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Damascus Gate

## THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

The present impressive walls of Jerusalem are additions from different periods of construction. They were rebuilt in their final form as they appear today by the Turks, under their great ruler Suleiman the Magnificent in 1542 A.D. In these walls, which are 2½ miles in circumference and average 40 feet in height, there are 34 towers and 8 gates — the New Gate, Damascus Gate and Herod's Gate in the northern wall; St. Stephen's Gate and the Golden Gate (closed by the Turks in 1530) in the eastern wall; the Dung Gate and the Zion Gate in the southern wall and the Jaffa Gate in the western wall.

## Bible Lands Tour

By Calvin Perrigo

(This is the final report on our Bible Lands Tour Oct. 31 - Nov. 9, 1977. Miss Rebecca McDonald and Elder Calvin Perrigo have alternated on reports of the tour. I appreciate their reporting, and was happy to share the tour with them and our groups. --- Editor)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1977

The final day in Israel began early with the last minute details crowding our mind. The luggage that was placed in the hall before retiring last night had been taken to the lobby by the time I started my rounds. There was quite a bit of activity as people were preparing to leave their rooms. A certain feeling came over me as I thought about the stay in Israel and it coming to an end so soon.

The breakfast in the Capitol hotel dining room was juice and toast. Most of our group are ready to leave as we finish breakfast.

The lobby is almost filled with luggage.

only a path by the desk and to the stairs and elevator provide passage through the lobby. It is amusing to observe the people as they look for their luggage. Just to make sure the bell boys got their's from the halls. The large labels the tour company supplied are a big help in spotting your bags.

The tour hosts began to check with their groups about passports, etc. to eliminate delays or problems with customs. One of the Tennessee group could not find a necessary paper. A search through her purse failed to deliver the paper, the luggage was taken back to the room and opened and still no paper. Finally, another look through the purse produced the paper. It is moments like this that make the tour more exciting, especially for the tour host.

We boarded the bus in front of the Capitol Hotel and after some last minute sales by two or three small children in the aisle of the bus we moved away and were on our way to the Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. The sun is in the eastern sky as we head west down the highway to ancient Joppa. People are feeling good and

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## Treasures of the snow

By F.L. Ray

We have just experienced another cold winter, with enormous amounts of snow. As we looked out and saw the expanse of gleaming whiteness and as we watched the news casts it seemed that most of the earth was clad in a beautiful white robe. While some said, "Isn't it beautiful?" others said, "What good is the snow; why can't we just have rain?" The hardships and the inconveniences caused by the snow caused many people to wonder if we really need the bitter cold, wind and snow. Such thoughts occurred to me too.



Then I was reminded of what Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3:1: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." The writer of Genesis 8:22 tells us, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

We should not question the work of God's mighty hand. He is our judge; we cannot instruct him nor judge his ways. Listen to what he tells us in Isaiah 40:21-23: "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he

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## TAKE TIME TO PRAY

### Singing For Carr Family

There is to be a benefit singing for the family of Elder J. Frank Carr on Saturday night, April 8, 1978. The singing is to be held at Baird's Chapel of Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tennessee. This singing is being sponsored by Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn.

Various services of this nature have been held for Bro. Carr and family who are former missionaries to Japan. A son, David, has been seriously ill for several months, and medical and hospital expenses have run into the thousands of dollars. Let everyone who can, help in this worthy cause.

Featured singers at the singing will be The Christianaires, The Beckwith Singers and the Cumberland Valley Singers. The public is invited to attend. Services begin at 7:00 P.M.

## Something To Live For In This World

BY J.H. SMITH

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

As we look at the ugly and ungodly happenings in this world, all the dirty sins, vice, crime and corruption; with all the hatred, bitterness; nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and even brother against brother; yes, to say nothing of all the sorrow and heartaches that these have brought about, it becomes easy for people to say, well, what is there left to live for in this sinful world? I might say that there is nothing that the devil would like better than to have us think that there is nothing to live for, he wants us to



Elder Henry Smith

throw up our hands and say what's the use?

