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GOD IS!

How can man say there is no God
When all the world declares
The glory of His handiwork
His beauty's everywhere.

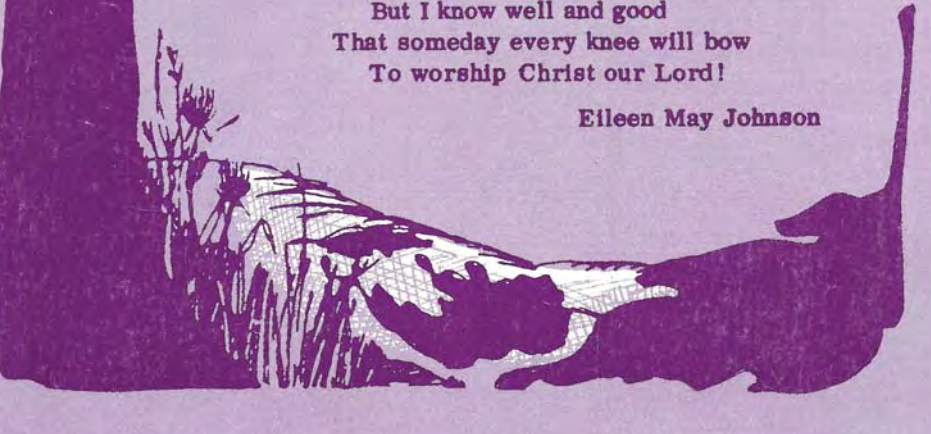
How can man say there is no God
When all one has to do
Is look around and see God's love
Is always shining through!

How can man say there is no God
When every man can tell
That someone had to organize
This universe so well;

That someone had to create man
And give him life and breath;
That someone had to send the Christ
To save us from lasting death?

Oh, men may say there is no God,
But I know well and good
That someday every knee will bow
To worship Christ our Lord!

Eileen May Johnson



Personally from Billy



In this issue we decided to highlight two (actually three) of our deaf missionaries. Beginning on page 15, you will read about John Pease and an interesting account of the first seven Filipinos he baptized into Christ. Then on page 17 we show you photographs of Sam and Ruth Roach just before they departed the country for mission work in Indonesia.

If enough interest is shown in these accounts of our deaf missionaries, we will be happy to carry more stories and photographs of them.

Our Lord's Commission still stands-- "Go ye into all the world"-- and we need to remember this includes the deaf who cannot hear the preacher proclaim the gospel in the pulpit! We are familiar with the various problems of the deaf, which is why LIGHT FOR THE DEAF exists.

May God bless you as you read this issue.



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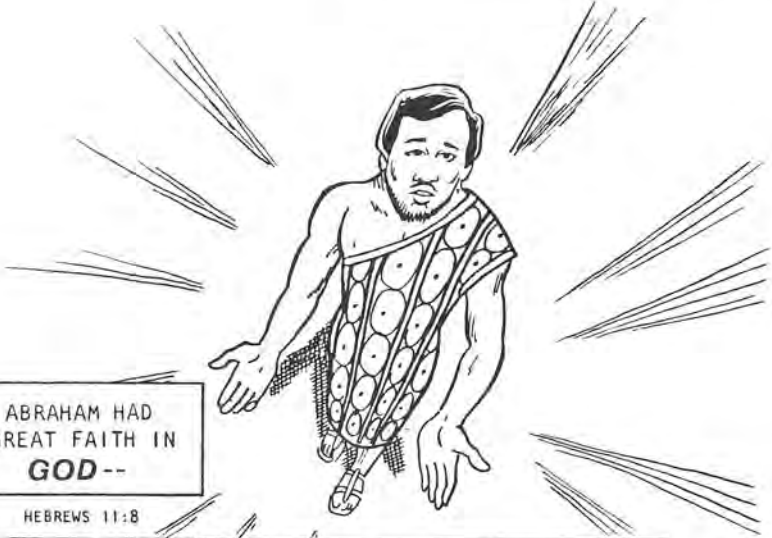
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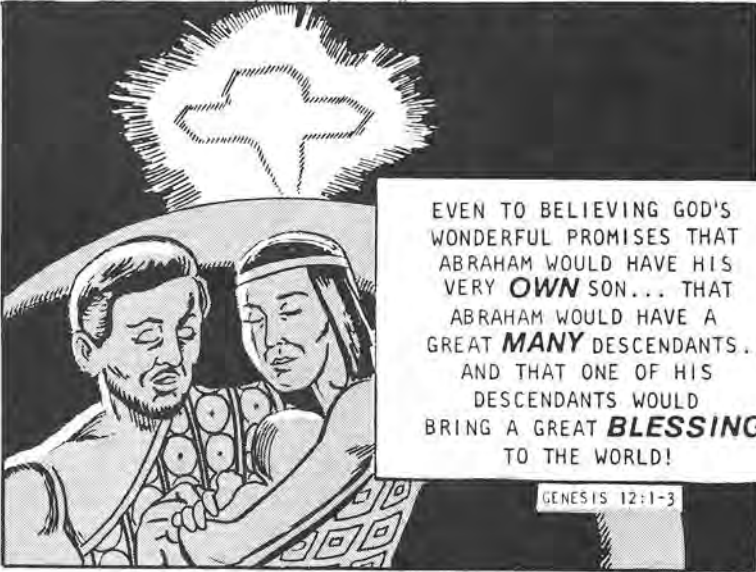
The Jew

OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE JEWS BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM.



ABRAHAM HAD GREAT FAITH IN **GOD**--

HEBREWS 11:8



EVEN TO BELIEVING GOD'S WONDERFUL PROMISES THAT ABRAHAM WOULD HAVE HIS VERY **OWN** SON... THAT ABRAHAM WOULD HAVE A GREAT **MANY** DESCENDANTS... AND THAT ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD BRING A GREAT **BLESSING** TO THE WORLD!

GENESIS 12:1-3

ABRAHAM'S GRANDSON
JACOB HAD TWELVE SONS.

GENESIS 35:22-26



EACH BROTHER MARRIED AND
HAD A LARGE FAMILY.

GENESIS 49:28



EACH FAMILY GREW TO
BECOME A **TRIBE** AFTER
MANY YEARS.

EXODUS 1:7

ALL THESE TWELVE TRIBES
TOGETHER WERE CALLED THE
CHILDREN OF **ISRAEL** (JACOB),
OR **ISRAELITES**.

WHEN MOSES LED THE ISRAELITES TO THE LAND OF CANAAN, THE NEW LAND THAT THEY SETTLED IN AND LIVED IN BECAME KNOWN AS **ISRAEL**.

JOSHUA 21:43

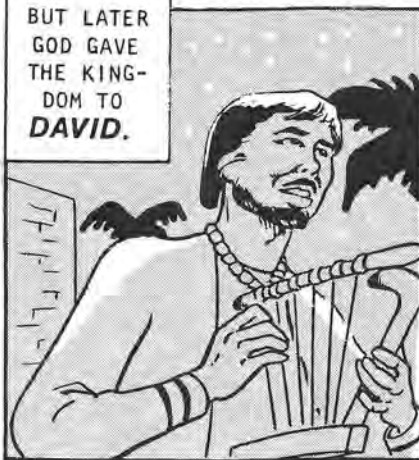


MANY YEARS LATER, **SAUL** BECAME THE FIRST KING OF THE ISRAELITES.

1 SAMUEL 11:15

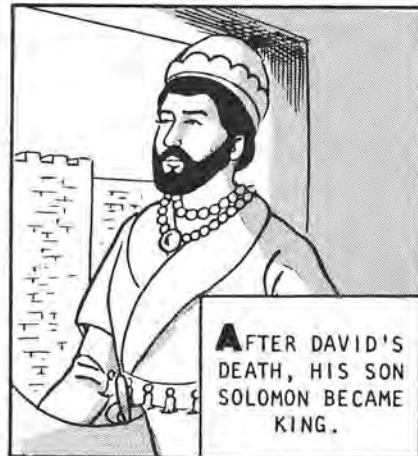


BUT LATER GOD GAVE THE KINGDOM TO **DAVID**.



