Lord said, "Then you will understand, the River of Blood flowing toward you is life flowing deep and wide. At times the blessing will be almost uncontrollable. Get ready for it!"

God declared to me that the aggressive attacks against the forces of evil are to be three-pronged! The three prongs are: food distribution, the local churches and evangelism. The Lord said the three must always be together for vital strength and total victory.

Lester Sumrall



"...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
Matthew 25:40

Since its inception in 1987, Feed The Hungry® has become the fastest growing arm of LESEA Ministries. It has expanded to included churches in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America. Tens of thousand of people have been fed through the activities of Feed The Hungry®. Thousands have received Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Under hard-line Communist rule for 40 years, Albania was the only county to outlaw all religious faiths and declare itself atheistic. In 1990, the Albanian parliament enacted laws granting religious freedom.

Now that the door has opened to the Gospel, both Mercy Plane Zoe and the ship, Spirit have delivered over 5,000 tons of food and supplies to this poverty-stricken land. Feed the Hungry® also agreed to care for Albania's orphans for a year.

The ship, Spirit, has traveled to Angola with over 10 million pounds of food, clothing and medicine. War-torn Angola also received a 16-bed hospital complete with a surgical theater. Called the Jesus Hospital, it is the most modern medical facility in the nation.

For the past couple of Christmases, Magda Bianchi de Serrano, the First Lady of Guatemala, has asked Feed The Hungry® to help supply toys for children in the orphanages.

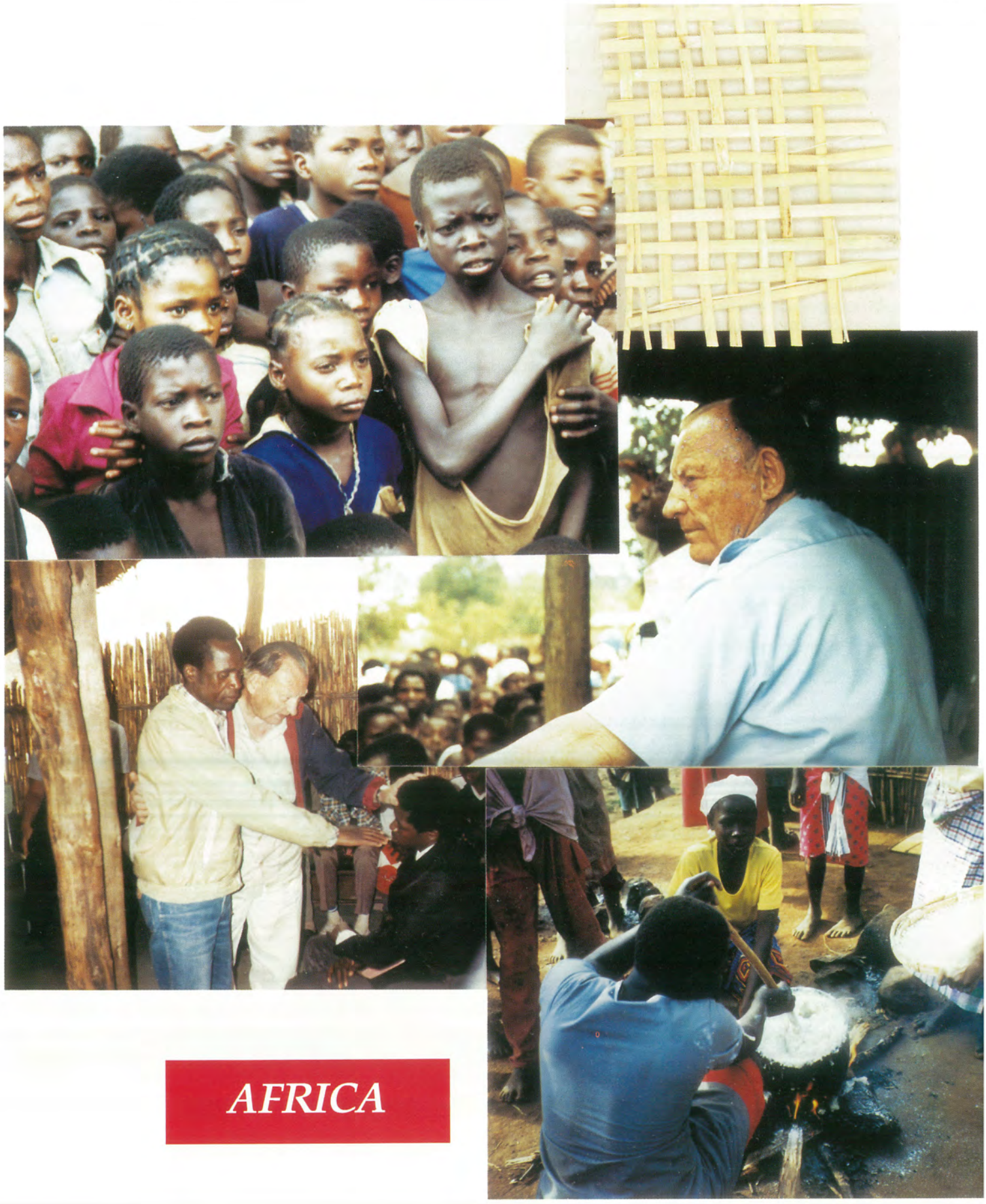
The response to this request has been overwhelming. Children in the country's orphanages and hospitals have received the toys with great joy. Some of these children have only known lack and despair. For many children, it is the first time they have seen Christian love in action.

