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A Testimony Of A Navaho Indian

written by SISTER PEARL BEGAY

This is the testimony of Sister Pearl Begay, a Navaho Indian now attending the church in Tohatchi, New Mexico. She holds General License with the UPC Church.

At 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of May in 1947, I was herding about 300 to 400 head of sheep on parents' ranch. Riding horseback through the rain my horse was struck by lightning. My mother found me 3:00 p.m. in the mud and rain. (In our Indian way, the Navahos believe if you touch someone in that condition you would become sick yourself. So my mother went to find my dad and older brother for help.

I was taken to the Rehoboth Hospital. At this time the doctor was a Christian. He prayed for me. After no improvement the doctor gave me up to die, but thank God, after four days I received my senses. I was deaf. One eye was burnt and I could not see.

At home, two months later, I could not eat. My parents called for the medicine man. I was given a bitter taste of medicine. I started eating again, but never got well.

In 1956, I married and had a few children. After the birth of another little girl in 1963, I was sick in bed and could not care for her. My husband's brother took her to raise because he & his wife had no children.

I had all kinds of sings over me. We visited a preacher named Oral Roberts at Window Rock. I was told he had something in his hands, but he prayed. Standing in a line of 3,000 people to be healed, I saw many shout and praying in another tongue, but nothing happened to me.

Four years later my son, Edwin, was

born and I grew worse. I was finally told that I had cancer in my womb, which no doctors or medicine could cure.

I had many sings over me. After eating much peyote buttons, I noticed it was not doing any good. I asked the medicine man how I could become a medicine woman. He told me to take 80 to 100 buttons and would see visions of a dragon's mouth and said it would teach me. My thoughts went back to when I went to school at Rehoboth. I had studied the book of Revelation in the Bible and remembered the devil was a dragon.

I then decided not to have any more sings, but asked God to help. My sister and I went to the Missionary at Tohatchi, which is a Christian Reform Church. The minister prayed for me, but I was getting worse.

I asked my husband to take me to Window Rock to die. My people are afraid of a place where someone dies. They say that the dead person's ghost comes back and touches you.

I met a neighbor, Clara Morgan, who told me about how people got healed and of the Lord. She told me to go to her mother for she would help.

On August 26th, 1966, we went for prayer. Clara's mother, Sister Antone, prayed with us and talked in an unknown tongue. She gave us some Bible verses.

About an hour later, on my way home, I started getting hungry. I ate my first meal in two months. Praise the Lord!

Sister Antone told us to say "thank you Jesus" all the time. I use to spit often, but I noticed I had quit.

On August 27, 1966, I went to a tent

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The City Of A Thousand Soldiers

*written by T. F. TENNEY
Director of Foreign Missions*

It has been called the "Island at the End of the World"—Madagascar—and I agree!

The capitol city, Tananarive, means "The City of a Thousand Soldiers". Into this land of eight million people held in the clutches of superstition, paganism, and sin marched a lone missionary family in 1969. The Denzil Richardsons invaded the city of a thousand soldiers.

Recently it was my privilege to visit there. The day before I arrived a cyclone had struck the island. Homes were unroofed, trees uprooted, and some lives were lost. To many of the inhabitants of this island this indicated displeasure of the ancestors. It had been the worst cyclone in fifty years and they considered it a sign that it was time to "turn the dead".

Yes, they "turn the dead". In dark superstition they go out as often as possible, dig up the remains of their ancestors, and rewrap their decomposed body. They call this the turning of the dead. They do not want their ancestors to get cold or to be uncomfortable in their eternal home. Most of these people live in very poor homes, but they prepare for themselves large, and if at all possible, beautiful tombs, because according to their inherited ancestral worship the tomb will be their eternal home.

Christianity has fought and won some hard battles here. In the 1800's, the wicked queen ruled. She decreed that all Christians

should be sentenced to death. Some were martyred by having their heads severed from their shoulders. Others were speared to death while praying. Others were thrown from the top of a high cliff. The queen decreed, "I will stamp out the Bible." However, she found out that the Bible was the book that would not die.

Thank God for the Pentecostal light that now shines in Madagascar. Brother Richardson has established four preaching places. How these new converts love the worship of the Lord! These people have service *every night* of the week except Monday night. While we were there, they were packed into the basement of Brother Richardson's house which serves as an improvised place of worship. Three hundred strong they lifted their voice in praise to the Lord Jesus!