1 CHRONICLES 10:13,14

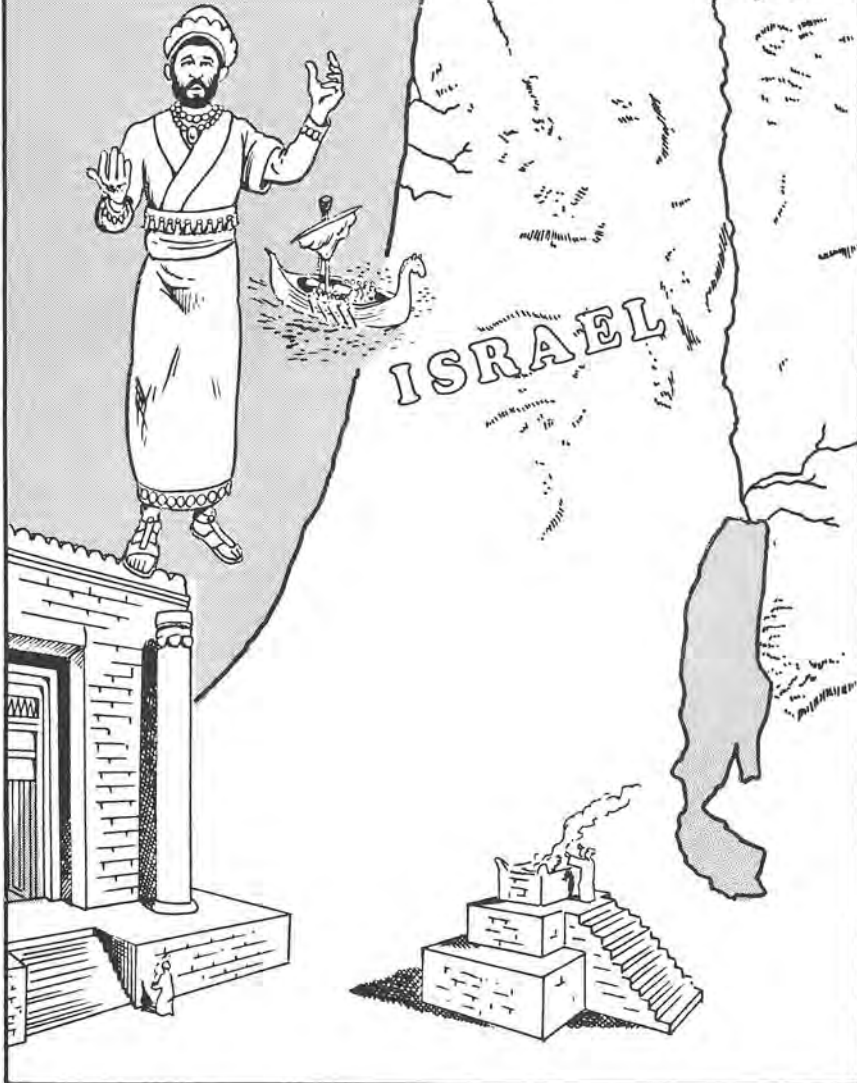
AFTER DAVID'S DEATH, HIS SON **SOLOMON** BECAME KING.



1 CHRONICLES 29:23

IN SOLOMON'S
TIME ISRAEL
BECAME A GREAT
AND POWERFUL
NATION.

1 KINGS 10:23



THEN AFTER SOLOMON
DIED, HIS SON REBROHAM
BECAME KING OF ISRAEL.

1 KINGS 11:43



THE PEOPLE ASKED
REBROHAM TO REDUCE
THEIR TAXES AND
HARD LABOR FOR THE
GOVERNMENT.

BUT REBROHAM
FOLLOWED THE ADVICE
OF THE YOUNG MEN WHO
GREW UP WITH HIM,
AND TOLD THE PEOPLE
HE WOULD NOT REDUCE
THEIR TAXES OR HARD
LABOR...

1 KINGS 12:1-5



IN FACT HE WOULD
ADD **MORE** TAXES
AND LABOR!

1 KINGS 12:8-14

THE PEOPLE WERE
SO ANGRY THAT THE
KINGDOM **SPLIT**.

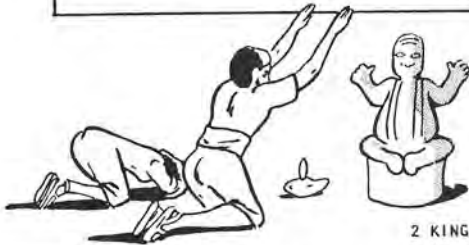
1 KINGS 12:15



MOST OF THE KINGDOM WAS IN THE NORTH... CALLED **ISRAEL**...

WHILE THE KINGDOM IN THE SOUTH WAS CALLED **JUDAH** BECAUSE THE RULING TRIBE WAS JUDAH.

