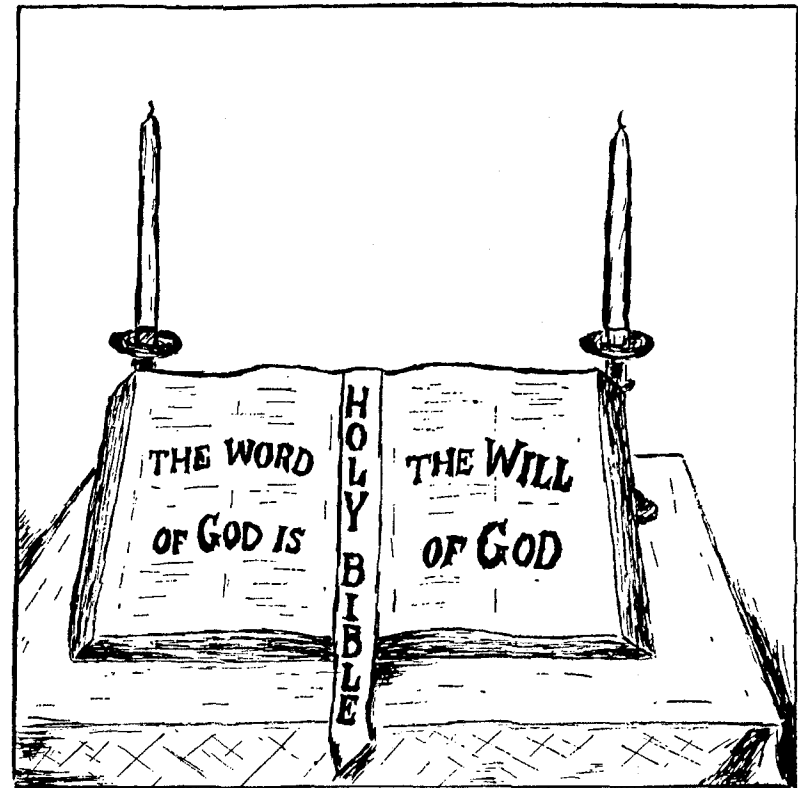


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### THE “LOST” PARABLES

by

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(Abridged from The Messenger)

While the parables of Jesus have generally been regarded as easy to understand, as truth in illustrated form naturally should be, it is amazing how vaguely they have often been interpreted.

We must encourage a presentation of Scripture, in pulpit and in church school, that will be meaningful and accurate and will reflect Jesus’ approach, which resulted in the people’s hearing him gladly.

There is no parable of the Prodigal Son!

We are told, at the beginning of the chapter, that the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” In reply to this murmuring, Jesus spoke the three “lost”

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# the Word speaks!

by DR. VICTOR PAUL WIERWILLE



## THE JOY OF HIS FELLOWSHIP

"For years I have tried to be a Christian and failed so many times I have no faith left to try again."

What did you try and in what have you lost faith?

"I suppose I tried to get God in my life, but I have been defeated, and have lost faith in myself. You see, I really wanted to be a Christian. I wanted to have God's presence, guidance and help in my life. I took what they call catechetical instructions, and was confirmed. I tried hard to be a Christian, and joined the Church, but in my heart I knew there was no change. I went to the altar again and again and yet received nothing. I sought and cried after God so much and so many times that I feel that I am a complete failure."

"Friend, did you ever pause to think that salvation is a gift, and that it is unnecessary for you to go anywhere to seek salvation? You can be

saved anywhere and yet miss salvation everywhere. Did you ever realize that salvation is not what you do, but what He did for you? To become a child of God, receive eternal life, be saved, converted, born again, is to receive something instead of giving something? You have missed the joy of His fellowship because you tried to obtain salvation by earning or working for it.

You become a Christian by receiving a gift directly from the very heart of God. Perhaps you, like many others, thought that the receiving of Christ depended upon what you gave up, what you surrendered, and how much sin you confessed. It does not.

Salvation is simply that you, by your will, receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and confess Him as Lord in your life.

"Surely it can't be as simple as all that. I always thought, and heard, and was taught that I must do certain things and give up other things."