Mercy Plane Zoe has flown numerous missions into the various areas of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic nations. The ship, Spirit, has docked at Riga, Latvia and unloaded millions of pounds of food and supplies. Feed The Hungry® has even delivered food and supplies into Siberia.

The local churches use the food to help their members survive the harsh winter. Since the churches were able the help with their physical needs, Many people have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

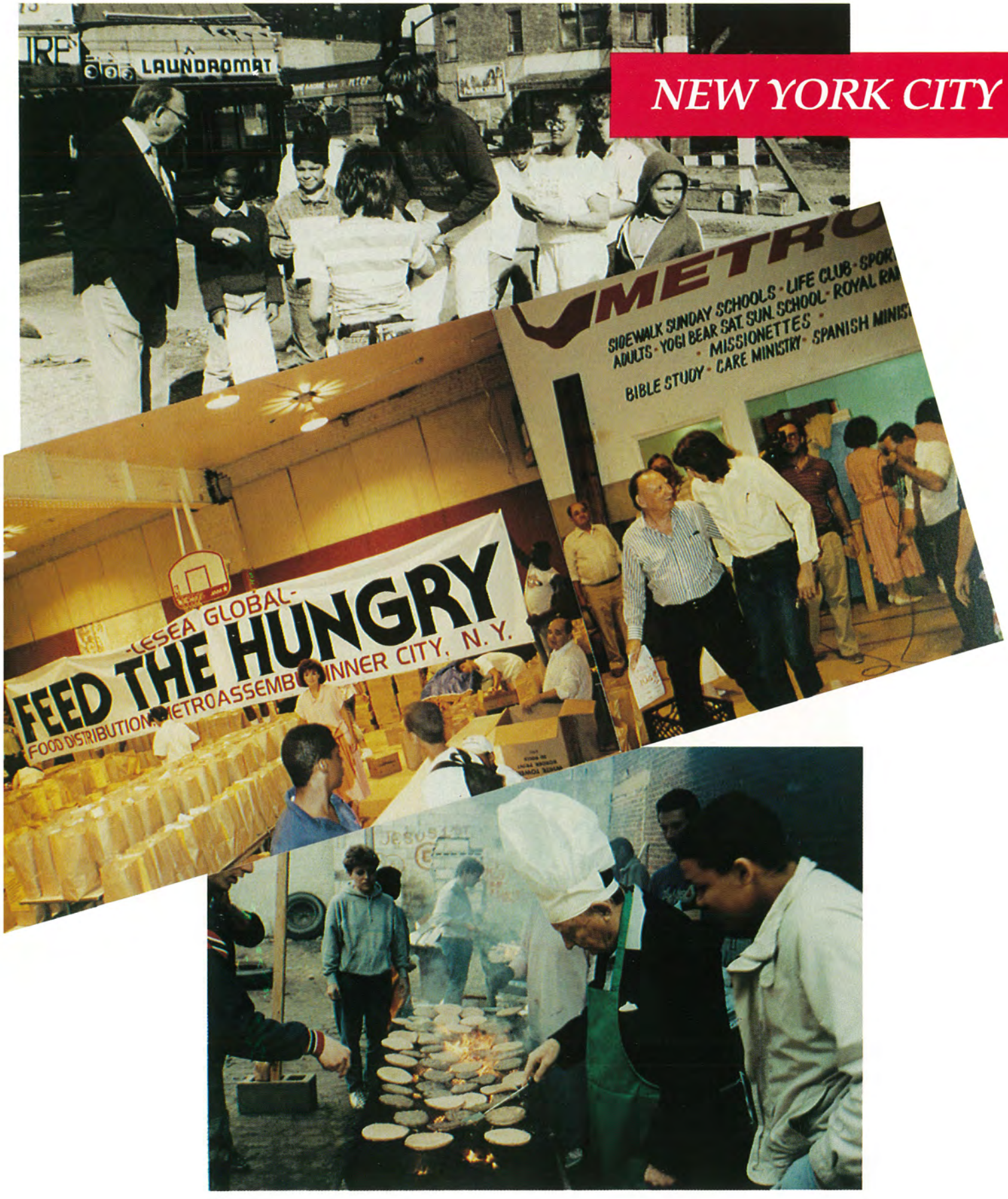
These are just a few examples of the impact Feed The Hungry is having worldwide. Lester Sumrall's vision for Feed The Hungry® is to involved the efforts of 10,000 pastors and their churches. The work of Feed The Hungry® will continue to cross national and denominational barriers until the Lord Jesus returns for His church.

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."
Habakkuk 2:2



AFRICA

NEW YORK CITY



Lester Sumrall wept openly when the great C-130 Hercules circled over the Michiana Regional Airport and landed. Less than three hours earlier, the airplane had left Florida. Now it was home in South Bend, Indiana. Lester cried because he realized the thousands of people Mercy Plane Zoe could help.

The C-130 aircraft has been used by over 50 nations as a military transport. It has landed everywhere, from Antarctica on skis, to the deck of an aircraft carrier. No other airplane has been as versatile.

Mercy Plane Zoe can carry up to 30,000 pounds of food and supplies. LESEA is the first nonprofit organization to own and operate such an aircraft.