Paul lived in troublesome times; though some of our troubles may not be of the same nature as his, because we are living nearer to the end than he was, but nevertheless he had it very hard living in the flesh. Certainly he had it even harder in some respects than we have ever had, for there were men who were constantly after him to destroy him, his life was always in jeopardy, even from the beginning of his ministry to the end. But he was living for something, and had something and somebody to live for. He tells that he is crucified with Christ, "nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me" And he goes on to say, "and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." A life lived in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, who gave Himself for us, is certainly worth living. In fact, it is a great joy to live such a life in the flesh, even in this world of

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### EDITORIAL

By H.C. Vanderpool

I trust you read the entire report in the BANNER last month on the new Sunday School literature and all the resumes on all the people involved in the planning, scheduling, writing, printing and mailing of the materials.

The Missionary Baptist Literature Committee appreciates the good reports that have been coming in from several parts of the country on the literature. Some of the churches have offered to pay for literature to be used in small churches or missions in addition to what they have ordered for themselves. Others have offered to make additional donations to the support of the work in addition to their own orders. All this is encouraging.

Literature has now been sent to over 60 churches in nine states. For more time for packaging and mailing, the churches are asked to send in their order for the Summer Quarter by April 15, and shipment would then be made the first week of May. For information write or call:

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## Life Is Eternal

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: "There! She's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There! She's gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!" —Author Unknown.

## PASTOR RESIGNS AT FAITH CHURCH

The BANNER has been informed of the resignation of Elder William Shoulders from his pastorate of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich.

Bro. Shoulders has been pastor at Faith for the past four years. His resignation is to be effective April 17, 1978. The church will be in need of a pastor after that date the source of information said.

## CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

## BOOKS

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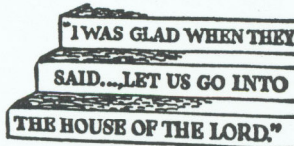


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Than When You Are On Your Knees to God

## PRAY

- For Yourself
- For a Friend
- For the Services
- For the Preacher



## Something To Live For

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trouble and sorrow.

### WE ARE SAVED TO LIVE AND SERVE

The Lord doesn't save us just to carry us away to heaven, even though He gives us that blessed hope, and we look forward to that day when we shall be with Him and praise Him forever. Paul himself thought of departing this life to be with Christ, when he said, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." Philippians 1:23. But still he wanted to serve out his time in the flesh, "Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Philippians 1:24. So we see that this man of God not only desired to live in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, but he wanted to help others by so living. "to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

It is to some extent understandable that unbelievers, unsaved people, would come to the conclusion that there is nothing to live for, if they persist in the course of sin. Really, what is there to give any joy of living in the way of the ungodly? If the sinner can't be convinced that the way he is persuing means only death and hell, then there is no bright future for him. To be frank about it, he had better never been born. Certainly the way must look very dark, indeed, to the person who has no hope in Christ Jesus, when the storm clouds come, and all hopes and aspirations for pleasures in this life are blasted. Of course some would despair unto death in such situations, even to the extent of taking their own life. I know a Japanese lady who was once considering taking her own life in a time when troubles and sorrows were multiplying for her and her family, when life looked so bleak and without meaning for them. This family had a fair living, plenty to eat, nice clothes to wear and a nicely furnished home, but misfortune began to strike. The husband and father, the bread earner, became ill with T.B. and this illness lingered with him for quite some time, until they had spent all of their living, to the point of selling their household furnishings and the best of their personal clothing. After all, the man died and left his wife with three children to care for, and two of them being afflicted. So this man's wife and mother of his children was left in sorrow and great distress, weeping bitter tears and wondering what to do. One night she went out, according to her own story, walking around in the neighborhood meditating about what to do and considering taking her own life to end it all. But thank the Lord there was a little Baptist Church in the neighborhood, and on this night a group of us were gathered in the church for the mid-week prayer meeting, and a light was shining from the church where the woman could see it. She came and walked up and down in front of the church a few times and gathered courage to come inside. She was weeping, and we could hear the sobs as she sat and listened to the message of salvation in church that night. After the service some of the Japanese Christians talked to her and witnessed to her personally; and from that time she began to attend all of our services until she was convicted and gloriously saved. This lady is still living today, because she found the Saviour and has something and somebody to live for.

