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A.I.G.A. is the initials of the "ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES", an association that was legally approved and chartered by the State of Missouri on August 2, 1962. The association has continued to grow in numbers and in Spirit.

To give the history of this group of Believers, we will need to go back to the year of 1954. In the year of 1954, I was attending a conference in the Kansas City, Missouri area, being held by the group that I had been working with called the "Fundamental Ministers and Churches, Inc.," In one of the evening services I was ordained by their group. I was given the job of their "Regional Field Director," My Job was to promote their, association in the east Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas areas. Over the next six years, I was able to take in over two hundred Ministers and Christian Workers. Now, the Fundamentals told me to ordain any one who though that they were called to preach, It didn't make any different what they believed as long as they believed in the born again-experience. I had a hard time with this, because there was always arguing about our different doctrines.

I was Pentecostal, and believed very strongly in living a Holy life before God. So, in 1960 I resigned from my position with this group. In doing so, I sent postal cards to the members that I had brought in telling them that I was no longer their leader. The ministers that was Pentecostal began to call and some came to our home saying that we should start our own association.

I was working as an over road driver for Yellow Freight Systems. I worked on this job for 28 years, Retiring in Oct. 1976. On August 16, 1961 on my bid run between, St.Louis, Missouri and Baxter Springs, Kansas I had just gone by Rolla, Missouri on what is now Interstate 44, and was pulling a hill about 3 miles West of Rolla, when a drunk driver, in a new Pontiac car, driving at a speed over 100 miles an hour crossed the center strip, hit me head-on, and threw me through the door of my tractor, I landed about twenty five feet ahead of my truck, landing on my back and ending up in the side ditch. I was taken to the Rolla Hospital, where I spent the next seven weeks. At first the doctors said I could not live. Over two hundred Ministers came and prayed for me. Finally the doctors said I might live but I would be in a wheelchair the rest of my life. But Praise God, He healed me completely from my back broken in three places, nine ribs broken some in more than three places, broken hand, wrist, left arm, my right lung punctured, my heart knocked out of place, flesh torn off my right hip, plus many more complications. I was

completely healed by God, I went back to driving my semi truck in March, 1962.

When I received a settlement from Workmen's Compensation. After attorney fees, I received \$6,800.00. Which we used to start our association. My wife and I were pastoring a church at 7727 Minnesota Avenue in South St. Louis, Missouri. We all decided to meet at our church every Tuesday evening, to pray and seek the will of God in starting a new association. This was in the middle of February 1962. We met and prayed and during that time of praying, God gave me the name for the association, gave us our Articles of Faith, Constitution and By-Laws and everything else that, we needed to file for our Charter.

So, in April of 1962 we went before the Civil Courts in St. Louis, Missouri and applied for our charter. The Civil Judge was an elderly man and very strict. He, told us that he would not approve our charter, unless we made some changes in our qualification for ordained ministers, as follows, We could not ordain anyone under twenty one years of age, and that the minister must have a high school diploma or a passing Equivalent Test. So, again on August 2, 1962 we again went up before the Judge. He looked over the changes we had made and approved our charter. At that time he came down from his bench, laid his hand on our shoulders and said, "You have the best corporation set up that I have ever had the privilege to review, "Now", he said, "get out there and grow, for the time will come that unless you are a large group that the courts will annul your charter."

Now concerning our articles of Faith, Constitution, and bylaws, and everything was original. We did not copy from any other group. But since this association was started there have been around ten or more other groups that we are aware of that have used our corporation's bylaw books, our application for membership, and our annual membership book to start their own association. There was a man from Monroe Louisiana, who came to our office and spent three days, working with one of our secretaries, having her to show him how to start his own association. He was constantly calling her and keeping her on the phone for long periods of time, trying to find out more about starting his own. He knew that I was getting tired of him using so much of her time, so he called and apologized for doing this so much. He assured me that he would not take any of our members, but as soon as he got his association started, he began to promote it among our members. This association was started, not by copying, but

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much praying and seeking God's will.

The first Office for the new association was in our home at 4139 Shenandoah Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri in our living room, and consisted of a small wooden Desk, a Secretary's Chair, Smith Corona Typewriter, a Spirit Duplicator and Stencil Cutter.

The original officials were, Granville M. Rayl, President; Charles W. McWhorter, Vice President; Hazel Arlene Rayl, Secretary; William Harmon, Treasurer and William Harvey, Board Director making a quorum of five Board Members. The Board Meetings were held at our Church at 7727 Minnesota Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

We had received 22 application for membership, so on the same evening, August 2, 1962, we called our first Board Meeting to order, and approved the 22 applications. We never thought that we would be as large as we are now.

We just wanted a group of ministers and Christian workers who were living a Holy life before God, and who all believed in the fullness the Spirit and Doctrine as set forth in the "King James Version of the Holy Bible. At the first Board Meeting, the Board passed on several issues. The Board had to ratify the Constitution and Articles of Agreement which are as follows:

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The name of this Corporation, and Association shall be ASSOCIATION of INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES, INC.

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The International Headquarters of this Association shall be located at St. Louis, Missouri, and the business thereof performed at the annual meeting place of this Association, the annual International Conference shall convene each year on the first Monday of July and continue through the following Thursday, at such place as shall be determined by the Official board and previously announced to the membership by proper publication,

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This Association shall have perpetual succession and duration.

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This Association shall have a corporate Seal. All certificates, cards, papers and documents, must be sealed by the corporate seal and properly signed before they become legal.

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The Official Board of this Association shall always consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a National Chairman and Six National Board directors, which makes an Official Board of Eleven members. This Board must pass on all business matters of this association by a majority, before it becomes effective. [Note: officials of this association have been changed from

time to time to meet the need.)

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This Association shall be confined to Religious work only and shall carry on its Religious work throughout the United States of America and in Foreign Countries, and its Foreign Missionary work shall be carried on under a duly elected Mission Board, abiding by the laws of the land.

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This Association is formed for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in the Word Of God and to practice and promote the Christian Religion according to the Gospel of the New Testament Scriptures.