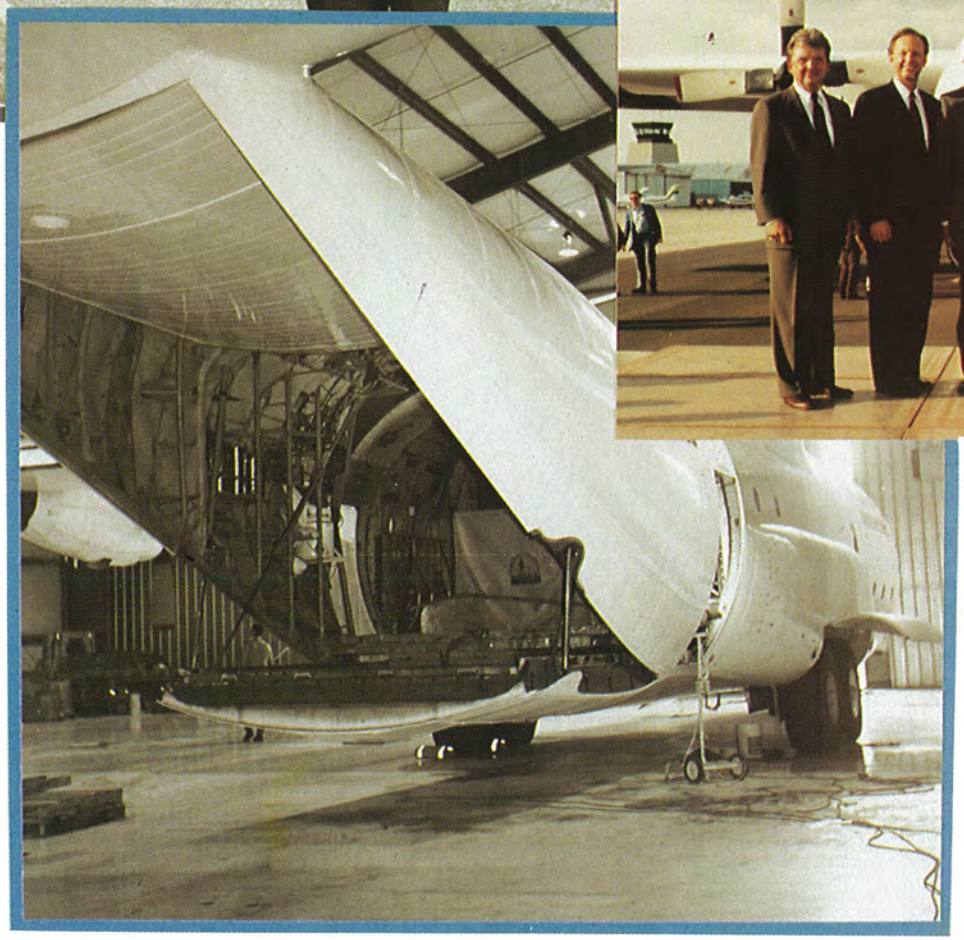
Above, Lester Sumrall with Thorpe Mitchell, Chief Pilot.

Above right, Lester and Louise with Rod, Joni and Ellen Parsley.

Right, Lester Sumrall with an Admiral Tirado of the Peruvian Navy.







