

THIS WEEK IN AG HISTORY

BY RUTHIE EDGERLY OBERG

A.H. (Andrew Harvey) Argue (1868-1959) was a pioneer in the North American Pentecostal movement, serving as a pastor and evangelist in Canada and the United States. He also played a significant role leading up to the establishment of the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Argue was born near Ottawa,
Ontario. His father moved the family to
North Dakota, where Argue converted.
After marrying Eva Phillips and farming
in North Dakota for five years, the
young couple moved to Winnipeg,
where he became a lay evangelist in the
Methodist church.

Argue read an account of the Pentecostal revival taking place at Azusa Street in Los Angeles. He believed "it could be possible" that God would give the gift of tongues to His people.

In April 1907, he traveled to Chicago to visit W.H. Durham's mission. He waited on God for 21 days and then was filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues.

Argue devoted the rest of his life to the Pentecostal ministry in all parts of Canada and much of the United States. Thousands were saved, healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit through His ministry.

Read Argue's article, "If I Had But One Hour to Live," on page 5 of the May 24, 1941, issue of the *Pentecostal Evangel* online at s2.ag.org/may241941.

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CHAPLAIN EMBARKS ON FAREWELL TOUR BY JOHN W. KENNEDY

FORT BRAGG, North Carolina — One of the most enjoyable aspects in Scott McChrystal's role in his 14 years as military chaplaincy representative and endorser for the Assemblies of God is going to the field in support of the Fellowship's 214 military chaplains and 69 chaplain candidates.

Such visits allow McChrystal, 70, to minister to the ministers who help sustain American military personnel. Some AG chaplains have been in the Army for decades, others only months. But they uniformly seem to appreciate the listening ear and fatherly advice McChrystal offers.

Earlier this month he made his final stop in an official AG capacity at Fort Bragg. With his lengthy and respected résumé, many chaplains consider McChrystal a mentor. He is able to calmly reassure them regarding the myriad challenges they face — ranging from marital stress to doubt about

fulfilling their ministry calling. McChrystal knows the challenges young troops face. He served for seven years as the senior chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point before becoming the military representative/endorser for AG U.S. Missions in 2005.

There are 100 chaplains at Fort Bragg at the edge of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and 10 of them are endorsed by the AG Commission on Chaplains. The emotional toll some experience can be as real as in trenches on the battlefield. Every year some will be deployed overseas or rotate to another U.S. post.

"This last trip to Fort Bragg was absolutely necessary because of the quality and strategic nature of the impact these AG chaplains are having," McChrystal says.

In his travels to military installations, McChrystal typically is accompanied by his compassionate wife of 46 years, Judy.

DEFYING THE GRIM PRONOUNCEMENT

BY ALLY HENNY

Five years ago, a series of felonies had landed R. Forest Quillen in prison. Diagnosing him with bipolar disorder, depression, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, doctors told Quillen he had no hope of recovery because of his heavy drug use.

"I cried out to God to save me," says Quillen, 26. "It was the first sincere prayer that I ever prayed."

When released, he started attending Calvary AG of God in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Michael L. Barres, who served as pastor at the time and is now the director of Teen Challenge of the Smokies, encouraged Quillen to enroll in Chad's Hope, a Teen Challenge program for men in Manchester.

"I went to Teen Challenge to follow Jesus," Quillen says. Through Chad's Hope, his life transformed radically. Quillen is now the outreach director at Chad's Hope and also youth pastor at City of Hope Church in Manchester.

Drawing on his past life experiences,

Quillen developed a program called Be Somebody. Be Somebody uses biblical principles to encourage high school seniors to make good life choices. Be Somebody allows Quillen to build relationships with students and school officials. He is often invited back to give additional talks to students using Teen Challenge's Stay Sharp. Quillen has presented his Be Somebody program to nearly 50,000 teens in schools across Kentucky.

"What God is doing through him is supernatural," says Adult & Teen Challenge Kentucky CEO Julie M. Duvall, 37. "The way students respond to him, it's the Lord at work."

As outreach director of Chad's Hope, Quillen gets to minister directly to the men in the program. He speaks at chapel services and mentors them through their recovery process.

"He knows what it's like to be where those men are and to help them walk that path," says Duvall.

