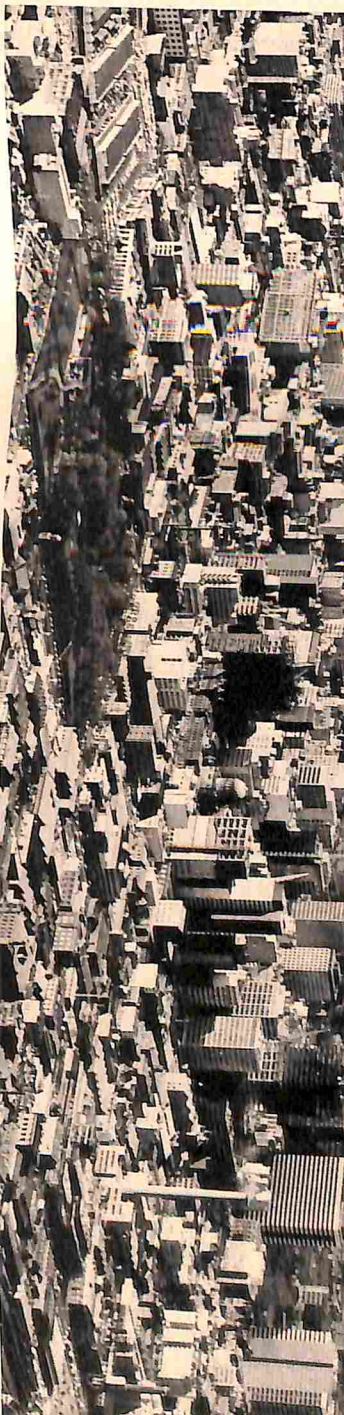


Crusade 1969



From the bagpipe country of Dunedin, the Edinburgh of New Zealand, to the tropical jungles of Darwin on the Timor Sea; from the Apple Isle of Tasmania to a "Town Named Alice" in the midst of the Outback, the Word of God will sound forth this month.

Ten years ago the proclamation of the glad tidings of Jesus Christ gave the sixth continent its first taste of revival. A book (*Light Beneath the Cross*, by S. Barton Babbage and Ian Siggins) and two films (*Shadow of the Boomerang* and *Southern Cross Crusade*) documented the five-month campaign.

Last year a return visit was scheduled, and half of it was completed. The Spirit of God brought great blessing to Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney, where Evangelists Leighton Ford and John Wesley White, Billy Graham and their teams worked with the local churches in conducting great city-wide crusades.

Illness forced Mr. Graham to postpone his visits to other cities until this year. The result has been an added year of preparation, and now, amid a tremendous sense of expectancy among the Christian people of Australia and New Zealand, the meetings have begun. The churches have planted, the Team members are bringing the water of life, and God is looked to for the increase.

Director of the Australasian operation is Dan Piatt, to whom God has given special Grace in the midst of serious illness (malaria) and personal tragedy (his eldest son, wife and baby killed in a highway accident in Georgia). Assisting him has been Harvey Thomas. The largest of the crusades, and the climax of the whole return visit to Anzac country, will be the Victoria Crusade 1969, scheduled to begin March 14 in Melbourne.

The following schedule indicates only part of the scope of the Australasian campaign this month; for telephone landlines will carry the Gospel to 80 relay centers in New Zealand; while three crusade telecasts from Melbourne will blanket the state of Victoria and—later—all of Australia, the United States and Canada.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, February 27—March 2. This crusade is already under way in Western Springs Stadium, under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. F. Clement. Mr. Graham is speaking nightly. A School of Evangelism is being held February 26-March 1 for young ministers and seminary students. A great closing meeting is planned for Sunday afternoon, March 2 in the stadium.

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, March 9. To keep a promise made 10 years ago, Mr. Graham will speak in Dunedin's Carisbrook Ground on Sunday afternoon. A one-day Seminar on Evangelism will be conducted in Knox College, the Presbyterian theological seminary of New Zealand, in conjunction with the rally.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND: Associate Evangelist Lane Adams conducted meetings here in Lancaster Park, February 21 to 26. MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: The Graham Team will conduct a ten-day crusade, March 14

to 23, in the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. It is expected that several hundred thousand persons will attend this year's meetings. Chairman of the 1969 crusade is the Rev. Gordon Powell. Directing the local crusade preparations in Melbourne is John Robinson. A School of Evangelism is planned March 17-21 to which theologues and recently ordained ministers from all over Australia will be invited. A School of Writing is also planned, March 10-12, sponsored by *Decision* magazine. Special charter flights will operate from Sydney and Tasmania to Melbourne.

BUNDABERG, QUEENSLAND: Following his crusades in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Singapore, Associate Evangelist Grady Wilson and his team came to this sugar cane center for meetings February 19-23.

DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY: Associate Evangelist Ralph Bell and his musical team will hold meetings in Darwin, March 5 to 9. They will also fly to Alice Springs for a major rally, and Mr. Bell will visit a number of Aboriginal missions stations in the top end of the Northern Territory and on the island of Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA: Associate Evangelist Lane Adams and his team will conduct a campaign in Launceston, Tasmania's second city, March 5 to 9.

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: Associate Evangelist Lane Adams and team will hold a crusade here March 12 to 16. Churches in the towns of Yass, Goulburn, Cooma and Queanbeyan in surrounding New South Wales will also participate. Please pray for these meetings! S.E.W.

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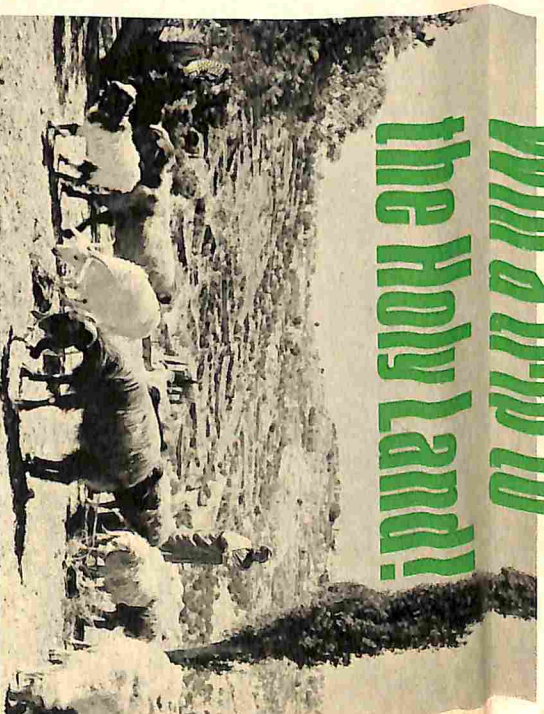
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The city of Melbourne will be the scene of a state-wide evangelistic Crusade this month, beginning March 14 and ending March 23, and climaxing a campaign that covers two nations. The site will be the 27,000-seat Sidney Myer Music Bowl, visible as a tent-like structure in the domain alongside the Yarra River (upper right). In the center is St. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral. The closing meeting of the Crusade will be Sunday afternoon, March 23, in the Melbourne Cricket Ground (left center)

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Here, from the new best-selling paperback, are responses to some of the issues youth are raising



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Exactly where do you think Christianity differs from other challenges to university students? Jesus Christ made the astounding claim that he was God. Either Christ was God, or he was a blasphemous liar, or he was a maniac. No other religious leader claimed to be God. Christ is the only leader, too, of whom the Scriptures state that he was raised from the dead. Not only that, Christ offers power to live the Christian life. No other

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