If that were true, you would then be earning your salvation, you would be working for it. There is nothing in the Bible that indicates such a process. Look at Isaiah 53:6, *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

He is describing you as He is the rest of us. Because you have turned to your own way, you are lost, but God laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. You did nothing to help yourself or to save yourself. God simply laid your sins on Jesus. In truth He just laid you on Him. So far there is no requirement on your part, is there?

Notice John 3:16: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

This is the Father, God, giving His Son as your substitute. He is requesting of you that you simply believe He did this for you, and that you claim Jesus as your Lord and Savior. He does not ask you to do a thing except to believe. Believing is acting upon what the Word says He did for you.

No, you have not sinned so greatly that Jesus can not save you. Notice His Word in Hebrews 7:25: *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Jesus saves to the uttermost and, as you notice, there is still no work on your part except coming to receive what He has done.

Romans 10:9, 10: *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Let us look at these verses closely. If you will confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, you will believe, because believing is acting and you act when you confess with your mouth. Then you have come to the end of your going on in your own way or doing your own will. You still have not done any works for your salvation, have you? This is not difficult to do, is it? Your own way has not been a happy way, a way of joy and peace, nor a successful

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# Sharing



Advanced class session, July 1-12, on Power for Abundant Living, for grads of Foundational Class only. Twenty-three students including, three from England, two from India and Eric Watson from Australia.



A group at The Way Farm, New Knoxville, Ohio. You might

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like to share a day in the work schedule which has been set up, so as to get the farm ready for its larger ministry. If you can share a day to help, write The Way for particulars.



Mrs. Dorothea Wierwille and Sara Kathryn, born May 17, bringing the Wierwille household up to two sons and three daughters.



FOUNDATIONAL CLASS, VAN WERT, OHIO—JUNE 16-30

Front row, left to right: Cleora MacCollum, Mrs. Ray Wiley, Mary Wierwille, Dorothea Wierwille, Dr. V. P. Wierwille, Joan Williams, Mrs. Mildred Ferris, Mary Hazel Miller. Back row: Kent Lindsey, Carl MacCollum, Benjamin Macwan, Ronald Hooley, Herbert Stott, Donald Bailey, Terry McKinley, Joe McKinley. Absent: Sarah Ragans.

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## BIBLE CLASS HAS STUDENTS FROM MANY GLOBAL POINTS

By Bill Everhart

Students from several of these United States, from England, from far off Bombay, India and from down under Australia are attending current "Power for Abundant Living" Bible classes in Van Wert.

Class sessions are held in the Evangelical and Reformed church on the corner of East Main and Harrison Streets. They are taught by the pastor of that church, Rev. V. P. Wierwille, who is also president and founder of "The Way, Inc."

A total of 17 students were enrolled for the beginning ministry classes in the past two weeks and a few more are expected to attend sessions for the advanced study group in the next two weeks.

A majority of the pupils are from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois but the representation from foreign lands includes three from England, two from India and one graduate student from Australia.

The Rev. Eric Watson, an Australian soldier during the World War II, found his life work in evangelistic ministry during the Pacific campaign of that war.

Since then he has worked in Canada and more recently in Jamaica in the West Indies. He is now working full time for The

Way and has been appointed western hemisphere director of the evangelistic and scriptural teaching program of that organization's International Christian Crusade, an interdenominational mission program.

The trio of Englishmen who are enrolled are all businessmen of the Manchester area. They are Ronald Hooley, an importer of cotton and silk for the weaving mills of that section of England; Herbert Scott, a landscaper, and Don Bailey, a banker.

All three will remain in business in their present occupations when they return to England but they will also continue to promote the work of The Way on off duty time.

The elder of the two students who traveled by air from Bombay to New York last fall is Ben Mcwan who was just appointed the eastern hemisphere director of the work of The Way.

Ben is a graduate of the Bombay University College of Law. He came to the United States for a dual course of study. During the winter he was a post graduate student in political science at New York University and summer enrolled in the Bible class taught by Dr. Wierwille in Van Wert.