The government has not been too open to the Pentecostal message. It takes 1,000 members to be legally recognized a church organization. Our believers are quite optimistic that they will soon have 1,000 "soldiers of the cross" in the city of 1,000 soldiers, Tananarive.

The building of a headquarters complex and Bible School is a must. Property sells at premium prices and legal complications are almost endless. Pray for the success of TARGET TANANARIVE.

Remember your comrades in battle on the "island at the end of the world".

The Money Crisis & Foreign Missions

written by T. F. TENNEY
Director of Foreign Missions

There is no doubt about it. God has brought the United Pentecostal Church to the kingdom for such a time as this. Why is it that He has chosen to bring forth the strongest Jesus name church in contemporary history here on this vast, affluent, wealthy continent? Without question, God wants to use this church with its consecrated constituents and wealth as a base for world evangelism. If we do not recognize this in the divine economy of God, then we will greatly fail Him in this generation. God has placed us where we are and given us what we have in order to share Christ with the masses in the regions beyond.

The world is in the throes of a monetary crisis. Within the last few months, we have witnessed events that could affect our world-wide outreach more than any other natural period I can think of. The United States dollar is reeling and rocking on the world markets. There was a period of time recently when Americans in Paris, London, Rome, Calcutta, Tokyo, were told that due to the instability of the American dollar, their checks could not be cashed. This has been repeated several times in the last few months. What does this mean?

We can certainly thank God that to date no missions organization in the United States has been told how much money they can export abroad for the support of their missionary enterprises. The U. S. Treasury does not require us to obtain quotas. No one in the Federal Government is authorized to tell us how much money we can raise for missions and how much of it can be sent outside of the United States. *We are one of*

the only nations in the world where unrestricted funds can be shipped abroad without government interference. This is one reason why God has brought us forth. How long this will last no one will know. It tells me we must accelerate our efforts. We must give more. Time is of essence!

How does the dollar crisis affect the missionaries themselves? One missions executive said this, "The President's monetary program is nationalistic. This means that missionaries' positions becomes increasingly hard due to the resulting anti-Americanism.

Wade T. Coggins, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, said, "It will be sometime before it is possible to determine to what extent the missionary enterprise will be affected on the world-wide scale. Even a small change will be significant when you consider that protestant missions now administer about 350 million annually. Since the missionary's salary or allowance is generally meager to begin with, there is only so much belt tightening that is feasible. In the short haul, the missionary, like everyone else, will simply have to live with the new regulation."

Coggins continues, "The missionaries will need some type of relief. This relief, when it comes, will probably entail a need for more dollars to sustain the missionary and his work. This will require the sending organizations either to raise more funds or to reduce its personnel and its growth ratio."

All of this simply means that the purchasing power of the dollar overseas is gradually being reduced. More funds must be

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Reaching Our Generation Through The
Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

For The Month of March

LOUISVILLE (H.R. Perry)	139
COVINGTON	86
FRANKFORT	27
LOUISVILLE (J.S. Lucas)	81

SHELBYVILLE	29
LOUISVILLE (G.L. Vittitow)	120
MOREHEAD	54
RACELAND	77
MURRAY	49
OWENSBORO	69
MIDDLESBORO	27



OWENSBORO United Pentecostal Church

Praise the Lord! We just finished a Sunday School Contest where the men were against the women. The women lost by just a few points, but now they have to cook the men a barbecue chicken dinner. Brother Jackie Rowans brought the most people to church during this contest to win a Bible. There were between 225-250 people to visit our church during this six week contest.

We recently closed a two week revival with Brother James Denham from Indianapolis, Indiana. New souls added to the Kingdom! Yes! There were six buried in Jesus name and three filled with the spirit of God. Many hours of prayer and meals of fasting were sent up before the Lord to see this results. We certainly appreciate the dedicated lives of Brother & Sister Denham.

During Brother Denham's revival we had a Baptist minister filled with the Holy Ghost and buried in Jesus name. Isn't Jesus wonderful!

Jerry Lee Jackson, Pastor



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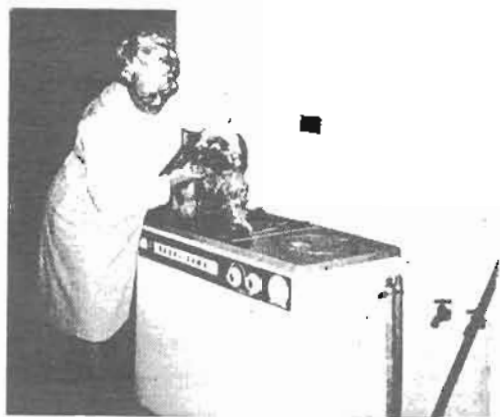
Praise the Lord for the wonderful revival spirit that has been in our midst.

