

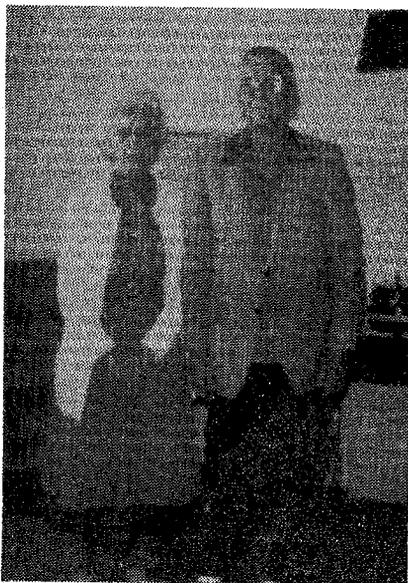


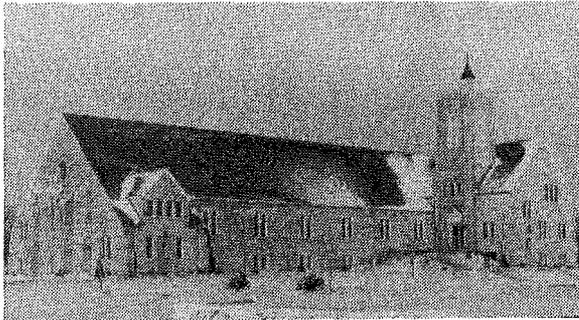
above: Reggie, 12 years old, won the blue ribbon at the Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO 1941.



top right: A.R. and Florence Thomas, Barbara, and Reggie

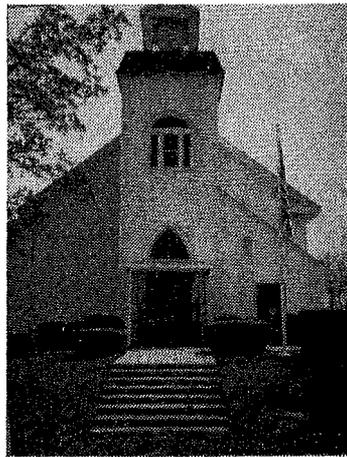
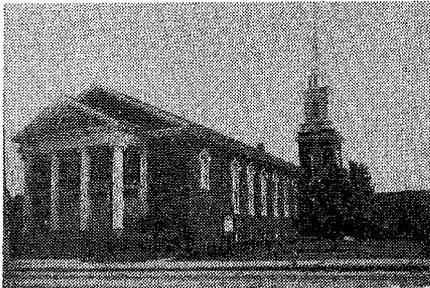
right: A.R. and Florence Thomas



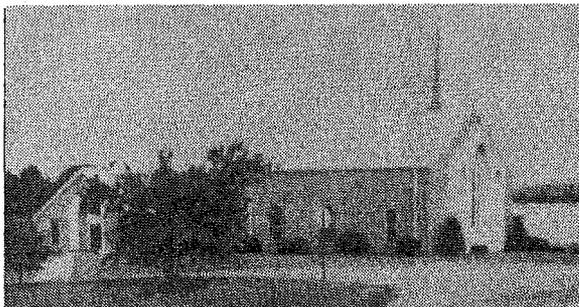


Catlin Church of Christ, Catlin, IL. This beautiful building erected and paid for in full during Reggie's ministry 1955-1961

East Point Christian Church, East Point, GA. Reggie Thomas, minister 1961-1966



Sugar Tree Ridge Church of Christ, Sugar Tree Ridge, OH. Reggie Thomas, minister 1947-1951

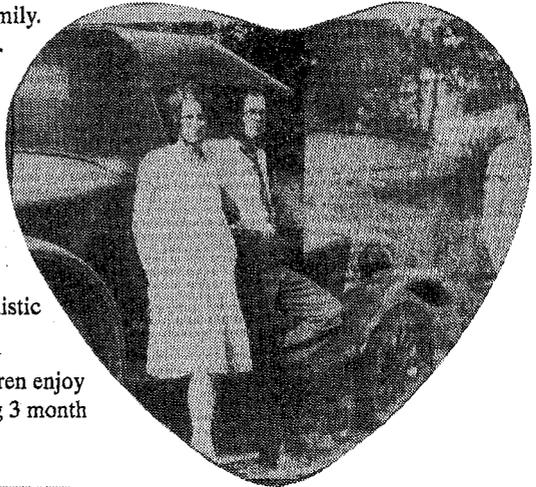


Hickory Valley Christian Church, Chattanooga, TN Reggie Thomas, minister 1979-1987



above: The Reggie Thomas Family. Christmas family reunion 1994. 8 children, 25 grandchildren.