THE SAD FACT IS THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL WORSHIPED FALSE GODS AND DID OTHER EVIL THINGS.



2 KINGS 17:9-12

GOD SENT PROPHETS TO
WARN THE PEOPLE OF
ISRAEL.

2 KINGS 17:13

NOTE: GOD ALSO SENT PROPHETS
TO WARN THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH.

BUT THE PEOPLE WERE
STUBBORN—

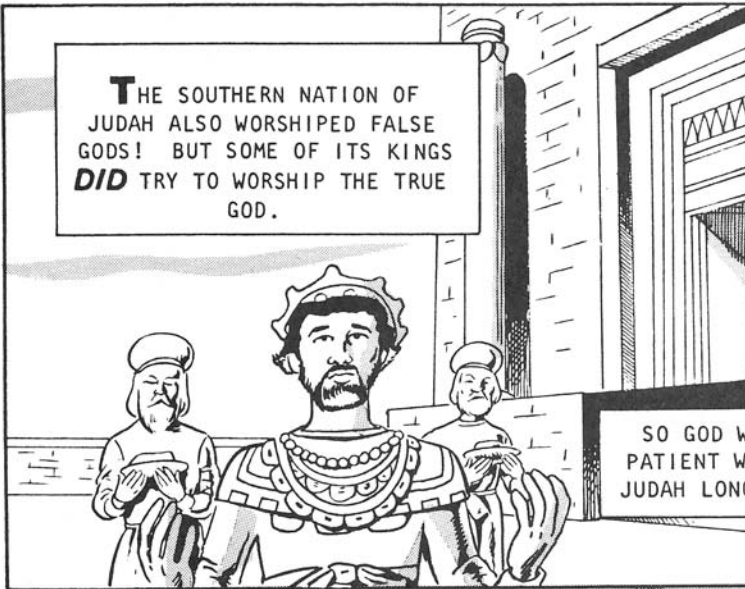
2 KINGS 17:14

SO GOD LET ANOTHER NATION, **ASSYRIA**,
COME AND DESTROY THE NATION OF ISRAEL.



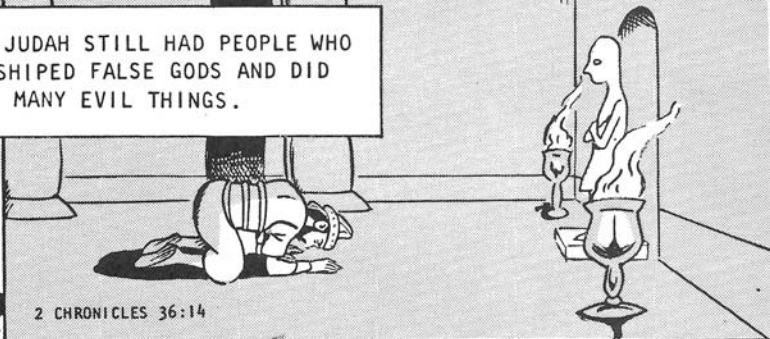
2 KINGS 17:22,23

THE SOUTHERN NATION OF JUDAH ALSO WORSHIPED FALSE GODS! BUT SOME OF ITS KINGS **DID** TRY TO WORSHIP THE TRUE GOD.



SO GOD WAS PATIENT WITH JUDAH LONGER.

BUT JUDAH STILL HAD PEOPLE WHO WORSHIPED FALSE GODS AND DID MANY EVIL THINGS.