MERCY PLANE ZOE

FIRST MAIDEN FLIGHT



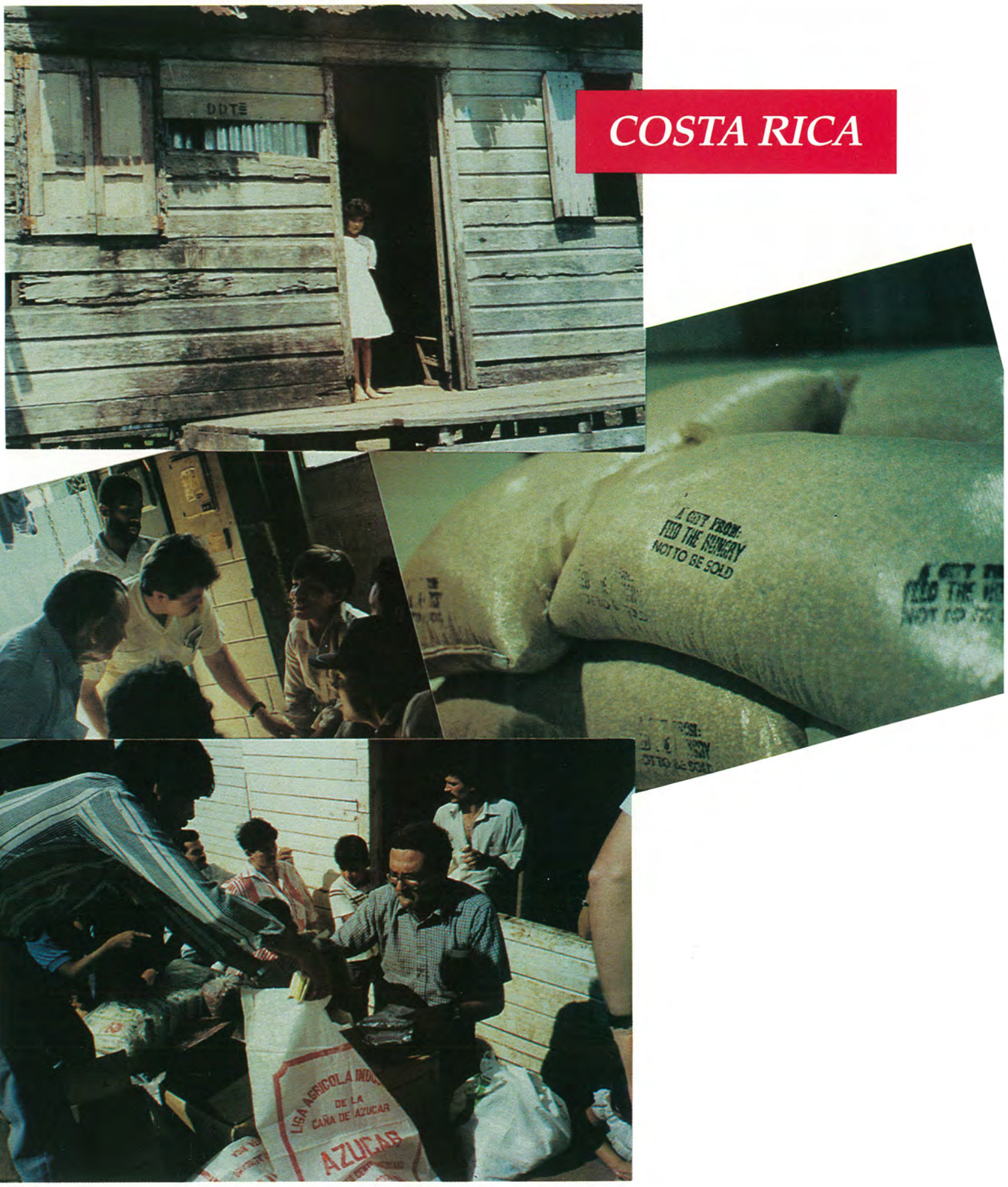




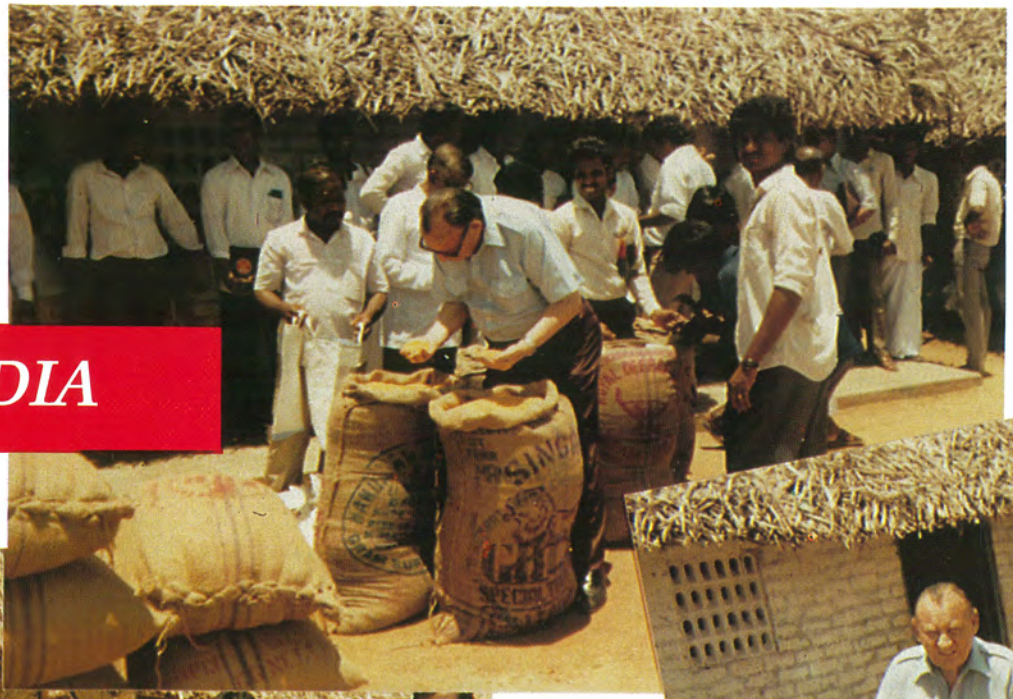


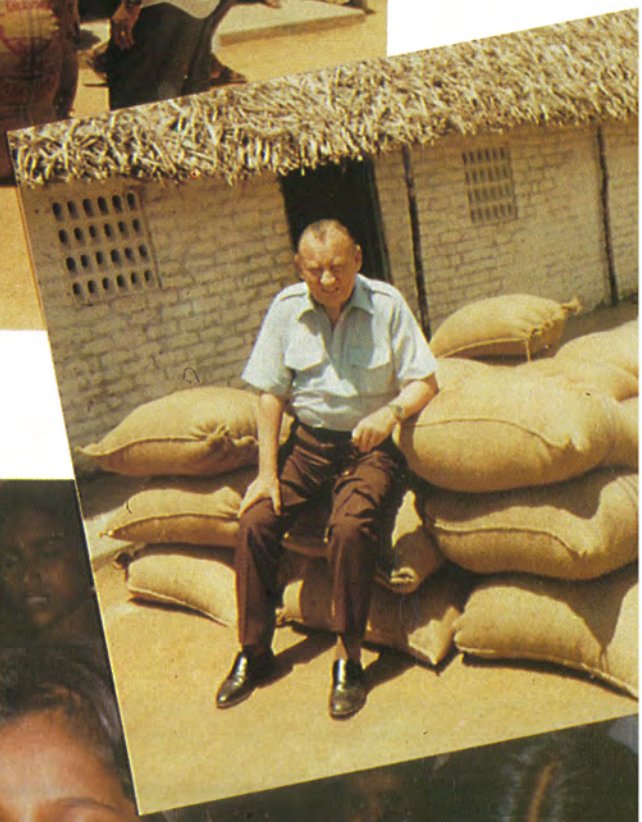


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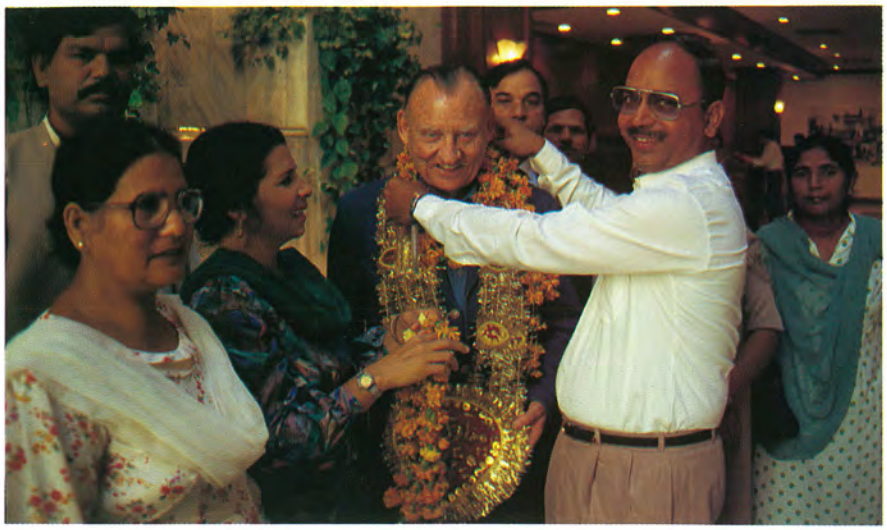