Already interested in the work of The Way in India, Mcwan

came to see Dr. Wierwille in Bombay while the Van Wert pastor was preaching and teaching in that city during a far eastern tour a little more than a year ago.

The dual course of study being pursued by this young Indian national is an indication of his deep concern for the spiritual and material betterment of his people.

After completing his studies in New York and Van Wert he plans to return to India and "stand" for election to parliament.

The youngest of the students from other lands enrolled in the Bible study course is Joan Williams, also from Bombay, who is also a student at Defiance College.

She is a third generation member of a Christian family who adopted a "western" name along with Christianity in her grandfather's time. A graduate of secondary schools in Bombay she was brought to the United States by The Way for education at the college level and instruction in Bible teaching.

Miss Williams has completed her freshman year in college and this summer is working part time as a waitress in a Van Wert restaurant while also attending morning classes of the Bible School.

Her college major is a course in business administration and she plans to work in a bank in Bom-

bay when she returns to India on completion of her schooling here.

The young Indian girl found the school work difficult at first because methods are much different in Defiance from those used in Bombay, but soon adapted to the changes and now finds classes very interesting.



L-R-Rev. Eric Watson, Australia; Herbert Stott, Donald Bailey, Stockton England; Joan Williams, Benjamin Mcwan, India; Ronald Hooley, Macclesfield, England and Dr. V. P. Wierwille

She was both amazed and delighted with the freedom given girls and women in the United States to go where they like, take part in all activities and even to work outside their homes.

Miss Williams likes her work in the restaurant and the opportunity it provides for her to meet many different Americans. Even  
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**MR. BENJAMIN MCWAN,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW, BOMBAY,  
INDIA—DIRECTOR, EASTERN  
DIVISION THE WAY INTER-  
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN  
CRUSADE**

Thank you, Mr. Malvin George, for your courteous invitation to say a few words of sharing at this convention. This is a very delightful occasion for me, as it is the fulfillment of long-felt desire, on my part, to attend this crusade. I am sure, we all are delighted, at this opportunity to see for ourselves, the Crusade in its full swing manifesting the wonderful works of God.

I take this opportunity to thank our Lord on this happy morning, with my personal testimony in a few words.

When I was at Bombay in 1956 a friend of mine informed me that a wonderful preacher has arrived from Van Wert, America. So I went to St. Paul's church to listen to the word of God.

I had seen a number of preachers and evangelists from abroad, but I had not seen a man with deeper knowledge and mature understanding, accomplished in so young an age. I was convinced, therefore that the preacher was gifted with the Holy Spirit.

The church was packed with the enthusiastic listeners, who at their personal sacrifices, had arrived there, to quench their

ent corners of my country. Every spiritual thirst, from the different soul was moved and every heart felt, it is worth believing in Christ and to receive the gift of power for abundant living which is absolutely free. Many, including myself, never knew about this wonderful gift that it was set apart and meant for us. We just considered it only the fortune of the Apostles of the by-gone days in the Gospels.

Consequently, with all my personal problems and curiosities, I met — at the end of the service — Dr. V. P., the then distinguished preacher and our worthy teacher now, who, extending me a kind appointment, on the 13th of February, 1956 in the Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay, explained The Way International Crusade situation.

As I could not afford undertaking such an expensive trip, I prayed the Lord and as a result Dr. Wierwille paid all my passage money to come to the United States and to finish my Masters and Doctors degrees in International law at New York University, as well as to thoroughly study and understand The Wonderful Way Ministry. Once again this morning, amidst all of you, praising God, I offer my thanks to Dr. Wierwille and many amongst you who are seated here, for your wonderful

gifts in cash and kind of a considerable amount.

Now, apart from my above mentioned testimony, I have gathered some impressions of the Crusade, which I wish to share with you, by an expression, if kindly permitted. That there is one feature of The Way International Crusade, which is one of its greatest assets. I refer to the generous spirit of fellowship always manifested here. I seem to have acquired almost immediately a ready made circle of friends, all eager and willing to help in every way possible. Would that the same spirit could exist in the world today, undoubtedly, international accord would be more readily attainable.