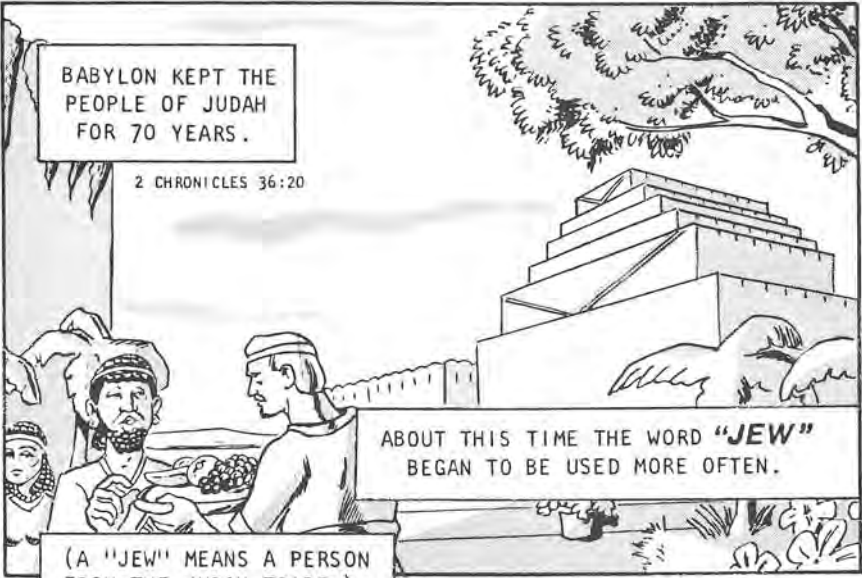


2 CHRONICLES 36:14

SO GOD PUNISHED JUDAH AND LET BABYLON TAKE THE PEOPLE AS PRISONERS.



2 CHRONICLES 36:20




BABYLON KEPT THE
PEOPLE OF JUDAH
FOR 70 YEARS.


2 CHRONICLES 36:20

ABOUT THIS TIME THE WORD "**JEW**"
BEGAN TO BE USED MORE OFTEN.

(A "**JEW**" MEANS A PERSON
FROM THE JUDAH TRIBE.)



WHEN THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH
WERE ALLOWED TO GO BACK TO
JERUSALEM, ALL ISRAELITES
WERE CALLED "**JEWS**" BECAUSE
THE MOST IMPORTANT TRIBE
WAS **JUDAH** NOW.



JESUS WAS A **JEW**.
HE WAS BORN TO
JEWS. AND HE
PREACHED TO THE
JEWS.

GALATIANS 4:4-5



BUT OF COURSE
HIS MESSAGE
WAS MEANT FOR
ALL PEOPLE.

MATTHEW 28:19

AND HE IS THE
SAVIOR
OF **ALL**
PEOPLE, BOTH
JEWS AND
NON-JEWS.

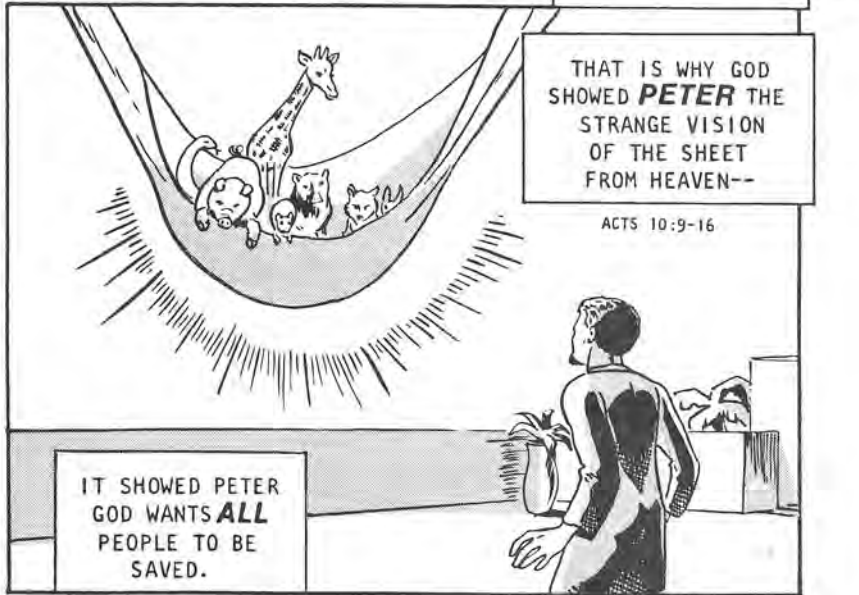


WHEN JESUS'
CHURCH STARTED,
IT HAD ONLY
JEWS AT FIRST.

ACTS 2 THROUGH 9

GALATIANS 3:28

BUT GOD WANTED
NON-JEWS IN
THE CHURCH.