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Said Association shall have authority to ordain ministers to the full work of the ministry and to issue credentials to Licensed ministers authorizing them to do and perform all duties commonly connected with their offices as ministers. Shall have authority to issue Exhorters Licenses to ministers who are not yet qualified for License. Shall have authority to issue membership cards and certificates to Christian Workers showing that they are a legal member of this Association.

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This Association shall have authority to issue or refuse to issue credentials based upon Christian Character and ability, after proper investigation and approval of the Board of Directors. All credentials and cards shall be issued by the General Secretary, upon receipt of a proper application signed and approved by the Official Board, and shall become effective when signed by the President and Secretary and a regular annual membership card issued to the applicant.

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Membership shall be renewed annually on payment of the annual fee, determined at the annual business meeting of the Association. New membership cards shall be issued each year. Our fiscal year shall be from July 1st. through June 30th. each year.

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This Association shall have authority to acquire and possess real and personal property to be used for the purpose of preaching, teaching, and publishing the Gospel, which includes the following: churches, schools, colleges, publishing houses and homes and such land and buildings as needed to carry on the work of this Association. Shall have authority to issue church, mission, evangelist, campgrounds and school charters, making said charter holders an organized, legal place of worship.

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All real and personal property owned by said Association must be deeded to the name of The Association of International Gospel Assemblies, Inc. and all deeds and contracts shall be held in trust by the General Secretary.

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Also the newly appointed Corporation Board of five had to ratify the Articles of Faith and Doctrine, as follows:

Doctrinal Statement

As Ministers and Christian Workers joined together for voluntary and cooperative fellowship and service in the International Gospel Assemblies, Inc., we have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us; (Luke 1:1). Praying that there be no harmful or divisive difference of peace and harmony of the Association and Church, and that we may be all of the same mind and judgment, speaking the same things (1 Cor. 1:10, Acts 2:42) In love with one voice glorify God, edify His people, and give Christian witness to the world.

-1- SCRIPTURES

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21). The New Covenant as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (1 Tim. 3:15-17). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in Righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Also see (1 Peter 2:1-2).

-2- THE GODHEAD

Our God is one, but manifested in three personalities, The Father, The Word and the Holy Ghost (1 John 5:7). GOD, the Father is greater than all (John 14-28). The source and the Begetter of the Word (John 1:14 - John 16:28). "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18). The SON is the Word, flesh covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1:1; 1:14, 1:18). being co-equal with God (Phil. 2:6). The HOLY GHOST proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son (John 14:26-John 15:26), and is eternal (John 14,16). Being promised by Christ from the Father to all fully cleansed believers (John 14:16-17).

-3- MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, (Genesis 1:26-27). But through Adam's transgression and fall, sin has entered into the World (Romans 5:12). "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). As it is written There is none righteous no not one". (Romans 3:10). Jesus Christ the Son of God was manifested to undo the works of the devil, and

gave His life and shed His Blood to redeem and restore man back to God (1 John 3:8). Salvation is the Gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Eph.2:8).

-4- FEW BIRTH AND ETERNAL LIFE

Man's first step toward salvation is a godly sorrow that worketh repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). The new birth is necessary to all men ((John, 3:3-8). And when fulfilled produces eternal life with God (1 John 5:12). We believe that eternal life with God in Heaven is the finally home of the righteous (Matt. 24:13, Mark 13:13), and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord, and unending torture in Hell is the fate of the persistently wicked (Matt 25:46, Psalm 9:17 and Rev. 21:7-8).

-5- SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification leads to Holiness (Romans 6:22). "Follow peace with all men, and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite yet progressive work of Grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of Salvation. (1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14 and 1 Cor. 1:30).

-6- BAPTISM of the HOLY GHOST and FIRE

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire (Matt.3:11) is a Gift from God as promised through the Lord, Jesus Christ (John 14:16; Acts 1:4-5). To all fully cleansed believers in this dispensation, and is received subsequent to the New Birth (John, 14:17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; Acts 2:39). He is accompanied with the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, as the initial physical sign and evidence (Acts: 2:4; Acts 10:44-45-46).

-7- THE CHURCH

The true Church is the body of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.12:1-10). Christ being the Head (Col. 2:19). Its earthly constituents are men and women, born of the Spirit, living Holy lives, striving to do the will of God. To the Church is delegated the various gifts and offices of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor.12:1-10) necessary for the successful fulfilment of Christ's great commission to the Church as given to the disciples in Matt. 28:19 and Mark 16:15-20.

-8- WATER BAPTISM

Baptism in water is by immersion and is a direct commandment of our Lord (Matt. 28:19) and is for believ-

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ers only (Acts, 2:41, Acts 8:37). Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian identification with Christ in His Death, Burial and Resurrection (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4-5). We recommend the following formula for Water Baptism. "On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." (Matt, 28-19).

-9- LORD'S SUPPER and FEET-WASHING

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a commandment of our Saviour. And, being a memorial of His death, is strictly limited to Christian believers (1 Cor. 11:24-30). We believe in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper among all of God's people. We believe that feet washing should follow the Lord's Supper, (John 13:1-18). The Lord said in (John 13:14), "ye also ought to wash one another's feet". We believe by doing this command that we shall keep ourselves humble before our Lord.

-10- DIVINE HEALING

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the Power of God, through the prayer of Faith, and the laying on of hands (Mark 16-18; James 5:14-15) and is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of everyone that will accept it (Luke 5:15).

-11- MINISTRY

God through the Holy Ghost definitely calls such as He desires to serve as, evangelists, pastors and teachers; (Eph.4:11). And qualifies the ones called, with power, talents, wisdom and gifts pertaining to that office or offices (1 Cor. 12:28), "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called" (1 Cor. 7:20). We pray that our ministers will preach the Whole Word of God, not taking away or adding to the Word of God (Rev. 22:18-19).

-12- WOMEN MINISTERS

The gifts and callings of God are without repentance, and the Holy Ghost divideth upon each as He Wills ... "In the last days our sons and daughters shall prophecy..." (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18). When called of God and anointed by the Holy Ghost, our women shall have the freedom to serve in the ministry as they are led by the Spirit (2:18).