The Crusade is highly indebted to V. P. who, indeed is the strongest fiber that makes this fabric of abundant living better for all of us. I doubt if there is any one in the Crusade, who is not a better person simply because of him. He loves life — abundantly, and lives the golden rule. The world can do with more men like him.

As a word of conclusion, I would say that in this era of renaissance in international affairs, one cannot help but feel a deep sense of pride in belonging to an international organization, such as ours, and one cannot help but feel inspired with THE PNEUMA HAGION (Power from

on High), to carry on, and add more, to manifest The Word of God, from Van Wert to India, England, Jamaica, Australia and every place under the sun.

I can assure you that the prog-



Mr. Benjamin Macwan of India and Rev. Eric Watson of Australia, Directors of the Eastern and Western Division of The Way International Crusade, spent hours praying, planning and discussing THE HOW of getting The Way into every kingdom, land and nation.

ress which The Way has made in a short time, has been watched with great interest, admiration and expectations by the sons of God in my country. It has provided an outstanding exemplification of the motto, "SERVICE TO THE SONS OF GOD IS SERVICE TO GOD."

The Way International Crusade has demonstrated, as I am much impressed, beyond all doubts,

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# Light through an Eastern window!

## THE PALM AND SHITTIM TREE

There are many different species of palms in the west that do not produce fruit. But when the Bible talks about a palm tree, it means a tree that produces fruit all year.

From the time the palm tree is planted it takes approximately three years or more to produce fruit. But, for the most part, the palm tree in the East is not planted or cultivated. Often it grows in the most hopeless places where no other tree could grow. Many times they reach an approximate height of 80 or 90 feet. Frequently the beams of a palm tree are used for houses. The leaves of the palm are used for writing. They are 4 or 5 feet long and two inches wide. The writing on the palm never fades out. They write with an iron pen. Job 19:24, "...graven with an iron pen..." The writing on the palm leaf is impressed with the pen of iron. After the writing has been completed the leaf is placed in water for three or more days.

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It is interesting to note that the more the palm tree gives, the more it grows and the more beautiful it lives.

The palm fruit is as big as the average human head and is different in quality at various times of the year. From January until March you can eat the fruit like you would eat a plum, from April till June it is like a cocoanut and the third quarter you eat it like an apple by peeling it. In the fourth quarter you can only drink the milk for the external fibre is tough and hard.

The strongest ropes in the world are the palm ropes made of the fiber of the palm. There is no stretching in a palm rope. The roots of the palm tree are frequently used for medicine. It is interesting to note also that according to Bible practices the palm tree is not owned by anybody, but belongs to everybody, any one can eat its fruit at any time. Worms never get into the tree and the leaves are always green. The spiritual significance is manifold, but none

greater than that man puts no labor in it or its fruits.

Of all the fruits of the East, the sweetest fruit of all is the fruit that grows on the shittim tree. Isaiah 53:2, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: ..." They just shoot up and when they have grown and produced their fruit it is the sweetest of all the fruits of the East. Ezekiel 13:18-23.

The Orientalisms in these verses are most interesting and enlightening. Women possessed of familiar spirits, practicing the pretended art of Divination, use as a fetish or amulets many different articles, to try to deceive and win the people from the true God. Here they "sewed pillows to armholes" and placed anointed "kerchiefs" on the heads of people for the price of a handful of barley or a piece of bread.

The Orientalism is this: Among the wild tribes-women are those who are specialists in pillow making. The pillows are about two inches square

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and one-half inch thick, covered with linen. (We might call them pads.) Inside of these pillows are some kind of sacred roots which are from Tibet or the Himalayas, which are considered as having magical healing powers. These pillows have little straps on each end so that they can be tied under the arm pits or in front of the elbow.

The woman with a familiar spirit or spirits comes and tells you your physical malady and informs you as to what is going to happen to you. She suggests you buy this pillow from her in order to be delivered and saved. Frequently they put their pillows on their arms and all over the person whom they believe is going to die. They sleep this way for a week or more. They go about giving out special types of food, saying if the dying one will eat the stuff they will live. They do the

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way. It has simply been a way of hardship and defeat. In Romans 5:1, it says: *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We are justified in Him and we have peace with God.