THE ABCS OF SALVATION

ACCEPT that you are a sinner, and God's punishment for your sin is death and separation from God forever.

BELIEVE that Jesus paid God's price for your sin when He died on the cross.

CONFESS "Jesus, I believe You are who the Bible and history declares You are – the Son of God. I humble myself and surrender to You. Forgive me. Make me spiritually whole. Change my life. Amen."



THE LORD OF THE RINKS

BY DAN VAN VEEN

Men's hockey — it's fairly safe to say few people watching a men's hockey match think, What a nice group of Christian young men!

Yet for Justin Woods, 25, his collegiate and professional hockey careers have been revealing. He's found Christians are not a rare commodity on the ice.

Woods, a native Alaskan, grew up going to church every Sunday. But when his parents divorced, hockey consumed his life.

Yet when he arrived at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks (UAF) on scholarship, God had Ryan Reinheller waiting for him.

Reinheller, 42, is a volunteer assistant hockey coach and functions as the Champs life coach. His passion for Christ drew Woods and their relationship began to move from coach to mentor as Reinheller introduced Woods to True North Church (AG). Woods loved it, but then life took a turn.

A few years prior to arriving at UAF, a cyst appeared on Woods' knee. Following his freshmen year at UAF in 2014, he decided to have the "benign" cyst removed. It turned out to be ewing sarcoma.

"We had just started to connect on a spiritual level when he was diagnosed with cancer," Reinheller says. "When he went to Seattle for treatment, I sent him a Bible and a folder with lessons on Christian truths."

"I had so much support," Woods says. "All my friends, family, hockey community, church family, parents' friends, and people I didn't know all reaching out to me, praying for me."

Following months of recovery, Woods returned to Alaska. He sought out Reinheller; he had questions about the "Christian truths" packet.

Woods' friendship with Josh Dryer, the executive pastor at True North Church, also began to emerge. "Josh is one of my best friends now," Woods says. "He's been so supportive. And his relationship with Jesus is one of the best examples anyone could have ever been for me."

The last two years Woods has been playing professionally in Manitoba, Canada, and Jacksonville, Florida.

"The teams I've been on there have been a lot of Christians and we've had the opportunity to do little Bible studies," Wood says. "It's cool to see how many Christians are on the hockey teams."

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

BY AGTRUST

Each year AGTrust provides the Making THE Difference (MTD) scholarship for a number of students attending one of the 17 Assemblies of God universities.

Hannah Metzner, Ben Harrell, and Vanessa Small are among the 72 students receiving the 2018 Making THE Difference scholarship.

"I thank the AGTrust donors who give in order to see the next generation succeed," Metzner, an Evangel University student, says. "I hope in the future I can pay forward what has been given to me and bless someone's life like I've been blessed."

Harrell, a sophomore at Trinity Bible College, understands the struggle to pay for schooling.

"This scholarship is taking away part of the stress of my college bill. It's giving me more time to focus on my studies, resulting in less time working in order to stay in school," he says. "Thank you, AGTrust donors, for making THE difference for me with this scholarship. I pray God will in turn bless you for everything you do for students."

Small, who attends Evangel University, is currently pursuing a degree in art.

"I can't say thank you enough for the opportunity that this scholarship has provided," she states. "I would not be here if it wasn't for this amazing gift!"

For a complete list of recipients, see s2.ag.org/mtds18.

THE CALL OF THE NORTH

BY KRISTEL RINGER ORTIZ

High in the North Atlantic Ocean lies the ancient Nordic country of Iceland.

Most Icelandic people associate themselves with Evangelical Lutheranism, yet have no personal connection to their religion. Norwegian missionaries brought the message of Pentecost in 1922.

Nearly 50 years after Pentecost's arrival, AG pastor and Vietnam War veteran Mike Fitzgerald and his wife, Sheila, sensed God's call to share their faith with the islanders.

"I was 42 years old when we applied for missionary appointment," Mike recalls. "For seven years, we traveled back and forth to Iceland before finally resigning our pastorate."

Since October 1994, Mike and Sheila have served as the founding directors of Radio Lindin ("the Spring"), broadcasting Christian programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week across Iceland. In 2000, Lindin spread to the Faeroe Islands, and in 2010 to Greenland.

The Fitzgeralds have seen Iceland's Pentecostal church grow dramatically.