-13- TITHES

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me, but ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8). We believe that all Christians (Including Ministers) should pay tithes into the storehouse (church) (Malachi 3:10-11). We also believe that the storehouse is the church where you receive your Spiritual food. Every Christian should pray for the Spirit of God to show them where to pay their tithes.

The Five man board of Directors, also ratified the Duties and Qualifications of our Ministers and Christian Workers, as follows:

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We, recommend;

That all our Ministers boldly lift their voices against anything which would identify our Association and Churches with the world (1 John 2:15-16). "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world". Also see (James 4:4).

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That all who profess the name of Christ keep themselves unspotted from the world by living lives of practical holiness, within and without, (1 Peter 2:21). "For even hereunto were ye called; Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps". Also 2 Cor.6:17-18. That we will forsake all unrighteousness, even the appearance of evil. We will abstain from all questionable pursuits and pleasures. We will forgo all harmful habits. We will avoid all evil associates and we will touch not, taste not, handle not, any unclean thing. That we will follow earnestly after righteousness and true holiness in the fear and love of God.

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That our ministers conduct themselves at all times and places in keeping with the dignity which belongs to the high calling of the ministry (2 Tim. 2:6). "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits" (Titus 1:7-9). "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not self-willed not soon to angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers".

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That our Ministers and Christian Workers stay clear of all envy, jealousy, talebearing, and slander of all men, especially our fellow ministers and members. That we will be Christ-like in all our deportment. We will be tender and affectionate toward each other: we will be careful of each other's reputation, thinking no evil, and backbiting not with our tongues; we will return good for evil, we will be just and honest, truthful and honorable in all our dealings, we will do unto others as we hope to be done by; we will be meek, loving and forgiving as we desire and hope to be forgiven. (James 1:26) "If any among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

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We strongly urge that the Lord's Day be kept holy, by not engaging in worldly pleasure, unnecessary buying or selling. We recommend that our homes maintain a family altar, and that due attention be given to daily Bible reading and consistent church attendance. (1 Thes. 5:17; Praying without ceasing.) (2 Tim. 2:15; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth,") (Heb. 10:25; "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching".)

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We urge that our pastors see to it that order and a spirit of reverence be maintained in all of our churches. We will be faithful Christian Workers. We will do whatever Christian work that comes to hand, shunning no cross, shirking no duty; we will even seek opportunities to do good, glorify God and get souls saved; we will do all we can to win our associates, our neighbors, our families, all whom we may influence to become Christians. We will count it more than our meat and our drink, more than all things else, to do the will of our Father in heaven, to lead souls from sin and death, and lead them to God and Heaven.

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That our members give due consideration to their mode of dress, we are against our members following immodest and extravagant styles in dressing, or to wear needless ornamentations. (1 Tim. 2:9) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls or costly array'.) But which becometh women professing godliness with good works. Our women shall not cut their hair off short, but wear their hair as long as possible. The women shall not wear that which pertaineth unto man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment. Nei-

ther should a man wear his hair long like a woman's, for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord Jesus Christ,

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That all our members pray and vote against the sale of alcoholic beverages and refrain from patronizing those who engage in this traffic. We as God's people should be temperance in all things, God has declared in His Scriptures that strong drink is a mockery. We see the increased evil of drink and the trouble it causes, wrecking homes, wrecking lives and bringing death to many. Be it resolved, we do all in our power to banish this evil. (1 Thess. 5:6-7-8)

"Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

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That when a divorce and re-marriage has taken place previous to being saved; the matter shall be left strictly to the individuals concerned and their conscience. See (Acts 11:9 - 1 John 1:7 - 1 John, 2:1-2. Heb. 4:14-16. Matt.12-31, and Psalms 103: 11-12.)

Many families have been disrupted and children have denied the comfort of their parents and their God-given privilege of a home, and as we deem it contrary to decency and the compassion of God, therefore we pray that our ministers preach and teach against the separation of families over the divorce question.

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That our ministers preach the Word, try the Spirits, see if they be of God. Not be carried away by every wind of doctrine. Not add to or take away from the Word of God. See (2 Tim.4:2-5, 1 John 4:1-2, Eph. 4:14 and Rev. 18:19.)

As soon as the Constitution and articles of agree-

ment, the Articles of Faith and Doctrine, And Duties and Qualifications were approved by the Five Man Board. We printed them up and put them in booklet form. Anyone who was interested about joining the Association, had to read the booklet and agree with them before they could become members. This kept those out who didn't fully believe our Doctrine and Qualifications.

During the next four months after August the second, when the Charter was approved by the Government, and we saw how many were coming in as members. We agreed to have everything that the large Denominations had to offer their ministers.

We started The International Bible School, which later grew into an accredited Bible College and Seminary. We first made our textbooks on our printing press and the first year we let the students have the Bible Courses free of charge. There were several students who passed their courses and graduated before our first International Conference, at which time we furnished the graduates with caps and gowns and gave them their first year diplomas.

We started and printed our first International Gospel Herald magazine in February of 1963. The magazine was 12 pages and was printed in our living room office, on our Electronic Stencil Cutter and our Gestetner Duplicator machine. The first issue was dated for February 1963. Then in March we printed the second issue. After this issue we became too busy to print the Herald, so we made the dummy and sent it along with the manuscript to The National Religious Press in Grand Rapids, Michigan, who printed the magazines until we moved our office to its present location in De Soto, Mo. After that it is now printed by Cross Printing Co. in our area. When we first printed the magazine it was 12 pages each month, but now for several years we only print it every 3 months. It is now 16 pages and is mailed to several foreign counties, every country where we have members, The International Gospel Herald has been a major factor in our growth.