"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:"
Matthew 25:35









PHILIPPINES









ISRAEL



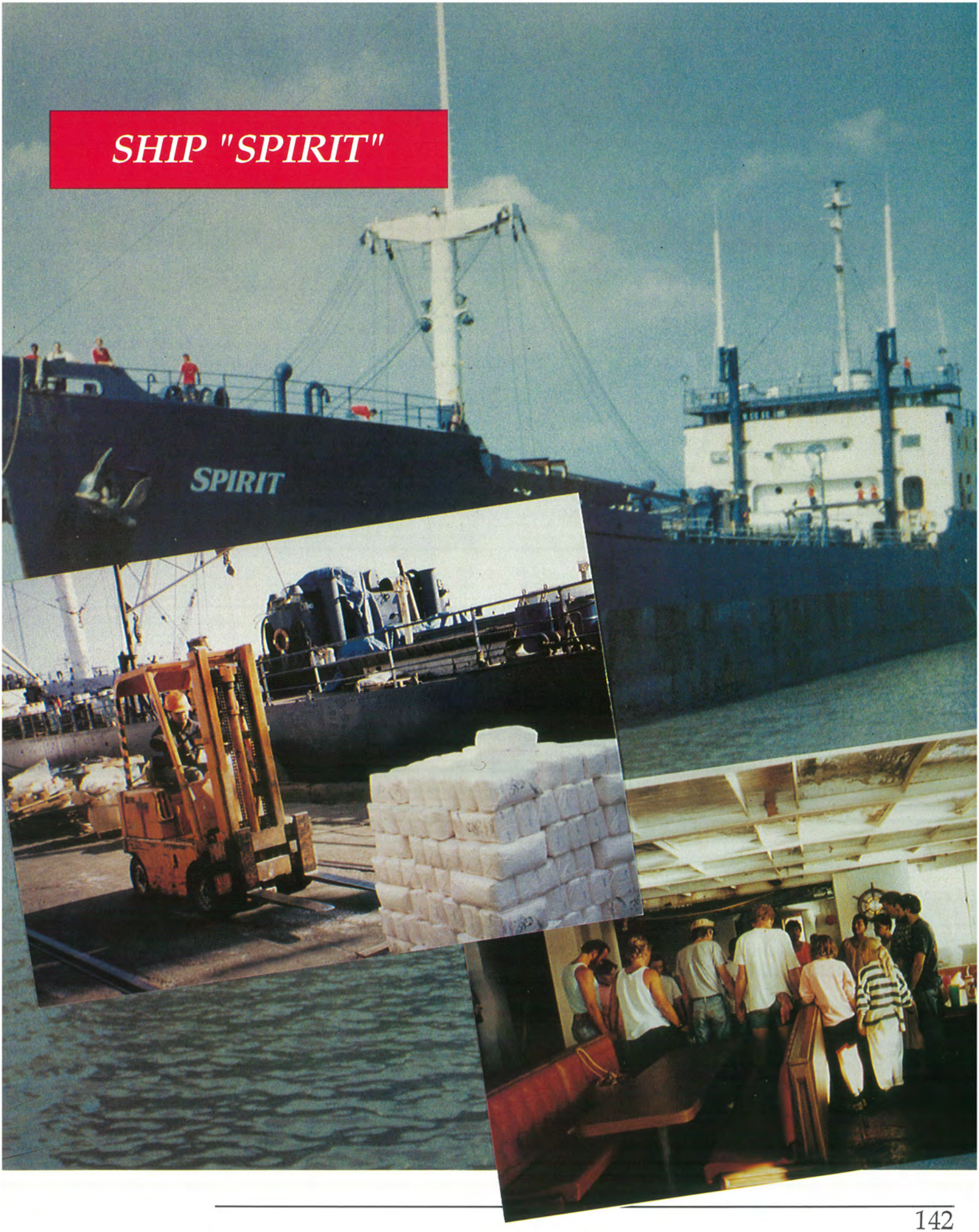




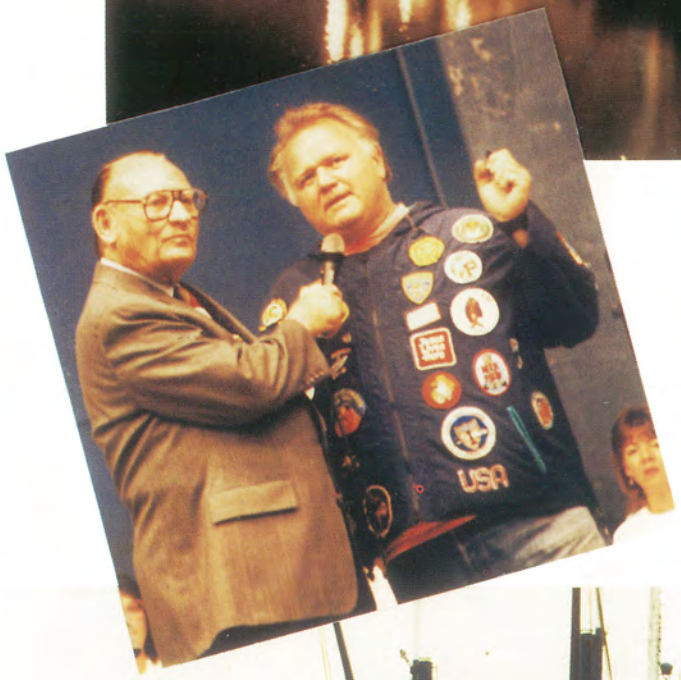


"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth ever for ever."
Psalm 125:2

SHIP "SPIRIT"











Middle left, Lester Sumrall with Don Tipton, owner of the ship Spirit.

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Touching Lives With The Love Of Jesus Christ!