Now God says that this justification and peace is yours. All He wants is for you to change from being the lord of your own life by yielding Him Lordship and confessing with your lips the Lord Jesus.

"That is easy for me to do. I know that God sent Jesus into the world and that He was raised from the dead. I'm glad to confess Jesus as Lord."

Then what does the Word say?

"That I shall be saved."

When will you be saved?

"When I believe and confess Jesus as Lord."

Do you believe that now?

"I do. Then I am born again. I never thought it was that easy. Then I am a child of God now?"

1 John 3:2: *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

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How do you know you are born again and a child of God?

"Because the Word says I am. I took Jesus as my Saviour, and confessed Him as my Lord, so the Word declares I am a child of God."

But what about having eternal life?

"1 John 5:13: *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. Do you believe on the name of Jesus?*

"I most assuredly do."

Then what have you?

"I have eternal life. Now I know, according to the Word, I don't have to wait until I die to know if I have eternal life. I have eternal life now."

"But what about this righteousness of God that makes it possible for me to stand in His presence without any sense of sin, guilt and defeat, do I have that too?"

Did you ever notice II Corinthians 5:21? *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* God made Jesus sin with your sin that you might become the righteousness of God in Him. If He became sin for you and you

accepted Him as your Saviour, and your substitute, you are the righteousness of God in Him now.

"Have all the gifts of God been given so freely?"

Ephesians 2:8-10: *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

"I never dreamed that the joy of His fellowship could be as easy as all that. I shall now go forth knowing that I am a new creature in Christ, having eternal life now, and that I am righteous before God. Satan now has no more power over me, if I don't give him a chance. How I praise God, and thank Him through Jesus my new Saviour and wonderful Lord."

## WHERE DO YOU STAND?

You have read this amazing and simple way of being a Christian, and of the establishment of the joy of fellowship with Him. What does it mean to you? Are you going to be His son and daughter? Are you going forth to command power over the enemy?

God makes super-men out

of us. He takes "nobodies" and makes "somebodies." We have His ability when we receive Him as Saviour and Lord, when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit plus the gifts and manifestations that the Spirit makes available.

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same thing in regard to handkerchiefs which they tie over their heads. For instance this house is possessed with a devil, maybe it happened fifty years ago, they say, "tie this handkerchief around your head and the devils won't hurt you." Also for prosperity there is a certain pillow which they try to "palm off" on people. These poor tribeswomen charge only a small fee for these pillows, because they are usually for the very poor people; a hand full of barley or a piece of bread perhaps. Verse 20, "fly" means to go from place to place.

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"Salvation by grace is the height — evil works is the depth to which it can fall."—V. P. W.

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"All scripture was written for believers, not for unbelievers." V. P. W.

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## THE CHRISTIAN DEPARTMENTS

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## THE WAY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

Mr. Benjamin McWan, Director of the Eastern Division

and

Rev. Eric Watson, Director of the Western Division

### OUR PRINCIPLES

1. Nothing but the supernatural, miraculous Bible deliverance ministry in the Name and power of Jesus Christ will ever win nations of peoples to Christ, irrespective of their country, culture, customs or traditions.
2. Why should foreign Christians spend years learning a language when the nationals already know it? These nationals know how to reach their own people. Best of all they are citizens of their own country.
3. All foreign missionaries work under the National Church System of the particular nation to which they have been invited.
4. Train and equip the nationals to be their own missionaries under their own church system to go to every area of their country.
5. Generally no financial help to national missionaries and ministers, unless the situation absolutely demands it and then only upon the recommendation of the national leaders themselves.
6. Financial gifts for the training of national personnel to do the Christian job, including such things as radio, publicity, etc.
7. Each nation to work out its own Christian methods of evangelism in keeping with that nation's culture and tradition.
8. International cooperation and exchange on equal basis of being Christians.

### THE WAY TREE

"The Way" is a fellowship of the followers of Jesus Christ for the manifestation of the "more abundant life." A member of "The Way" is one filled with the "Power from on High" the holy spirit, and who freely avails himself of the fellowship meetings for spiritual nurture and growth. A fellowship is three or more members. "The Way" fellowship is cemented together with the Spirit of Christ with

each member being transformed by the renewing of his mind according to The Word of God.