We started our youth group. We prayed for a name for it, and we decided to call it "Gospel Assembly Youth". We had some large round badge pins made and across the center of the badge, we had the word GAY, and around the lower half of the badge, we put "Be Gay for Christ". Remember now this was in 1962. At that time the homosexuals and lesbians were called queers. A few years later there were five ministers, including Granville M. Rayl, Joseph

Prance, Jacob Anslum, Lawrence Stansbury and Joyce Chesak that made a missionary trip to the country of Haiti. We all wore the GAY badges on our lapels. On our trip back to Miami, Florida, as we were going through Customs, the customs man that was checking our line through, kept looking at us with a strange look on his face. When we got up to the point that we were next, the customs man stepped back and motioned us to go on through. We went out into the main lobby room. Joseph Prance reached up and took the badge off of his lapel and put it in his pocket and told us to take ours off, explaining to us that the homosexuals and lesbians were now called Gays. You can imagine how embarrassed we were? Well we can look back and have something to laugh about.

As soon as we got back to the office, we changed the youths' name to Gospel Youth Crusaders. This name and our youth groups have led many young people to the Lord. Pray for the young people; it is a hard job to reach them now.

At about this same time, we started the women's group. We named our women's group, "Women In Christ". Our women's group became very active, buying a Jeep for the Philippines and Bicycles for the ministers in Nigeria, Africa.

The Board decided that our fiscal year would start on July 1, and end on June 30 each year. At this time our first fiscal year was coming to the end. We had worked very hard and saw many things accomplished. We had set up and made arrangements for our first National Conference to be July 1,2,3,4 at the True Gospel Tabernacle, 13th. and Benton Streets in St. Louis, Mo., Rev. William Johnson, Pastor.

We thank God we ended this fiscal year with 78 chartered members, 14 Churches, two owned by our association and 1 large Gospel tent. We were now having fellowship meetings each month in different churches, in the St. Louis and Lead Belt areas.

On Tuesday July second, 1963 at our first annual conference we conducted our first General Election. All International and National Officials were voted on. All State and District Officer were appointed or re-appointed.

The results of our first election of officials held Tuesday, July, 2nd, 1963 was as follows, International Officials; Granville M. Rayl, St. Louis, MO., General President; William H. Harman, St. Louis, MO, General Vice-President; Hazel Arlene Rayl, General Secretary and William D. Harvey, St. Louis, MO, General Treasurer.

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National Officials, Charles E. McWhorter, St. Louis, Missouri, National Board Chairman; Oscar D. Barton, Leadwood, Missouri, National Evangelist; plus six National Board Directors as follows: No. 1, Vernie Anders, Arnold, Missouri; No. 2, Arley Jines, Valles Mines, Missouri; No. 3, Tommie C. Branham, East St. Louis, Illinois; and No. 6, Prentice E. Bailey, Bonne Terre, Missouri.

State Officials: Donald L. Bohnenkamp, Lamont, Missouri, Missouri State Chairman; Laura M. Bohnenkamp, Lamont, Missouri, Missouri State Secretary & Treasurer; Billy Carl Adams, Galena, Kansas, Kansas State Chairman; Frank B. Stranges, D.D., Venice California, California State Chairman.

St. Louis District Youth Leaders, James R. Sanders, Collinsville Illinois, St. Louis District Youth Director; Shirley J. Sanders, Collinsville, Illinois; District Youth Secretary and Treasurer.

Lead Belt District Youth Leader; Prentice E. Bailey, Bonne Terre, Missouri; Lead Belt District Youth Secretary & Treasurer, Evelyn Christine Reed, Leadington, Missouri.

Now, my wife and I had never owned a home. We had always lived in furnished apartments. So we bought a nice 9 room house with a full basement. The basement had been made into a beautiful office with knotty pine walls and tile on the floor and ceiling. It was located in a beautiful neighborhood at 2621 Louisiana Avenue, in South St. Louis, Missouri. But before we had time to move into our new home, and again on my bid run between St. Louis, Missouri and Baxter Springs, Kansas I approached the underpass at Eureka, Missouri when I noticed a Trailway Bus meeting me on the eastbound lane. I also noticed a Stationwagon passing the bus when the station wagon hit the concrete medium. It crossed the medium and hit the back tandem wheels on my semi and stop me suddenly, throwing me against the ceiling of my tractor. The results of the wreck left me with a whiplash in my neck. I was taken to the Hospital in Springfield, Missouri where I stayed for eight days. As soon as they got me in the hospital, they x-rayed me. The nurse came into my room and said "Mr. Rayl where is your back brace?" I told her I had never worn a back brace, at which time she left the room and came back in carrying the x-ray. She said, "Look here, your back is broken in three places. You could not drive a bus, without a back brace." I said to the nurse, "I don't drive a bus; I drive a semi-truck." She really got upset and turned red in the face, and said, "No way could you be driving a truck." I began telling her about the wreck I had in 1961, where my back was broken in three places, and I told

her how GOD had healed me completely. She left the room and never came back to see me that I knew of. I have often wondered why God completely healed my back, yet why it still shows on x-rays that it is broken along with my ribs that were healed. The only answer I get is God had a purpose, and that purpose was to show doctors and nurses His healing power.

A few days after I got home from the hospital, we moved our home and office to our newly purchased home on Louisiana Avenue. We bought a new steel office desk and an I.B.M. Typewriter. We were not able to print our International Gospel Herald Magazine because of my wreck and our moving.

At The National Board meeting held in September, the following members were asked to turn in their membership with this association, for different reasons. Billy C. Adams, Galena, Kansas - Winfred and Leola Barnes, Farmington, Missouri - L. B. Adams, Pocahonas, Arkansas - Lonnie Newell, Hannibal, Missouri - Everett and Jessie Doerr, St. Louis, Missouri; and Earl Cover, Boss, Missouri.

The Board saw the need for Membership Relations and Discipline rules, so the Board passed on and sanctioned the following rules to be entered into our by-laws. As follows,

(A)-Our Ministers and Members Relationship.

Our Ministers and Members should cultivate mutual fellowship and work in harmony, loving each other with a Godly love. No Minister shall lend themselves to any disgruntled element in any of our churches or meetings for any purpose that might do injury to the pastor or his members, or causing dissension and strife. Any ministers or members doing such is liable to drastic discipline. Our Ministers and Members must cooperate in every possible way to encourage and promote the progress of our Association and it's cause.