CHILDREN
Our Greatest Treasure





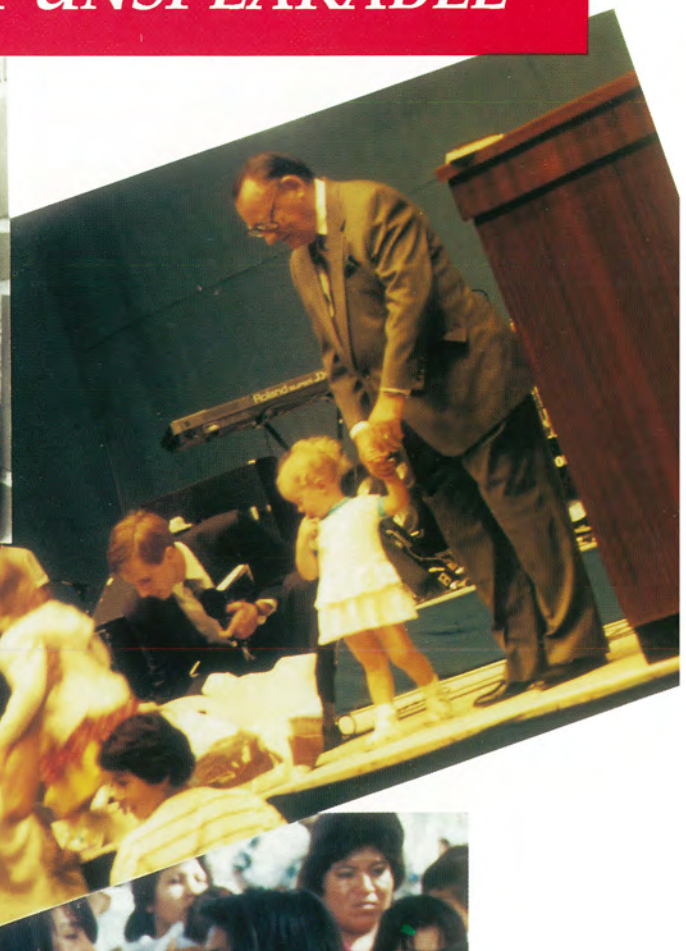






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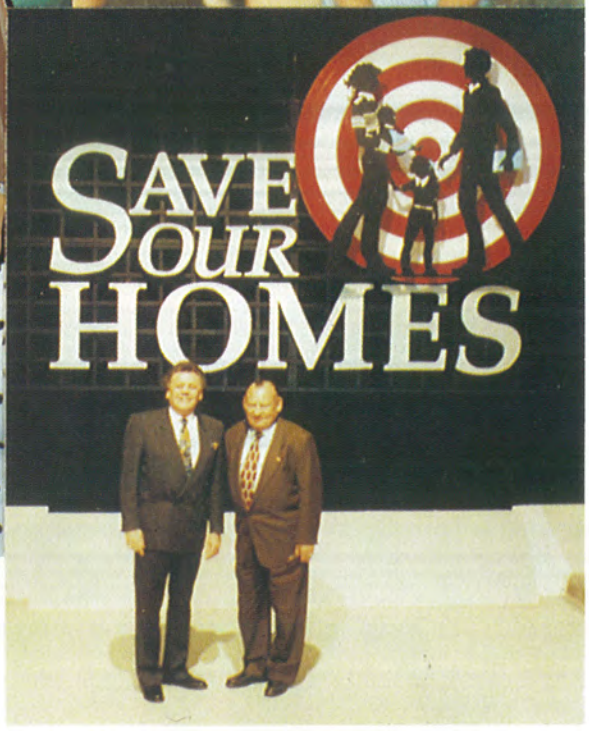












During his 60 years of ministry, Lester Sumrall has made numerous friends. It would be impossible to show everyone in this limited space. The following pages are just a very small representation.