"When we first visited Iceland some 30 years ago, we never dreamed we would be living here and helping touch an entire nation," they say.

In addition to radio ministry, Mike and Sheila helped develop and build a national church campground, create and distribute many video projects translated into Icelandic, and distribute Icelandic copies of *The Book of Hope* to 80,000 schoolchildren.



CONDUIT FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING BY ERIC TIANSAY

Mike W. McGee will hit the highways and byways this summer, praying for a spiritual awakening across America. McGee, who is a U.S. missionary candidate with Missionary Church Planters & Developers, will embark on a nationwide prayer tour as part of the new MCPD Dwell30 initiative.

Last year, McGee took an even more extensive visit around the nation's perimeters, covering more than 11,000 miles in 43 consecutive days, in preparation for the 2019 event.

Darlene Robison, MCPD senior director, says the Dwell30 initiative is based on Psalm 90:1 and is a concerted effort to mobilize at least 30 Christians to begin ministering in 30 spiritually dark places.

"The heart of this initiative is to multiply disciples in the most challenging communities of the United States," Robison says. "Multiplying disciples in the hard places requires long-term sustainability. The rural and urban communities ruled by violence, addiction, poverty, self-sufficient wealth, secularism, and false religions are not being reached in relationship to the need."

Initially, Robison says the Dwell30 initiative will involve blanketing areas with intercessory prayer, while increasing awareness in the Fellowship of the desperate situation.

"God will call, and He will supply all we need as we dwell with Him and dwell in difficult places," Robison says. "We hope Dwell30 will be a conduit for a spiritual awakening in America."

The 118-day tour will start officially in Tallahassee, Florida, on Aug. 7 and end in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 27. The tour will take McGee to all the state capitals of the continental U.S., requiring approximately 75 days of travel while covering over 20,000 miles.

Until last year, McGee and his wife, Becky, spent 35 years in Mexico as AG world missionary church planters. They minister individually with chaplains and spouses in need of encouragement and counsel. Just like McChrystal, several of the AG chaplains at Fort Bragg had enlisted as soldiers before switching to ministry. McChrystal, who retired from the Army as a colonel, spent a decade as an infantry officer before becoming a chaplain.

Fort Bragg is a center of activity for the military with 57,000 personnel at the most populous U.S. post. Its forested environs provide an ideal training spot for U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Forces. McChrystal has been stationed at Fort Bragg four times. Fayetteville, a city of omnipresent pine trees, clearly is a military community. A preponderance of tattoo parlors, barber

shops, and pawn shops dot the roads to the post.

Col. Eddie W. Cook is the 82nd Airborne Division chaplain, still jumping out of aircraft at the age of 48. His duties include overseeing services at All American Chapel.

"When soldiers see their mortality, it makes them more open to hear God's Word," says Cook, who will deploy in June for a four-month tour of duty with the 18th Airborne Corps as part of Operation Iraqi Resolve. "When they jump out of an airplane or helicopter, they are thinking."

At a farewell dinner attended by the Fort Bragg AG chaplains and their families, McChrystal received a plaque of appreciation.

STL CHALLENGE HONORS FATHER BY DAN VAN VEEN

When Lucas Respondek took his daughter, Moriah, to grade school gymnastics classes, he didn't dream those classes would one day be used to honor him and raise money for missions.

Moriah, now 14, says at a youth convention two years ago she learned about the One in One Thousand Challenge — doing one thing, one thousand times to raise \$1,000 for Speed the Light (STL).

She decided to do 1,000 cartwheels and her brother, Seth, 12, a soccer goalie, decided to block 1,000 balls for missions.

"It was two weeks before Moriah's challenge . . . , Lucas said he wasn't feeling well," Tammy Respondek,
Moriah and Seth's mom, recalls, "He

started having chest pains . . . "

Despite being in good condition with no history of heart problems, Lucas, 44, shockingly died at the hospital.

Moriah and Seth decided to keep their STL commitments, but now they were also doing the challenges to honor their dad. Each of them raised over \$4,000.

This year, the pair are upping their efforts. On March 30, Moriah did 2,019 cartwheels. Seth will attempt 2,019 blocks this fall. They have already raised over \$13,000 for STL.

"They understand this is their way of making a difference," Tammy says. "It's also their way of honoring their father — I know he'd be very proud."

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