After becoming a Minister of this body, if the teachings and practices of said minister should become out of harmony with our Articles of Faith and Doctrine and practice, or if the character of a member should become such that it does not pertain to a Christian, if such person cannot be reconciled, then their name will be dropped from the membership roll of this Association and they shall be required to surrender their Credentials, If any member at any time should leave this association for any cause, either by their own choice or by the choice of this association, they must, by the Constitution and Articles of agreement, surrender their Credentials, and this Association will not be responsi-

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ble or liable for any of their legal duties as a minister, by the law of the land.

Any minister or ministers circulating a petition or doing anything to create an unrestful condition among our membership group shall be called to meet the National Board of Directors. If proven guilty they shall be dealt with as the Board sees fit. Our Ministers shall conduct themselves in an orderly dignified state at all times, especially in hospitals and other public places.

(B) DISCIPLINE

In all matters of difference between members the Bible procedure shall be followed, first let the disagreeing make an honest effort to settle things privately and if unsuccessful, then let the matter be brought before the Board. Any charge against a member shall be in writing, over the signature of the accuser. The written charge shall be sent or presented to the National Headquarters, who will notify the National Board of Directors. The Chairman will call the Board together at the nearest convenient time, The accuser must be present to back up his written accusation, The accused must be present to defend themselves against the charge.

If the accuser or the accused fail to appear before the Board, to answer the charge, without just cause, they shall be deemed guilty and disciplined accordingly. No question can be asked nor can any evidence be submitted, unless the question and evidence have a direct bearing upon the charges already filed. It is the duty of the acting Chairman to enforce this procedure. If the defendant is guilty and confesses and truly repents and show a contrite heart, recommendation is made for leniency and if possible, full restoration after a suitable time of probation, If the charges are proven true, and of sufficient nature, the defendant's name will be ordered removed from the membership list of this Association.

If the defendant is innocent and the charges are proven false, the accusers shall be deemed guilty of malicious slander, trouble making and causing division, and as such may be disciplined even to the extent of removal of their names from the membership list, if necessary. A person who has once been tried and proven innocent, or who has repented and made restitution shall not be tried the second time on the same charges. Any person or persons causing dissension or division by referring to the former charges either by mouth or by writing, shall be liable to discipline "Where there is no talebearer, strife ceases." Proverbs 26:20.

Our first annual finance report was as follows: As of July 1, 1963: Total received \$1,900.81 and the total disbursements \$1,611.23. Leaving a balance of \$289.58. From the beginning of this Association. Dr. Rayl has paid all of his tithes from his gross income into the Association.

Miss Shirley C. Gruver, my wife's youngest sister from Cuba, Missouri came and stayed with us, and helped with the typing and letters for several weeks. Then she had to go

back to Cuba and finish her High School so she could graduate and receive her diploma. Shirley came back to St. Louis on December 17, 1963 and has been with us ever since. Shirley has been the right arm of this Association. She is now one of the seven person Corporation Board of Directors, serving as General Treasurer. This will be explained at a later date.

During the first year, we saw a steady growth in membership. A board meeting was held once each month, to vote on the many applications, and vote on the different resolutions. Rev. Vernie G. Anders, was appointed as our first Missionary Leader, Rev. Oscar D. Barton was appointed as our first National Evangelist. Rev. James 'Ronnie' Sanders, was appointed as our first National Youth Director, And Rev. Helena G. Anders, was appointed as our first Women In Christ, Superintendent.

As I have never said much about my wife, Hazel Arlene nee Gruver. I want to take time here to acquaint you with the important part she has played in building this association. We first met in the spring of 1952, and on June 8, 1952 we were married in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Cuba, Missouri, by the pastor, Rev. Jim Warren. She has preached ever since she was thirteen years of age. Her parents didn't want to accept the calling in her life, saying that women were not to be preachers, But in later years, and since that time some of her brother and sisters, including her mother, have been saved. They are a wonderful family. They adopted me into their family, and now I am closer to her family, than I am to my own family. She likes to be called Arlene. So for now on we will refer to her as Arlene. All through the life of this association, she has never complained about the association. She has kept uninvited preachers who would come and stay for as high as over a month at a time. She would cook, wash their clothes and never complain. We have used our time and money to support this association. Up until the last few years, we have had to make loans two or three times a year to keep the association above board. We are not complaining for we feel that we have been in God's will for we have certainly been blessed above measure.

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HISTORY OF THE AIGA

By Granville M. Rayl

Part 5 of a continuing series

Our second National Conference was the first week of July, 1964, at the True Gospel Tabernacle, Rev. William Johnson, Pastor. This ended the second year for the association. In the spring of 1965, the association bought a twelve and a half acre campground at Doe Run, Missouri. It was open for any member to build cabins there. The first annual Campmeeting was from July 6th. through July 19th. We had much work getting the camp-grounds ready for the campmeeting. A small house and a shed were the only buildings on it. So, we set up four large gospel tents, one for the tabernacle, one for the concession stand and dining room, one for the women's dormitory and one for the men's dormitory. We had three services each day. The Camp-Grounds was on top of a large hill about a half mile off of State Road W, the road that runs between Doe Run and Farmington, Missouri.

Our Bible Institute had its first graduation service on July 8, 1964. We had ten graduates. The school at that time had 40 students enrolled. This Bible Institute which has now become a Bible College and Seminary is the greatest blessing in my ministry. I love to teach. That is my main calling from God.

The girls of the families that belonged to the association, came to us and said, "We want a part in the association." So the Official Board started the Girl's Auxiliary Committee.

It was organized for the purpose of financing the International Gospel Herald Magazine, or for any other financial needs of the association.

This Auxiliary work shall be carried on as a nationwide project, consisting of the following officials: National President, National Secretary and a National Treasurer, and as many committee members as deemed necessary. Each State shall have a Girl's Auxiliary Committee, and each District in each State or territory.

The girls shall work as a group in each district. And shall have different projects as often as possible. If it is possible each group could have several projects going at the same time. Each group shall have a petty cash fund for any need that might arise. All other money must be sent into the National Headquarters of the International Gospel Assemblies, Inc., as soon as each project is completed. Each Secretary shall keep a record of all activities in their district and shall send a report to the National President of

fund-raising projects as bake sales, car washes, selling, making articles for sale, etc.