"The Way" is like unto a tree. It is composed of Twigs, Branches, Limbs, Trunk, and Roots. Basically each unit, except the Root, is composed of the following:

- (a) Head presbyter-ruling elder
  - (b) Secretary
  - (c) Treasurer
  - (d) Immediate members including elders, if any.
  - (e) Head Presbyter of the next higher unit (Ex-officio)
  - (f) Various committees composed of selected elders and (Ex-officio) or Presbyters including selected members of the fellowship for camps, schools, publications, clubs, advertising, radio and television, etc. as deemed necessary.
1. Twig—A fellowship in a specific LOCAL area which meets weekly.
  2. Branch—A fellowship of all Twigs in a local community AREA which meets once every six months.
  3. Limb—A fellowship of all Branches in a STATEWIDE area which meets once every year.
  4. Trunk—A fellowship of all Limbs in a single COUNTY which meets every three years.
  5. Root—(a) A Board of Trustees—a fellowship of three trustees.  
(b) International Headquarters—a fellowship of each head presbyter of each Trunk.  
(c) Board of Directors—a fellowship of all head presbyters of each Limb and Branch plus such selected directors as the Board of Trustees and International Headquarters deem necessary.

The three roots meet once every five years.

An elder is an overseer, this is his duty, his work, his job in the fellowship of "The Way." The qualifications of an elder must be in accordance with I Timothy 3:1-7. There may be more than one elder in a Twig if the necessity and guidance of the Spirit is such, but even then One from among them is the head or ruling elder. He is the ruling elder for and because of no other reason than that he is qualified spiritually and with natural leadership ability. The

ruling elder is called a Presbyter, which is his rank. The Presbyter or ruling elder of each Twig is selected by the Twig fellowship in cooperation with the Branch Presbyter and in agreement and with the approval of the head Presbyter of the Branch, Limb, Trunk and Root.

**Deacons** are selected by the fellowship, when the need arises, whose qualifications must parallel I Timothy 3:8ff. Their responsibility is the care of the poor and over-all benevolence work.

Each Twig shall be self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing in cooperation with its respective Branch as each Branch is to its respective Limb as each Limb is to the respective Trunk as each in the Trunk is to the Root of "The Way."

Finances for the operation of "The Way" rests entirely upon the renewed mind believing and love of each member.

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that an organized effort toward abundant living can indeed, benefit, both him who imparts as well as he who receives.

The Way, seems to me, the only greatest project and the foundation of eternal power, which is able to edify, exhort and comfort all believers upon earth today.

I am sure, its successful efforts will certainly, confer many benefits upon those who live and desire to live abundantly in this world and the next.

#### THE "LOST" PARABLES

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parables: The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and The Two Lost Sons.

If there is a primary emphasis on one of the two sons, it is on the elder brother who represented the self-righteous, murmuring Pharisees and scribes.

The primary message that Jesus wished to convey through these three "lost" parables is not the prodigality of the younger brother, but specifically (in answer to the murmuring Pharisees and scribes) the spontaneous joy that appears when the lost are found—(see Luke 15:6, 9, 22-25, 32). Each of the three parables is a pointed illustration of the naturalness of Jesus' rejoicing with repentant publicans and sinners, and the elder brother is a pointed illustration of rebuke for the murmuring scribes and Pharisees, who complain that Jesus eats rejoicingly with publicans and sinners.

Certainly we may find a secondary message in the younger son's waywardness, but it is seriously deflecting the real message of Jesus when we fail to see his emphasis on JOY OVER THE FOUND in each of the three parables of this significant chapter.

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the heavy rains of the last week didn't darken her happy outlook, because, she explained, a down-pour is nothing new in her young life.

In Bombay it often rains a total of nine inches in 12 hours during the rainy season and sometimes the total will reach 12 inches in nine hours.

Asked if she might marry someone she may meet in college, or while at work, and stay in Ohio Miss Williams said she didn't think she would do that even though she is enjoying her visit so far.