right: A.R. and Florence Thomas in 1928. Reggie was still "inside" his mother!



below left: The Rosvitt twins and Arthur Morris, long time missionary to India, pose with Reggie during 3 month evangelistic campaign in India in 1971

below right: The Thomas children enjoy friendly giraffe in Africa during 3 month evangelistic campaign in 1968





Reggie Thomas
at 9 months--1930

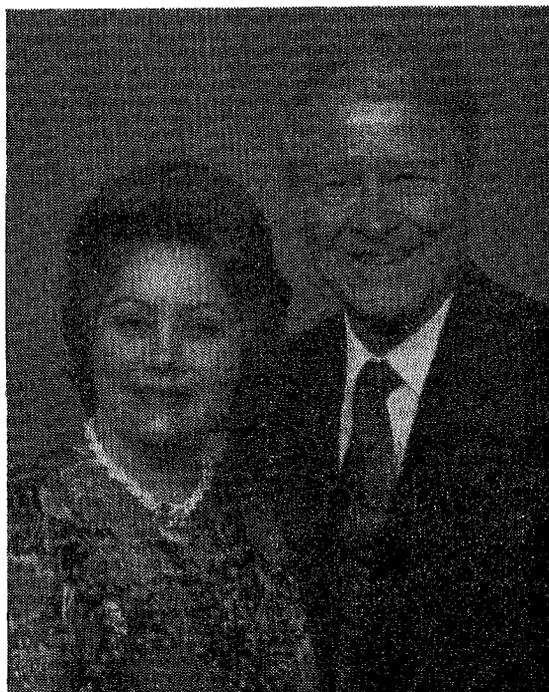


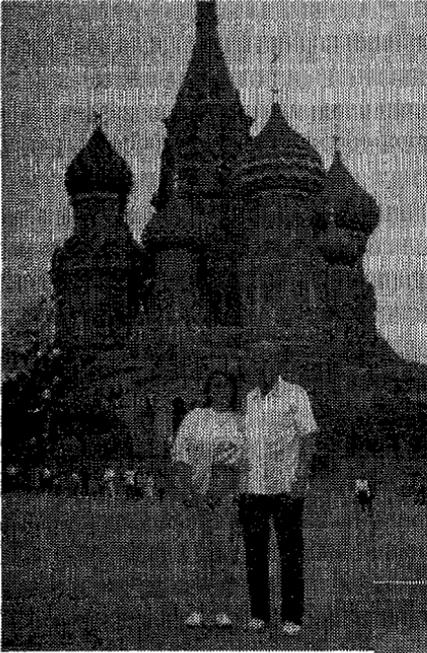
Reggie, 18 yrs. old--1947
Minister, North Miami
Christian, Miami, OK



Reggie, 26 yrs. old--1955
Minister, Catlin, IL
Church of Christ

Reggie and his
"beloved" Esther
Reggie's 50th year in
the ministry--1995





Love from Moscow—
Reggie and Esther

With love from the
Great Wall of China—
Reggie and Esther



DEVOTED TO THE RESTORATION OF PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY, ITS DOCTRINE, ITS ORDINANCES AND ITS FRUITS

Teen-agers Did It in Oklahoma

The appealing story of how Minister Russell L. Martin, of Miami, Okla., led his young people into greater service right at their own doorstep



Above: Lloyd Cameron.



Right: Reggie Thomas.

REGGIE THOMAS and Lloyd Cameron, members of the teenage group of the Miami (Okla.) First Christian Church, had long worked in the youth department of the local church until Minister Russell Martin outlined a greater task for them. He suggested that they and the other members of their group reopen the closed Christian church in North Miami, a village of about five hundred people, located a mile out of Miami. The church had been closed for some time and was used only as a voting place, location for second-hand sales by civic groups, etc. The roof had a number of holes in it, the ceiling had broken loose in a half-dozen places, the walls were weather-streaked, and only two windows were not broken.