Qualifications for members of the Girl's Auxiliary: Each member of this auxiliary must be within 12 through 35 years of age. The girls do not have to be members of the International Gospel Assemblies, but should be girls who have a desire to see God's work progress for the cause of Christ. Each member must be a girl who has respect for Christianity, to the place where she dresses modestly, and acts respectably wherever she might be. She shall not smoke or take drugs. The girl can be either married or single.

The members must have respect for their group leaders, and willing to work at whatever job the leaders might have for them. A member of a group shall be as active as possible. If at any time a girl becomes discouraged or dissatisfied, she should tell her leader, and resign if necessary. Each member will be issued a membership card and will receive a membership button to pin on her dress or blouse. There are no membership fees to pay and you will not be asked to buy anything. The group that raises the most money to turn in for the finance of the International Gospel Herald Magazine will receive a nice gift or gifts. (Note.- this project did not last too long and I would love to see it revived.)

In the fall of 1964, we moved into our first missionary field. Rev. P. Abraham Samuel, was put in the position of Chairman of India. Rev. Samuel came to the United States, stayed with us, and visited different churches to raise support for their Bible College, 'Zion Bible College', in Andhra, India.

About a year after Brother Samuel went back to India a brother who was pastoring a church in East St. Louis, Illinois decided to make a trip to India. The people in India did not know that this pastor was coming. When the pastor got back from India, he called me up and asked me to come out and have breakfast with him. The reason he wanted to talk to me was to tell me what he saw with his own eyes in India. The Samuel family was living like kings, had a beautiful home with the best of furniture, king size beds, etc. So we did not support Abraham Samuel any more.

Now, at this time we will give you the history of each Department of the Association. We believe that this will

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give you a better understanding than trying to work it altogether. So, we will continue with Chapter Two, the History of International Bible Institute.

CHAPTER 2

History of the International Bible College and Seminary

Organized 1962 under the laws of the State of Missouri, affiliated with as the Educational Organ of the Association of International Gospel Assemblies, Inc.

By G. M. Rayl

My calling from the Lord is a teaching ministry. Even before we started the Bible School, I was praying for a Bible School or College. So, when we started the International Gospel Assemblies, Inc. in 1962, the first department was a Bible School. We named it "International Bible Institute", with Granville M. Rayl as President and Hazel Arlene Rayl as Secretary and Treasurer. We printed our first textbooks on our printing press and started offering Bible courses for free. Students began enrolling in our Home Study Courses. We started out with Correspondence Course Number One. The school grew so fast that we had to start ordering our textbooks.

We were pastoring the "Old Campmeeting Tabernacle" in Granite City, Illinois, and about 15 or 20 of our members wanted me to teach the Bible courses in a class. We started having classes two nights a week. I will never forget the first night that we were to have our examination test. After we prayed and the students took their seats, I told them they would have to bring their study books up and lay them on the pulpit. Sister Norma Oden said, "Brother Rayl, I can't remember the answer without the textbooks." So, I told the students to kneel and pray until they felt they could answer the questions, and believe it or not, Sister Oden made a 100% grade.

Rev. Joseph Prance was pastoring a church in High Ridge, Missouri, south of St. Louis. He came and asked if I would hold a class in his church two nights a week. The students made good grades and really enjoyed the classes.

In October 1963, we moved our headquarters from 4139 Shenandoah Avenue, to 2621 Louisiana Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63118.

By 1969 the school had grown to the place that we had to add more officials. We placed Rev. William E. Wathern in as Vice-President; Dr. Richard Morrell as Provost; Rev. Vernie G. Anders as Dean, and David K. Wagner as Secretary and Treasurer of the International Bible Institute. By this time we had 72 students taking our courses by mail. As time was passing us by, the more I wanted to see some Bible Colleges all over the world.

God began to answer our prayers. In 1970 I began corresponding with Dr. John Lee in Hong Kong. We soon

found that we had the same burden for colleges and schools. Dr. Lee became a member of the International Gospel Assemblies, Inc. After Dr. Lee registered our Association in Hong Kong, he opened an office at 34 Bulkeley Street, 2nd. Floor, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Dr. Lee wrote, "I am glad to tell you that the Hong Kong Mission has just established a Kindergarten, one Primary, one Orphanage and one College of Theology. We help the Hong Kong Tung Nam College to establish the South East College of Theology. The Tung Nam College was called the Tung Nam University in China Mainland. It had a university campus in China and was a recognized university of the Education Department of the government of China, and as China didn't want religious school in China, it was moved to Hong Kong in 1949 when Mao Tse-Tung controlled China, and was incorporated under the Laws of the Education Department of the Hong Kong government. It is a resident college and offers standard university courses and degrees. The Hong Kong Mission, which is part of the International Gospel Assemblies, Inc. helps the Tung Nam College to establish the seminary.

"Tung Nam" means "South East". We are printing the prospectus of the College of Theology and will send some copies to you when it is ready. We are praying our International Headquarters and our International Bible Institute will make fellowship with our Hong Kong College as an affiliate college. The South East College of Theology is controlled by our Hong Kong Mission."

We don't know what will happen when China takes over Hong Kong in 1997. But the sad part of it all is that none of the Bible College Officials here in the U.S.A. will recognize it as part of the educational system. This is because we cannot trust Dr. Lee to be faithful with us. We understand that now he, Dr. Lee, has turned this college over to "The Bibleway Association of Doniphan, Missouri."

We had moved our Association Headquarters to 2618 Louisiana Avenue, and had two employees, Shirley C. Gruver and Waltraud E. Lange. Our Association work by this time had increased to the point where we had to unload some of it. So, we elected Rev. Wolfgang B. Lange as President of the Bible Institute and his daughter, Waltraud E. Lange, as Secretary and Treasurer, and the college was moved to 7714 Augusta Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. But the Langes soon were unable to take care of it, for it was growing larger. So, again in 1975 we moved the college back to 2618 Louisiana Avenue, and new officials were appointed as follows: Dr. Granville M. Rayl, President; Dr. William E. Wathern, Vice-President; Shirley C. Gruver, Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Lloyd S. Bassoo, Dean, and Raymond A. Smith as Registrar.