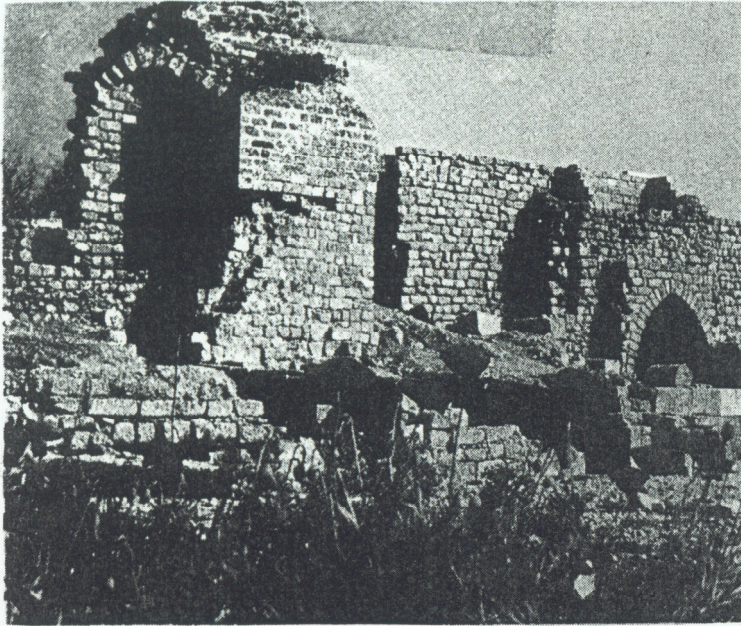
### NEVER IN VAIN

The life which we live in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us, is not in vain, because we have many glorious promises in the Scriptures assuring us that we shall be victorious, even though there are many setbacks and times of discouragements. The tempter comes and tells us that we are the losers and might as well give up. But The Lord's promise is much better, so much better! Why listen to the devils lies? The inspired Word of God admonishes us to not surrender to the devil's inducements to give up to our own sorry feelings. One of the great promises in His Word is this: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. Reaping time will surely come, if we don't give up, don't faint. There may be long times of waiting, which will require much patience, agonizing prayer and humbling ourselves before the Lord, before we experience the victory. "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

### WINNING THE PRIZE

Paul looked forward to final victory and the prize which was waiting for him, and his thoughts seemed to be more on that than the many sorrows and sufferings of the flesh. "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14. The apostle is not talking of salvation here, when he speaks of pressing toward the mark for the prize, because that would be preaching salvation by his own efforts, or salvation by works. He never intended that; for he more than any of the writers wrote of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ. (Ephesians 2:8) He credited his salvation to the precious blood of Jesus Christ, "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;" Ephesians 1:7; He wasn't serving to escape from the burning, but he had completely surrendered his life to serve, because he loved the Lord and wanted to glorify Him. And he believed that the Lord would give rewards to His servants in that great day when He shall call them to account. This, of course, for a life lived in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

When Paul was nearing the end of his life and the struggle was just about over, and as he was giving to the young preacher Timothy some good instructions, "But watch thou in all things, and endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," he then said, "for I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing." I am sure as Paul reflected on the past conflict and the terrible suffering resulting from that fight, that he considered it nothing when compared to the reward, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord had for him and would give him in that day. But he, as others who shall in that day receive a crown, will not feel worthy of it; because we read in Revelation of those who had crowns on their head, and they threw them down at the feet of Him that liveth for ever and ever, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Revelation 4:11.



CAESARIA

## Bible Lands Tour

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express themselves in song and testimony as we travel along. Willie Odum, one of the Georgia group made a very inspiring testimony as we were approaching the airport. The bus we boarded on November 2 has become very familiar to us and our driver, Naaman Kibert, completed his duty toward us by delivering us to the airport without incident.

It is rather difficult to say good bye to Adel, our guide and Naaman, our bus driver because we have had a very close and pleasant fellowship with them for the past five days.

We faced Israeli customs with bulging luggage and it was no small task to get some of the bags closed after inspection. The Jack Kidwells of Kokomo, Indiana chose to transport their exposed film in a green plastic trash bag. Most will remember Bro. Jack's movie camera it was almost in use continually throughout the tour. All of our group survived the rigid customs inspection at Tel Aviv although some experienced a bodily search.