"By the time I finish school," she said, "I will be ready to go back home."

During the three remaining years of study she has planned, she wants to work one school vacation in an American bank and also do some traveling in other parts of America.

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Commenting on one of the most noticeable differences between the people of India and those of the United States as she has observed them in the past year, Miss Williams said the striking thing is the constant effort made by nearly all Americans to better their standard of living.

The people of India, she said, are more easily satisfied. If they have a home that is large enough they do not make it bigger and if they have good furniture they do not trade for new just because they may have saved a little money or secured a better job.

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## **INDIA REPORTS**

By

**Rev. R. C. Das, Benares  
Kristapanthi Ashram**

In January I was busy with two batches of Theological students from Leonard College, Jabalpur in the study of Hinduism. In the early part of February I attended the Executive Committee meeting of the N. M. S. at Hyderabad. On the way back I halted at Katni for a few days and conducted Gospel meetings among the brethren there. In the month of March a young convert stayed in the Ashram holding meetings for Christians and non Christians both at the Ashram and outside. In the later half of March and early in April I preached in the Village churches south of Calcutta, visited Midnapore and helped in the Revival meetings in St. Stephen's church, Dum Dum Cantt., during Holy Week. In May and June I had to be engaged in a Retreat Conference under the auspices of the "Fellowship of Christ" on the sea side at Puri in association with the Ishapanthi Ashram.

Since July I have been at the Ashram in Varanasi. The meetings on Sunday evenings for Christian young men and others have been regularly held in which the worship is conducted in In-

dian way and the Book of Acts has been our special study and meditation.

Many homes, Ashrams, and hostels have been visited. Everywhere one notices a more sincere desire to know the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. A Hindu friend—a staunch Congressite and Member of Parliament has written books in Hindi on Moses and Jesus. The sale and distribution of literature has been encouraging though I go about less than I used to do. Interested friends call at the Ashram for Bibles and N.T.'s. We have heard and read about Hindu opposition to Christian work—which has resulted in much agitation, often resentful, among Indian Christians. We have not met with any hostility or discourtesy for the last 26 years in connection with our preaching or life in the midst of orthodox Hindus. This large city with its hundreds of Ashrams, temples, educational institutions, the big University and thousands of seekers and pilgrims—this city of the Hindus is mostly untouched and can sustain the faithful efforts of half a dozen Christian evangelists with various gifts—

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prophets, colporters, personal workers, scholars, saints, mystics, litterateurs, musicians, healers, and Ashramites.

A South Indian elderly Sadhu with Pentecostal gifts has been living here for some time in close touch with the Ashram. Another visitor—an elderly missionary—came in for a little understanding of Hindum. A young Christian Doctor came for a time of fellowship. A week's visit from an old Ashramite was welcome. An old student of mine came with his large family for a fortnight. A few days' public meetings were arranged for Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille and Dr. J. S. Williams. The former spoke on the centrality of the Word of God and the latter emphasized the importance of a national church for India. The joy of Christmas was heightened by the presence in the Ashram of my two sons with their wives, a daughter, a family friend and an old Ashram inmate.