Rev. and Mrs. Leland Rose of Lexington, Kentucky were with us for a week-end and six were baptized in Jesus Name. We had a revival scheduled, but due to illness, our evangelist was unable to come.

Other recent visitors were Rev. Elza Wilson of Lebanon, Ohio, and Brother Arvil Langford and Brother Bill Green of Cincinnati, Ohio..

Several from our church attended the Youth Rally at Warsaw, where Rev. W. G. Logan is pastor. We are glad to have them in our circle.

Pastor, Cecil Ellison



Dear Sister Kinzie and the Ladies:

Greeting in Jesus' precious name from Bogota.

The letter and cheque arrived this morning from the Ladies Auxiliary. We were all thrilled to receive our share. We feel indebted to the ladies.

When we came back, we were given a washer, stove and ice box. The stove and ice box are still going strong, but the washer has developed a temperamental attitude toward me. Many times it would stop in the middle of the wash and refuse to give another turn. If the weather was nice, it would refuse to work at all. When it rained "cats and dogs" then it's enthusiasm for work bordered on the fanatical.

Of course Tilin the pup did nothing to help the situation. He ate the starting button! The washer was so disgusted that it sulked for a week, until we could get another one. There was no use bawling out the pup, because he just sat grinning, wondering what the fuss was all about. As a reprisal to this lack of authority on our part, to make Tilin sit up and take notice, the machine tried to set the transformer on fire. We grabbed up a bucket of water nearly blew the house up.

I shrugged my shoulders, flung my hands out palms upward and decided to pay one of the sisters to do the washing by hand. THEN A LETTER CAME FROM BROTHER BOX, telling me that you had given money for a new washer and dryer. Mil gracias.

I could not help feeling of opulence as I went to the store, pointed to the new washer and said "I'll take that one, please have it delivered." I felt like all I lacked was a Rolls Royce and a uniformed chauffeur. Then I remembered that I was only a missionary, but backed up by a group of dedicated ladies. It was all I could do, not to dance an Irish jig right there on the side walk.

After the owner of the house puts in heavier electricity, I will buy my new dryer (I'm sure I'll have that same exalted feeling).

Please accept my thanks and convey them to the ladies whose sacrifices made everything possible.

God bless you and may the day soon dawn when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of god as the waters cover the sea.

Gratefully in the
fight and faith,
Sister Mollie Thompson

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made available to keep our present growth rate and to accelerate. May God help us to reach into our hearts and into our pockets to maintain this show of love.

But what exactly does this mean to the United Pentecostal Church? It was certainly a rude awakening for us to suddenly comprehend that the American dollar was no longer the grand pontificate of world currency. Consider this. Some of the fields where our missionaries now reside have revalued their currencies to date with an average of approximately 5% each. Add to this the President's devaluation of the American dollar and you have a figure on the same field of a net loss of 10% dollar purchasing power.

If 50% of our mission fields revalue their currency by 10%, the Foreign Missions Division will need approximately \$80,000 per year additional in order to maintain our missionaries at their present level. Considerable more than this will be necessary for further outreach and accelerated evangelism. Although some of our missionaries have not yet been affected, others have been. This is especially true in parts of Europe and Asia.

I do not believe that the fellowship will be negative about this. As before, we will come forward and face the Goliath of the dollar crisis. Join with us in prayer that

God will meet our every need. We have been brought forth for this purpose. We have been placed in North America for this purpose. Undoubtedly, that which is done in God's time and in God's way will not lack the resources of accomplishment.



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meeting revival. The preacher said if you have any corn pollen or peyote in your purse to throw it away because those are the things you worship. So I threw them away and today I serve only one Lord and His name is Jesus.

In another tent meeting that previous month, the minister said if you have the Holy Ghost, you do not need the medicine man, but only Jesus. So in September, 1966, I received the Holy Ghost. Sister Antone sent me to Sister Carrie Eastridge in Samerco, New Mexico.

I told her I was already baptized in three persons, Matt. 28:19. She showed me the true meaning and on October 2, 1966, was baptized in Jesus name.

Sister Carrie Eastridge and I started service in my home on May 18, 1968. We had only five starting out and now it has grown to seventy. Praise the Lord.

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