We boarded a B707 EL AL ISRAEL Air Lines plane, flight No. 385. We were airborne at 11:42 A.M. on our way to Rome, Italy. As I relaxed in comfort on this modern airplane almost immediately my thoughts drifted back to a trip taken to Rome by the apostle Paul in the first century A.D. I felt a tinge of guilt as we moved through the air at about 600 mph in complete comfort. The hardships that Paul suffered on his first visit to Rome were very vivid in my mind as I recalled the bible record of that journey. How could I ever thank my Lord for the love, courage and strength of His servant Paul? OH! How many blessings has the Lord sent my way? Should I ever complain? NO!

We were served a meal as we flew over the isle of Patmos. As I looked down at the many small islands in the Aegean Sea I wondered which one was really Patmos? It was on this island where the revelation of Jesus Christ came to John while he was exiled there in the 1st century A.D.

We crossed southern Greece and were soon over Italy. At 3:54 P.M. local time we were on the ground at the Leonardo da Vinci airport outside of Rome. We had covered the distance from near Caesarea

in Israel to Rome in 3 hours and 12 minutes. The apostle Paul was weeks and weeks making this same journey and that with many hardships.

There is a different feeling here in Italy. I cannot explain it. It was the same in Greece six years ago. There is just something in Israel. After clearing customs we board a bus for our journey into the city of Rome. We arrive at the Giulio Cesare Hotel and in a short time all of us have rooms and are awaiting the evening meal. We occupy a large room on the second floor. We have a window balcony overlooking the street. The room was furnished with beautiful furniture.

After a wonderful meal in the hotel dining room many went out to shop or just walk along the streets of Rome. It was quite an experience trying to cross some of the intersections. Those Fiats really skip along the streets. The chestnuts being roasted along the streets were something we were not accustomed to seeing back home. We retired rather early and enjoyed a night of rest.

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I arose at 5:30 A.M. and completed the morning routine and everyone enjoyed our first breakfast in Rome. We boarded the tour bus at 9:05 A.M. for our morning trip to the Vatican. Rome has a population of about 3½ million people.

The morning was spent in the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's frescoes and St. Peter's Basilica. St. Peter's will hold over 30,000 people but there are but a few seats. I wonder how Baptists would like a church house that large with just a few seats? I did not see anything on this morning tour that helped me spiritually. I did see alot of idolatry and that affected me in a great way. I shall strive to tell the truth of how God must be worshipped. In spirit and in truth. We walked several miles through these buildings in the morning and were glad when the bus came to take us back to the hotel for lunch.

After eating we boarded the bus for our final tour of Rome. We crossed the Tiber River and passed several places of historical significance on the way to the catacombs of Santa Domitilla. We descended the steps down underground and

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## SNOW

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maketh the judges of the earth as vanity."

When storms come we wonder - and perhaps say - "Why did this happen?" Then we go to the Word of God and read, "The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits (Ecc. 1:6)."

And Nahum 1:3 tells us, "The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord has his way in the whirlwind (hurricane) and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet."

Now, let's look at some of the Scriptures concerning snow and rain: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail (Job 38:22)?" From the entire thirty-eighth chapter of Job and other Scriptures we learn that God has created rain, snow, hail, frost, dew, lightening and thunder for the thirsty earth as well as for us.

Snow is valuable in many different ways. It is the best source of moisture for the soil. Rain seeks the valleys as it falls, but snow melts slowly and soaks into the ground evenly. It is a good insulator; it is relatively warm and it keeps frost off the ground. Snow is even a good fertilizer. It carries nitrogen out of the air and puts it into the ground. We are told that some farmers have estimated the value of snow, as a rehabilitator, at more than fourteen dollars an acre. I remember hearing our fathers say that snow is good for the small grain crops.

The snow helps our pollution problem too; it cleans the air by carrying the dust particles to the ground as it falls. We can thank God for the snow and the wind when we walk out under blue, sunny skies and breathe the clean fresh air.

The snow that falls on the high mountains melts and flows into the rivers and dams are built. The melted snow runs through the turbines so that electricity is harnessed to furnish the power for our homes. Certainly our Creator worked out a marvelous plan for our good and for his glory.

Snow is used in the Bible as a symbol of purity and as a standard of comparison between the righteous and the wicked. Isaiah said, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. (Isa. 1:18)."