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HISTORY OF THE AIGA

By Granville M. Rayl

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Now, a little history about myself, I started driving over the road for Yellow Freight Lines in 1949, I drove out of St. Louis, Missouri. I finally reached the point of being number one in seniority. So, for the last eight years, before I retired in 1976, I was on a St. Louis to Kansas City turn. I would leave St. Louis at 9:00 A.M. and, with no delays, I would arrive back in St. Louis at 8:00 P.M. By the time I had clocked in and finished my log book for the day, I would go home. When I got home my wife would have my supper ready. I would eat and run across the street to our Association Headquarters where I would work until midnight before I would go home and go to bed for a few hours sleep. This was making an old man out of me before time. I had never received a salary from the Association. My wife and I talked it over and decided that if the Association could pay me \$500.00 a month, with my pension and the 500.00 I could get by until I was old enough to get my Social Security check. So on October 15, 1976 I retired from my driving job. At that time I was 59 years of age. I had to wait three more years before I could draw Social Security, My pension check was \$450.00 so we lived on \$950.00 a month the first three years after I retired.

We bought the old Lutheran School building located at 411 South Third Street, in DeSoto, Missouri. We moved our Association Headquarters to this address and it is still at this same location. Now, I was finally seeing the Bible College that I had always prayed for. We were now able to offer the following: Local Evening Classes, International Correspondence Courses, 13 Earned Degrees, Bible Training For All Christians, Layman Training Programs, Diplomas For Graduates; Fundamental, Bible Centered, Doctrinally Sound, Premillennial, Evangelically Fervent and Missionary Minded. At this time in the spring of 1980 we were accepted for "Candidate Status" with the International Accrediting Commission for Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries.

We met with Dr. George S. Reuter, Jr. He came to

DeSoto to look over our school and start the process of working toward accreditation. This was a great step of God for our school. We had to update our Official capacity which consisted of Dr. Granville M. Rayl, President; Rev. William E. Wathern, Vice-President; Rev. Lloyd S. Bassoo, Dean of Students; Rev. Cora Jean Black D.D., Field Instructor; Shirley C. Gruver, Registrar; Rev. Hazel A. Rayl, Treasurer and Teacher; Miss Sandra M. McKalip, Secretary; Rev. David L. Taylor, Board Director and Rev. Clifford C. Thompson, Board Director. This made up our Bible College Executive Board.

On Monday, June 23, 1980, at about 4:00 P.M., we saw the results of all of our hard work. On that day Dr. George S. Reuter, Jr., the President of the International Accrediting Commission for Schools, Colleges, and Theological Seminaries, arrived at our school to present to Dr. Rayl and School Officials the plaque recognizing the International Bible Institute as a fully accredited College.

In the end of 1980 we had an extension school at Collinsville, Illinois, under the supervision of Dr. Lloyd S. Bassoo. Classes were being held in the evenings each week. It was our intention to have extension schools throughout the U.S.A. and in some foreign Countries. In 1982 we had become acquainted with Dale Davis and his son Kent Davis in California. They started a Seminary in Garden Grove, California, and wanted to charter with us and come under our accreditation. We tried this but it didn't work out, for they didn't follow our college curriculum. About a year later they went on their own.

During this time we had met some Koreans and they wanted us to come to Korea and help start some Bible Colleges in their land. I went to Korea with Kent and Hank Davis. They were first cousins, and in their early twenties. We were able to get our airline tickets, thru "KAL", Korean Air Lines, to where we could visit all the major cities that they flew into, as long as we didn't back-track. So we left Los Angeles, to Anchorage, Alaska, to Hong-Kong, to Seoul, Korea, to Tokyo, Japan, to Honolulu, Hawaii, then back.

to Los Angeles. On this first trip to Korea, we met some wonderful people. They put us in the number one hotel in all of the far east, "The Lotte," They fed us in the leading restaurants and they would not let us pay for anything.

I met and got acquainted with Dr. Kil Jong Choi. Dr. Choi became a member of our Association. He was made our Coordinator to Korea. During the next few years I made numbers of trips to Korea. Dr. Choi rented an office building and had a large sign across the front, "Korea International Gospel Assemblies, Inc, 125-1, Kuki-Dong, Chongro-Ku, Seoul, Korea," Dr. Kil Jong Choi, Korea President of the A.I.G.A. It wasn't long before we had The International Theological Seminary in Korea. It was started with 22 young students.

All this time Dr. Choi was working toward his visa to bring his family to become citizens of the U.S.A. He is now living in New York, City. Before he moved to the U.S.A. he made me acquainted with Dr. Won Nam Kim who took Dr. Choi's position in Korea. Dr. Kim and a Korean Sister Won opened another Bible College in Seoul, Korea. In all my trips to Korea, I must say that I met some great people. I met several of the leaders then in the Bible Colleges there. One time on a trip to Korea our students wanted me to teach on the book of Daniel. It was made known by ads in the Seoul papers. When I arrived there I found that we had leaders from several of the large Colleges coming to my classes. We would start our classes at 6:00 P.M. and they would run until 11 P.M., and even then they didn't want to stop. They would insist that I would come back the next weekend. Later we found out that some Student Transcripts were being faked to get us to give the student a Degree from our college here. There were claims that some students were being charged from \$5,000.00 and up and the money was not being charged by our college. When we found this out we ended our affiliation with Dr. Kim.

We met Dr. Mac O. Nwulu from Nigeria, Africa. Dr. Nwulu had a nice College in Aha, Nigeria. He came over to get help. One of his main buildings in his college was breaking down because the people that built it had used too small beams in the building, and it couldn't hold up the load. I was impressed with Dr. Mac, as we began to call him. He is a great man of God. Now our two Colleges were working together in

training young ministers for the winning of souls. Dr. Mac wanted us to send a family over to Africa to help him in his College. We found a couple from Illinois who had two boys in their teens. This family got very excited about going and sold everything they had and went to Africa. I tried to tell them that they should spy out the ground first, but they didn't. They stayed just a few weeks. It cost hundreds of dollars that were wasted.