The Miami congregation agreed to supply the necessary funds to repair and to maintain as a mission the North Miami church, but assigned the work to the young people. They accepted the challenge and, with Mr. Martin, went to visit the families of North Miami who were still interested in the church. Two weeks were spent in making a door-to-door canvass, and a few days were devoted to the distribution to every home in the community of hand bills announcing the reopening of the church.

First service was held the second Sunday of July, 1946. Despite the hot, sticky, Oklahoma weather, the attendance averaged from forty to fifty during July and August, and that average has been maintained all through the past year, during which twenty-three have been added to the membership.

Reggie Thomas does the preaching and Lloyd Cameron directs the singing and arranges special music at the two o'clock Lord's Day afternoon services. The Lord's Supper is spread each Sunday, and there is a Bible school following the preaching service. Mrs. Janice Lacy, of the Miami church, teaches the adults, and Billie Rogers, the young people. Sarah Kraybill, another Miami teen-ager, is the faithful piano player, and other members of the youth group serve as ushers, at the registrar's desk, and assist with the special music.

Reggie and Lloyd conducted a two-week revival at North Miami during their Christmas vacation last year, and will devote every night of their current summer vacation, with the exception of a single week, to similar activity among outlying churches of the Miami area.

These two seventeen-year-olds, both of whom will begin training for full-time Christian service in the fall, carry their zest for life into their high-school work. Each has won high scholastic honors. Each plays in the band, which Lloyd directs when the music professor is away. They are interested in baseball, basketball, and football, and are kept quite busy by their many activities, but they are willing to cancel almost any engagement for the interest of the North Miami work. Mr. Martin states that through their influence many of the members of the Miami youth group have been won to Christ.

Today the building of the North Miami church presents an appearance quite different from that of a year ago. The roof has been repaired, the interior painted, and glass installed in all of the windows.

Mr. Martin says that the Miami church will sponsor a similar work at Welch before the summer is over. This, too, will involve the complete rehabilitation of the building. It also will mean that many more Miami church members will receive practical experience in soul-winning and church building.



The North Miami Christian Church



50 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

During 1995, Reggie Thomas is celebrating 50 years as a preacher of the Gospel. He began his ministry as a 16 year old in December 1945. Here is a brief outline summary of his 50 years of preaching:

December 1945-May 1947 Preaching minister, North Miami, OK Christian Church

August 1947-May 1951 Preaching minister,
Sugar Tree Ridge, OH Church of Christ

August 1947-May 1951 Preaching minister, Higginsport, OH Christian Church
(This four year period Reggie served both congregations.
It was known as a "half time" ministry.)

May 1951-March 1955 National evangelist with
Christian Restoration Association

March 1955-April 1961 Preaching minister, Catlin, IL Church of Christ

April 1961-July 1966 Preaching minister, East Point, GA Christian Church

August 1966-Nov. 1979 International evangelist, overseas evangelism

December 1979-May 1987 Preaching minister,
Hickory Valley Christian Church, Chattanooga, TN

June 1987-present International evangelist, overseas evangelism

During the past 29 years Reggie has preached and directed great crusades in six continents of the world. In Africa he has preached to some of the most primitive people on earth and thousands were baptized. In India, he preached to the world's largest leper village. He has criss-crossed Australia and New Zealand and has preached on many islands of the seas. He was preaching in Chile, South America at the time of the attempted coup, June 30, 1973. He has also evangelized extensively in Russia and China. He has traveled over three million miles, preaching the Gospel of Jesus literally AROUND THE WORLD. He has a thrilling story to tell about what God has done in overseas evangelism. Since 1966 Mr. Thomas has traveled in 66 different countries of the world. To date, over 227,000 souls have been baptized into Christ as a part of this overseas ministry.



On January 9, 1988 the Kerala Christian Bible College, Ayoor, India, bestowed the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree upon Reggie in recognition of 22 years of dedicated evangelistic crusades worldwide. The degree was also granted in appreciation for 22 trips to India.

Many people have shared in these crusades including his family. His dedicated wife, Esther, travels with him in his meetings.

Reggie and Esther are thankful for their eight children and their twenty-five grandchildren.