Later in his writings Isaiah said, "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; 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 things whereto I send it (Isa. 55:10-11)."

David said, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Psa. 51:7)."

So let us be comforted by the realization that God is in control and that he is working all things out for our good. And let us be thankful for the dew, the wind, the rain, the snow and all the things God has made for us. And while we are considering the treasures of the snow, let us not forget that it is symbolic of the blood of Jesus Christ, which washes us "whiter than snow." I would like to ask each of you, "have you been washed in th blood of the Lamb?"

# CHILD ABUSE

By Wendell Zimmerman

A sub-committee of the United States House of Representatives in Washington has been hearing testimony concerning child abuse. In a sorrowful reflection on a supposedly civilized nation, child abuse is one of America's major problems. I am certain that because of publicity by the media, there is more of a public consciousness of the problem than ever before. Because of the establishment of child abuse centers in all major cities, there are more reported incidents. However, we must not be deceived. It is not a matter of better reporting, but the incidents of child abuse are definitely increasing.

Richard Gelles, a sociologist of the University of Rhode Island, testified as an expert on child abuse. The testimony showed that boys are more likely to be victims than girls, and mothers are more likely to beat children than fathers.

A nationwide study of 2,143 families showed that 900,000 to 1.8 million children have had parents who attempted or actually shot or stabbed them. Between 3.1 and 4.1 million children were kicked, bitten, or punched sometime in their lives by their parents. The study also revealed between 1.4 and 2.3 million children have been beaten while growing up.

A University of Rhode Island survey showed that eight percent of college freshman reported being "physically injured by their parents" during the last year they lived at home.

These statistics are appalling, and every decent person is made heartsick to think of children being abused. I do not want to minimize the problem, but there are some facts which should be pointed out.

Christian people who believe the Bible feel it is the parents' responsibility and obligation before God to punish children. The sociologists and psychologists from this age of ease with its permissiveness influenced by the spook, (called Dr. Spock) would no doubt call some

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**THE RIVER JORDAN**



The southern continuation of the Jordan River extends 65 miles from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. A slow, shallow stream, the Jordan meanders in its channel, overgrown on both banks by sub-tropical trees and tangled bush. This is the jungle of the Jordan referred to by Jeremiah as inhabited by lions (Jer. 49:19). The stream is 60-100 feet wide and varies in depth from 3-12 feet. The Jordan's egress from the Sea of Galilee (right) is one of the few places along the length of the river which is accessible to visitors today, and is a common site for prayer and baptism.

**Child Abuse**

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legitimate discipline abusive. If some of the disciples of Spock had witnessed a few of the punishments I received as a lad, I am sure they would have wrung their hands in holy horror. I was never mistreated. While the discipline was many times severe, it was not abusive.

It is not right to abuse children; nor is it right to let them do their own thing without discipline.

It is not the right treatment for a child to be left alone when misbehaving.

It is not fair to a child to let him think he can always have his way.

It is not fulfilling parental responsibility to refuse to discipline.

Child abuse is a grave problem and deplored by right-thinking people. There is treatment which the modern expert would never classify as abusive, but it is not right. Jesus said, "...Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not..." The parents who permit a child to grow up without the spiritual truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ, without the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit, and without the knowledge of God the Father, are guilty of abuse.

**REVIVAL**

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 1032 S. Holmes St., Indianapolis, Ind. Revival begins Sunday night, April 2, with services nightly at 7:00 P.M. (EST) Pastor Calvin Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder Terry Foster of Kansas City, Mo.

**SINGING**

There is to be a singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. on Sunday, April 9. Time: 2:00 P.M. Featured singers will be the Revelation Quartet. Everyone is invited.

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**TAG** - This is a real fun game because it puts the Pastor at a 250 or 500 to 1 disadvantage. The rules are simple. "Every time you visit me, I'll come to church one Sunday" or Tag me at home and I'll tag you at church". It sounds fair enough except that with one pastor playing against 200 to 500, the pastor always has a hard time knowing who's it.



Pastor F. R. Bingham

**HIDE AND GO SEEK** - Here is a game that has lots of excitement, and worlds of entertainment and personal satisfaction. A church member hides in a bed down a long corridor on the upper floor of a hospital. 20 or 25 miles away from home base. The object of the game is for the pastor to find him, but it's against the rules for anyone to tell the pastor where the member is hiding. If the pastor loses the game the member can have the fun of telling everybody. "I was in the hospital for two whole weeks, and neither the pastor, nor any other of the church folk came to see me."

