

June 16 is Men's Day

GOD USES MEN

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MEN need to be involved in the various ministries of the church. An increasing number of pastors and the men of their churches recognize this and are assigning men to these vital ministries.

The Assemblies of God Men's Department has been working for years to find more effective ways to assist pastors and other men in the local churches fulfill their God-given spiritual responsibilities.

The present structure and the ministries provided are being received very favorably. God is using the dedicated services of many men to extend the influence of the gospel around the world.

Today, June 16, is Men's Day. As we give special recognition to the work and ministries of the men in the local church, it is important to note that the chief reason why the Men's Department exists is to provide added services to benefit the local church, its men, and their families.

The department serves as a clearing house, collecting ideas and plans from many sources and passing them on to the local church leaders. These involve Action Crusades, Evangelism Literature for America, Light-for-the Lost, Royal Rangers, and other ministries of men.

A special Men's Day offering will

be received in many churches today to support these ministries. A national appeal like this is made only once a year. Since the Men's Department now serves all churches of the Assemblies of God, it is appropriate that each church be asked for a generous measure of support.

On these pages are stories of how God uses men. I believe these will inspire you and challenge you to more dedicated service to God—for God uses men.

...IN ACTION CRUSADES

After going out witnessing with his people in his church's Action Crusade, one pastor said, "I never knew there were so many openhearted people in the world today."

When Action Crusades workers could not find an assigned prospect at home, they went next door. A young man had his Bible spread out before him, seemingly waiting for a 'Philip' to come and explain it to him.

The workers told him the plan of salvation and found he was ready to give his heart to the Lord. He promised to come to church on Sunday and make an open confession of his faith.

While interest in spiritual reality is growing, the concern by Assemblies of God men for personal evangelism is also increasing. Action Crusades aim to inspire and train men to reach the unsaved with the gospel.

The response is encouraging and has resulted in Action Crusades being developed in almost every state. God is using men to spearhead revival efforts today.

One of the witnessing tools for Action Crusades is the *Graphic Witnessing Guide*. Nearly a million copies of this have now been dis-



God helps me in business

I AM A BUSINESSMAN in Oklahoma City who took the Lord as my partner many years ago. God has blessed my business and helped me to witness to many people.

People with businesses around me just can't understand how I can be gone so much, working for the Lord, and still remain in business. But I learned long ago that when I give of my time and money to the Lord, He always gives it back plus much more. I have never had a slow time in my business, and for this I thank the Lord.

I work in our church as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. But most of all, I'm working for the Lord for I expect His coming to be very soon.

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