ASHTON HALL












TAKE AWA
OR
SIT IN
SOUP
ROLLS
TOASTIES
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Feed the
ETIOPIA
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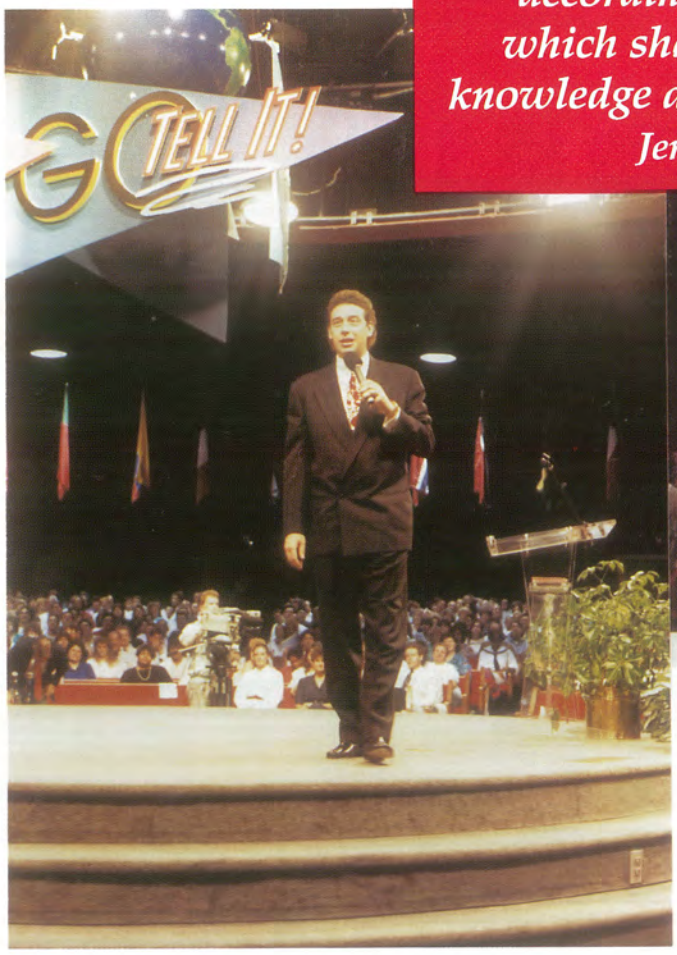


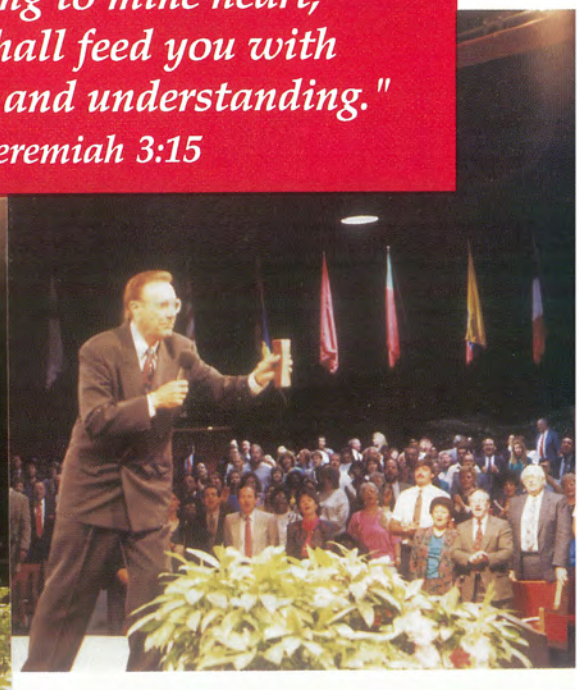

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"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15






TELL IT!




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TELL IT!



新生命

I Hear The Cry Of One Billion Souls

China is the only nation in history to have a population over one billion. At the present time only about five percent of these people know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Marxism was brought to China by Mao Tse-tung in 1949. In order to create his Communist state, he had possibly 30 million people slaughtered.

Not long ago while in prayer, the Lord spoke to Lester Sumrall. He said, "The last great bastion of Satanic Communism is in China. It's going to fall of its own weight, just like Russia. It will topple. It will fall down!"

When Lester asked what God would have him do, He answered: "The first thing for you to do is to reach China with a shortwave radio station. Millions of Chinese throughout the country own a shortwave radio. Most of the people do not trust what their government tells them and they listen to the radio the hear the truth.

"Build the radio station on a Pacific island and beam the signal toward China. Tell them I love them. Tell them Christians are praying for them. Tell them the yoke of Communism can be broken. Tell them they can be set free.

The Lord continued, "Tell them they will not die of starvation. Have boats filled with rice in ten different ports. When the government falls, give the rice to the pastors and you will see the most powerful revival the world has ever known."