**KICK-BAWL** - The purpose of this game is to demoralize the spirit of the entire congregation. Only a small team is needed, and the rules are extremely simple: just kick about everything that is done or not done, and then bawl if you are asked to help out in any way.



**ROME**

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we were fascinated by the many passages and burial slots along the walls of these man made underground burial facilities. Many have been emptied and moved to other locations.

Returning into the city we stopped near the colosseum and some of us walked the rest of the way to get an inside view of this ancient sports arena. I'm glad our appetite for sports has not reached the point it reached in ancient Rome.

We stopped at the Mamertine Prison. Paul spent the last days of his life in this prison. His sufferings were brought a little closer to my heart as I stood in this small enclosure and thought about his writings from this place. I do not have any problem understanding why he ask for the cloke that he left in Troas. He must have been chilly in that place. I'm glad Paul kept the faith. I'm sure he fought a good fight. I also believe the righteous judge will not forget him. I feel a little closer to the memory of Paul by visiting Rome and this Mamertine Prison.

We returned to the hotel about dark fully aware of the schedule for tomorrow. We are going home. It is good to think about getting back. We did some packing and ate the evening meal and retired for a very short evening. Our visit to Rome is about over.

**NOVEMBER 9, 1977**

This day began at 1:30 A.M. Our luggage was taken downstairs at 2:00 A.M. All the group are up but not really with it. We are issued a box breakfast that we took with us on the bus. We boarded the bus at 2:40 A.M. and were taken to the Leonardo da Vinci airport and boarded a Japan Airlines 747 for a flight to Paris, France. We were air borne at 5:15 A.M. seated beside a Japanese gentleman. We attempted to talk but were dependant on his knowledge of English to communicate. His passport revealed his age to be 55 years old. I wondered what he did during World War II. It was a blessing from God to be able to sit and talk to this foreigner who was once an enemy but is at peace with us. We talked of Bro. Harold Carmen being in Japan as a missionary. I doubt if he understood the reason Bro. Carmen is in Japan but all things are possible with God.

We departed this Japan Airlines 747 at the Charles De Gaulle air terminal in

Paris at 7:00 A.M. The rain clouds prevented me from seeing any of the skyline of Paris. We were restricted to the building as we waited for the KLM Flight No. 324 to depart for Amsterdam. The shops provided ample items for those that wanted to take some things back home from Paris.

The hop from Paris to Holland seemed very short compared to the other flights on this tour. The terminal at the Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam was familiar to us and people relaxed and did some last minute shopping here in Europe. Flight No. 641 would depart for New York at 1:15 P.M. We are soon settled down on this 747 and leave for New York at 1:32 P.M. People are tired but seem satisfied with the experience. Many slept on this flight. Some continued to meet new people. We did our necessary customs work, that is making a list of our purchases while overseas. Some viewed the movie provided on the flight. Several farewells were exchanged in flight. Going through customs is no place to say good bye to new friends.

We arrived at the Kennedy Terminal at 2:15 P.M. (EST) After customs we said good bye to Bro. Terry Foster of Kansas City, Missouri. The Kidwells and the Savages of Kokomo, (they drove from Indiana to New York) and took a bus to the Allegheny Air Lines terminal to await our 7:40 P.M. flight to Indianapolis. People are rather tired by now but some still have enough energy to walk and buy some items. The afternoon moved into night as we waited, thinking of things at home. It is Wednesday night, services should be about ready to begin. Bethel is engaged in a revival meeting. My thoughts were interrupted by departure time. We boarded flight no. 279 and headed west for Indianapolis. I slept most of this flight, the tour was about over, the Lord had watched over the group that I had worked with for six months or more and I thanked Him for all the experiences I had shared with his people.

We walked into the Weir Cook terminal 37 hours and 15 minutes after awaking in Rome, Italy. The presence of friends and love ones that were there to greet us caused us to forget for the moment just how long the day had been. Getting home was just as rewarding as the trip had been. Thanks and good byes were exchanged and we went our separate ways. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to have shared this experience with those that traveled with us.