At this time we had our International Bible College and Seminary, in DeSoto, Missouri. International Bible College and Seminary, St. Louis Campus, St. Louis, Missouri, Trinity College of Ministerial Arts, Aha, Nigeria, Dr. Mac O. Nwulu, and other Schools and Colleges that we had Chartered; Berean Fellowship Academy, Manassas, Virginia, President, Clifford Barker, Evangel Association of Christian School, Brentwood, Missouri, President, Michael J. Evering, International Theological Seminary, Houston, Texas, President Johnson Lee, International Youth Centre & Vocational School, Kowloon Central Hong Kong, President Dr. John Lee, and Orient Theological Seminary, Taipei, Taiwan.

At the time of this writing our Education Committee consisted of the following: President; Dr. Granville M. Rayl, Ph.D., Th.D., D.D., Vice-Chairman; Shirley C. Gruver; Administration Assistant, Mrs. Cheryl R. Hurtgen; Rev. Sam Paul Gokanakonda, Committee Member; Dr. William E. Wathern, Committee Member and Dr. Reynolds Thomas, Committee Member.

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Dr. John Lee has written us requesting an apology in referent to a statement in the *International Gospel Herald, Volume 143, "History of the AIGA" - Part 5.*

Dr. Lee has stated that the college referred to "South East College of Theology" was closed 25 years ago and that he did not own that college.

This history was written by our late President, Dr. Granville M. Rayl, and we do not know to what college he was referring, but the name may be in error.

Our apologies to Dr. Lee.

- In Memory -

Rev. Granville M. Rayl, Th.D.

**Founder and Late President of AIGA
August 21, 1917 - November 29, 1997**

At this writing it is two years since our dear Brother Rayl has gone home to be with the Lord.

It was always a joy for us to listen to Brother Rayl tell about the early days of our Association. The first office was in the living room of Brother and Sister Rayl's South St. Louis apartment. The first office equipment and finances to start AIGA came from a worker's compensation settlement that Brother Rayl received from an accident involving the truck he drove.

The Rayls put much of their personal finances and time into building the work of AIGA. They worked in the office at night and traveled on weekends visiting AIGA ministers and promoting the Association.

When I think of Brother Rayl's dedication to the task that he had been given, I am reminded of a poem, "Follow Thou Me" by John Oxenham in which he writes,

*"Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,"*

And so it was, a total commitment and an urgency to work for the fulfillment of the vision God had given. It seemed to be Brother Rayl's complete focus. Although he worked harder than any person I have ever known, he always wanted to do more.

Many of our newer members never had the opportunity to meet Brother Rayl, share special time with him and learn about his vision for AIGA. In many ways, though, through his dedicated service, he has touched their lives and ministries. With this in mind we would like to tell you a little part of what we perceived that vision to be.

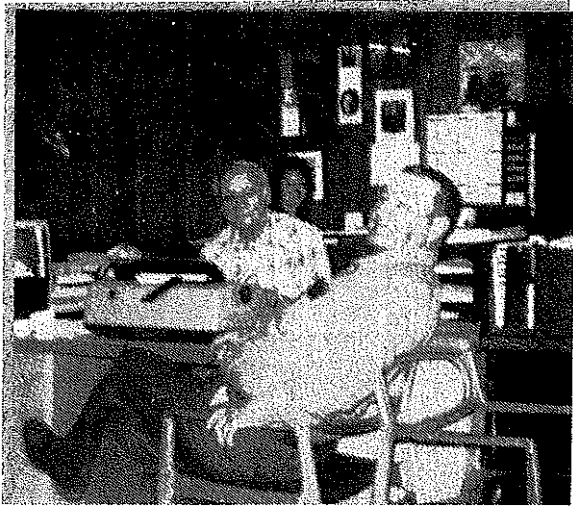
- Brother Rayl was compassionate and understanding. Although he was very busy it seemed he could always take time to talk with our members and Christian friends and be of help when difficult situations happened in their lives. He was committed to serving our members and their ministries. We hope to always remember that commitment to serving with love. Although he was placed in a position of leadership, he remained humble and tender-hearted before the people and, most importantly, before God. We trust that legacy will continue in the work of AIGA.
- He believed in living a holy life and expected our AIGA members to live lives of integrity and holiness according to the standards of God's Holy Word. This appeared to be a recurring-theme in many of his writings.
- He wanted the ministers of AIGA to feel free to minister as they were led of God being able to go where they felt He was leading. In this way he did not want the Association to denominate it's members.

Space permits us to share only a small part of this vision for AIGA with you.

Truly the love of God flowed through Brother Rayl and our loss became Heaven's precious gain. We believe that the coming of the Lord will be soon and what a happy reunion awaits us.

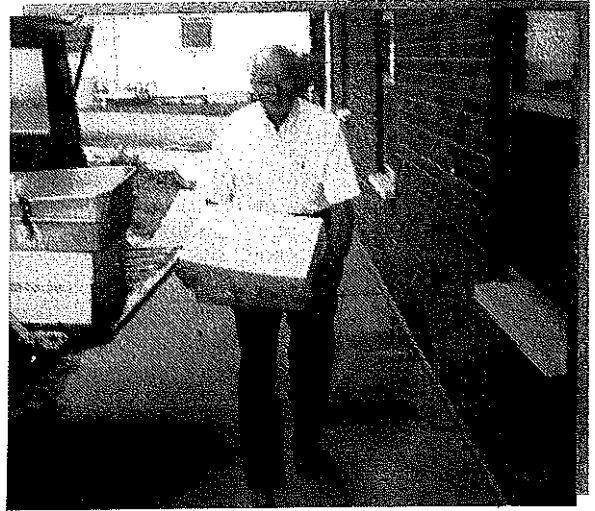
In the meantime the work of AIGA goes on. It is our prayer that it will continue until the day our Lord returns.

*"For God is not unrighteous to forget
your work and labor of love,..."*



Visiting with Brother Clarence Taylor

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Brother Rayl with his pet, Nanny



Showing off the John Deere Garden Tractor