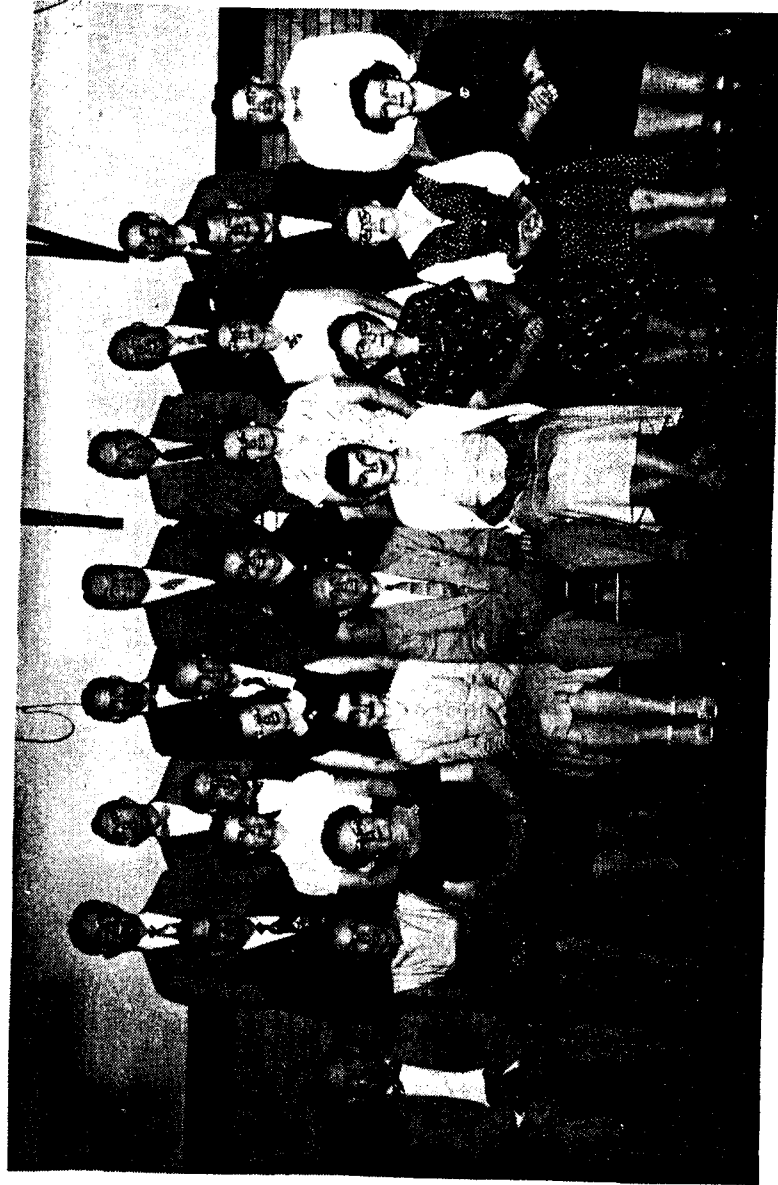
Hindus in the neighborhood—both men and women—drop in at our morning and evening prayers. We have also numerous opportunities of holding worship services in Hindu homes and several have believed and are prepared for confession. We sincerely thank all who pray for us and support us with their gifts. Above all we are thankful to the Almighty Father who has sustained us in difficulties with his all-sufficient grace.

The needs of the Ashram are (1) some land in the open just outside the city limit for expansion (2) colleagues who will utilize the wonderful opportunities all around (3) assured and regular support. Please pray for us.

R. C. Das.

(Sevak Pramukh).

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**FOUNDATIONAL CLASS—TROY, OHIO**

Front row, left to right: R. C. Shump, Eileen Warner, Mabel Gray, Esther Penny, Dr. V. P. Wierwille, Shirley Marker, Kathryn Ingle, Jane Obenchain, Ila Grewell. Second row: Roy Weikert, Mary Sparling, Charles Sparling, Mary Ellen Filbrun, Paul Filbrun, Ky Eshleman, Catherine Perrine, Roberta Thompson, Ray Wiley, Glenwood Grewell. Back row: Jack Hunt, Ralph Davis, Wayne Weikert, Forest Eshleman, Charles Perrine, Howard Thompson and John Warhol.

### THE WAY TESTIMONY OF BELIEF

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing and that they are of supreme, absolute and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God manifested as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby brought immediate spiritual death, which is separation from God and also physical death which is the consequence of sin; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and, in the case of those who reach moral accountability are sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitute for us; and that all who believe in Him as their personal Lord and Saviour and that He was raised again from the dead are justified and made righteous on the ground of His eternal redemption.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, His ascension into heaven and in His present life there for us, as advocate.
7. We believe in the blessed hope of Christ's return, the personal return of our living Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the spirit of God, receiving eternal life and thereby children, sons of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.
10. We believe in the receiving of the fullness of the holy spirit, the power from on high, plus the corresponding nine workings of the Spirit, for all born again believers.
11. We believe we are free in Christ Jesus to receive all that He accomplished for us by His substitution and promised us in His Word, according to our believing faith.