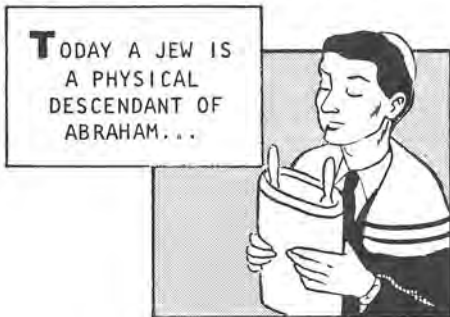


THAT IS WHY GOD
SHOWED **PETER** THE
STRANGE VISION
OF THE SHEET
FROM HEAVEN--

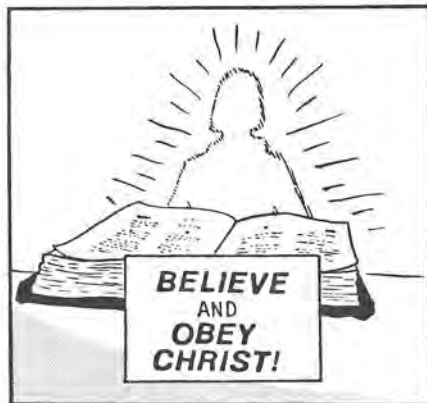
ACTS 10:9-16

IT SHOWED PETER
GOD WANTS **ALL**
PEOPLE TO BE
SAVED.

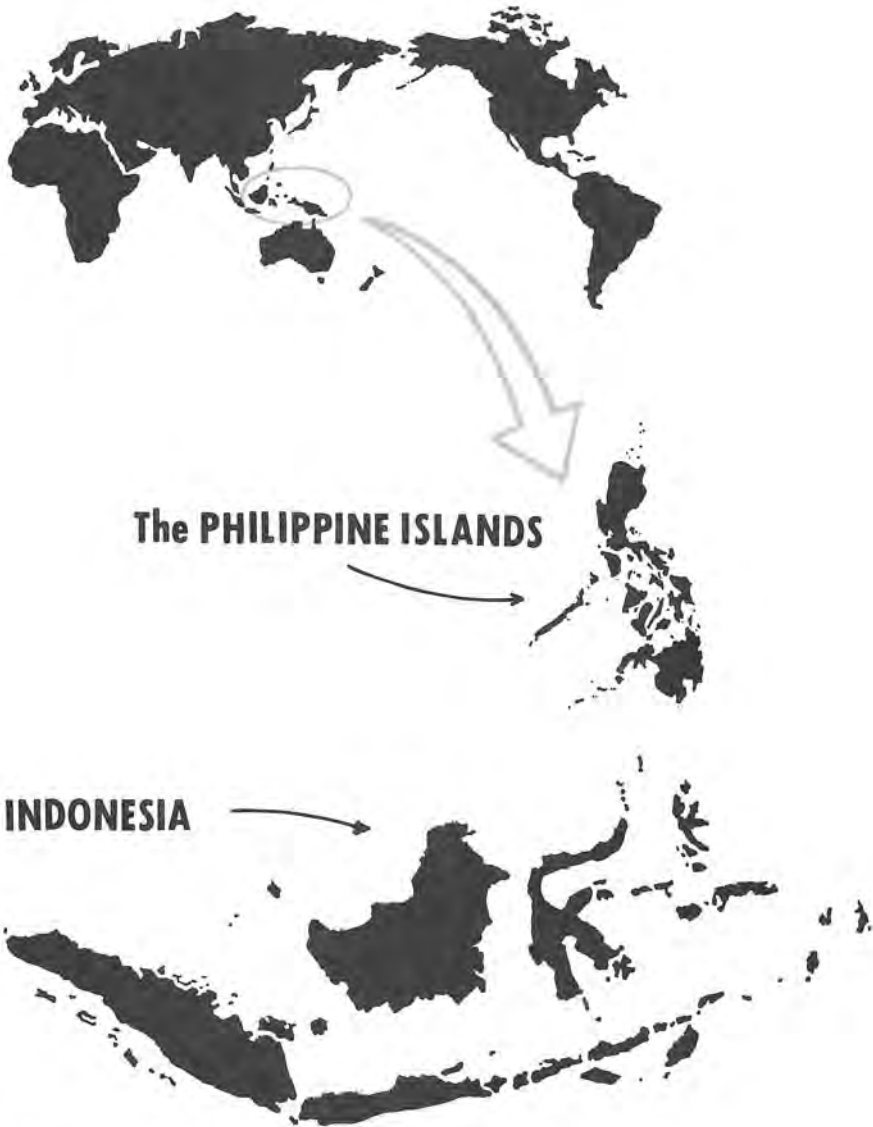
2 PETER 3:9



ROMANS 2:28-29



*Where are the Philippine Islands
and Indonesia?*



New-Born Deaf Babes in Christ in the Philippine Islands

As we write this, John Pease and Loyd Williams are doing mission work among the deaf in the Philippine Islands. Both John and Loyd are deaf themselves. Loyd is a well-known missionary to the deaf whose main territory is the United States. And John is a graduate of Sunset School of Preaching's deaf program.