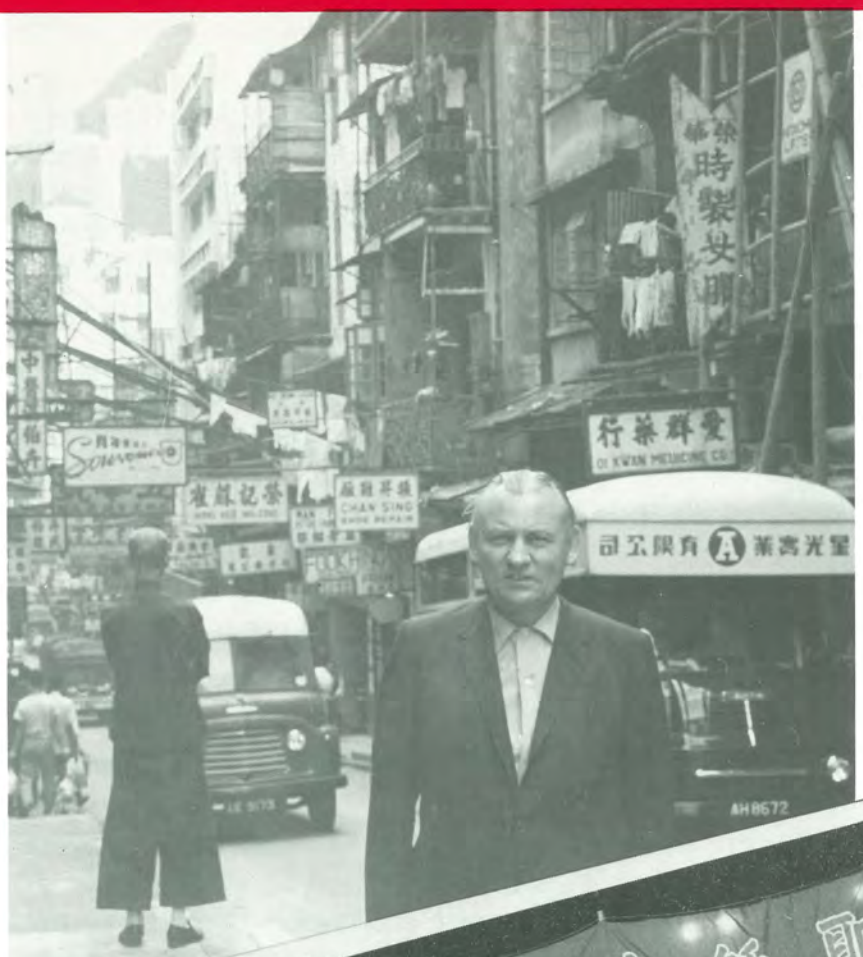
LESEA has received permission from the United States Government to build a shortwave station in Hawaii. It has 12 million watts of power and operates 24-hours a day. The call letters of the station are KWHR (World Harvest Radio).

This shortwave station does not just broadcast into China, but it covers Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and all the islands of the western Pacific Ocean and South China Sea.

It will also penetrate India and hidden countries such as Nepal and Tibet.

The potential of this station in reaching lost souls for Christ is dramatic. Years ago, Lester heard the cry of a billion souls. The time has come to reach those souls.

短波廣播電台





Lester Sumrall visited China for the first time in 1935. KWHR shortwave radio will bring Lester's ministry full circle. He will be returning to where he first began.



Passing The SWORD

The tradition of passing the sword to younger officers has existed among the world's military for centuries. Some of the most exciting moments in history have occurred when a retiring senior officer has passed the sword of authority to the junior officer trained to succeed him.

Throughout the Old Testament, numerous examples are set of the older person giving a blessing to a younger person. Many times, these acts of blessing also included prophecies. Two examples are: Isaac's blessing of Jacob (Genesis 27:27-29), and Jacob blessing his sons (Genesis 49:1-27). Moses publicly passed his authority to Joshua before the congregation of Israel.

II Kings, chapter 2, is a dramatic example of the older generation passing God's anointing to the younger generation. This event occurred on the day Elijah was taken in a whirlwind to be with the Lord. Elisha, who had ministered with Elijah for ten or more years, received the mantle of the older prophet. Elisha also received a double portion of Elijah's anointing.

When Lester Sumrall was a young man in his early twenties, he visited Smith Wigglesworth frequently. Brother Wigglesworth was in his eighties at that time. On Lester's final visit in 1939, Smith Wigglesworth laid his hands on the young man and began to pray: "God, let the faith that is in my heart be poured into the heart of this young man. And Lord, let the works that I have seen You do be done in his life; let the blessing that You have given to me be his. Let the holy anointing that has rested upon my life now rest upon his life."

On Sunday, November 22, 1992, during the morning worship service, Dr. Lester Sumrall ceremonially passed the sword of anointing to his three sons. Peter Sumrall was blessed with the anointing to oversee the work Lester began in broadcasting. Stephen Sumrall received the anointing to administrate. Lastly, Frank Sumrall was granted the anointing to pray for the sick, lead praise and worship, and counsel.

Though the sword has been passed to others, Lester Sumrall's ministry has not diminished nor ended. It has only expanded into a new generation.













WIN A MILLION

song by Jeanna Tomlinson

Lying on my death bed, as a young and angry lad,
And there seemed no hope for me, from the sickness that I had.
All at once before my eyes, a decision to be made,
On my one side was your Holy Word, on the other was my grave.

Chorus
Win a million, that's my vision from the Lord,
And my heart is filled with purpose, I have found what I was born for.
There's a world outside that's dying, as I come to you and pray,
I won't be satisfied Lord Jesus, till I win a million everyday.

One night while I was praying, a picture came to me,
There were people every where, as far as the eye could see.
They were falling off the edge of life into eternal flame,
And as they approached their destiny, they were calling out my name.

If I could live my life again, I would live it just the same,
I have run the race I have kept the faith, through the power in your Name.
Through every trial I've overcome, every battle I have won,
Just to see the smile on your lovely face, and to hear you say well done.

*This is **not** the last page of my life...*



On this last page of this pictorial, I want to thank you for very carefully looking at the pictures of my life story and reading of the happenings in my ministry. Life to me has been very exciting and very fulfilling. I can only witness that God is certainly good and merciful. I am so glad to be a servant of the Most High God.

As you finish this book, I want you to know that this is not the last page of my life's story. As Moses was 80 years old when he began his mighty crusade to set the nation of Israel free from Egyptian bondage, as an octogenarian I will reach out with total strength and compassion to this generation and especially the youth who are preparing themselves to challenge the last decade of this century.

Be assured of my prayers and of my love!

Yours for the untold billions yet untold,

Lester Sumrall

South Bend, Indiana