John sent a fascinating account of an incident last November. We are reprinting his account below, with minimal editing:

Last Nov. 30, 1986, I baptized seven people. Two of them were hearing and the rest were deaf. But on that day I thought that I would have failed to baptize them. What happened? Well, when we all met together a little late and started for the Church of Christ at Quezon City which has a baptismal pool. But they forgot that we were coming for the baptisms. The church did not fill up the pool and asked us to come back at four P.M. We went to our friend's home, and waited until it was ready for us to go back. One of the deaf got a little angry, because he wanted to go some place at four P.M. also. Then I asked him which is more important to be, with Jesus Christ or some other place. He didn't answer and left. I really felt bad. But the others cheered me up. "We will stay with you until we are finished with our baptism no matter how long." But I still hoping that the deaf person would come back. Hurrah! He



Welcome cake for American missionaries John Pease and Loyd Williams. See page 17 for photograph of welcome party.



John Pease baptizes one of the Filipinos in the swimming pool.

did, he came back at 3:30 P.M. I was so relieved. He told me that he was sorry for his actions, but I forgave and hugged him. He is a really good man. Then we again went on to the church building. The pool was still not filled with water. There was something wrong with the water! I was upset because the deaf wanted to repent and to be baptized so badly.

So I decided to take them to the river or ocean. But the river was out of the question because of very bad pollution. Also the ocean is out of the question because it is 90 miles away. The ocean near us is still very badly polluted. Then something comes to my mind. Why not a swimming pool? Finally we found one and asked the owner about it. He said okay and will cost each P 10 (means 50¢ each. Then four hearing from the church were with us, sang a song before the baptism. It was so beauti-

ful. Then all were baptized into Christ. I was so happy that at least I did save some. One who was baptized told me that he knew the devil tried so hard to stop us, but we defeated him. He was so happy. I just smiled.

On December 7, 1986 we already started our worship service.



John Pease at study.

Many deaf at my friend's home for Bible Study want to be baptized. But I told them that they must know Jesus Christ and what it means to repent and be baptized. As you see, many churches did baptize many deaf but never explained or told what baptism is for. I have met some deaf who were

baptized before and asked them if they know what baptism means. They said no. Then I explained, they were so surprised. So, I told them that I would be very happy to teach them all about it and they can repent and be baptized again with true understanding about it. They have accepted it.



John Pease poses with all 7 Filipinos that he baptized. See article for full story.



Lloyd Williams (third from left) and John Pease (second from right) are honored at a welcome party for them by their Filipino brothers. For close-up photograph of the cake, see page 15.

Going-Away Party for SAM & RUTH ROACH

On August 1, 1987, Sam and Ruth Roach returned to Southeast Asia to work among the deaf there. This time they are in Indonesia. Below are photographs made of them when the deaf at East Frayser Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee gave them a going-away party.



Sam Roach makes his farewell speech.



Close-up of deaf chatting.



Sam and Ruth Roach and Billy and Marilyn Leavell pose for the camera.



Sam listens to Billy Leavell while Edith and R.W. Smith sit nearby. R.W. is an elder at East Frayser.




The First Marriage

(Genesis 2:18, 21-24)


AFTER GOD HAD CREATED MAN, HE SAW THAT THE MAN WAS LONESOME.

"IT IS NOT GOOD THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE ALONE," GOD SAID. "I WILL MAKE HIM AN HELP FIT FOR HIM."



GOD CAUSED A DEEP SLEEP TO FALL ON ADAM, AND WHILE HE SLEPT...

GOD TOOK A RIB FROM HIS SIDE, CLOSED UP THE FLESH...




AND GOD MADE THE RIB INTO A WOMAN.



GOD BROUGHT THE WOMAN TO ADAM.

"THEREFORE," ADAM CONTINUED, "A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL JOIN HIS WIFE..."

"THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES, AND FLESH OF MY FLESH," THE HAPPY ADAM SAID. "SHE SHALL BE CALLED **WOMAN** BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN."



"...AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH."

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"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world"

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