

# It's Harvest Time in America

It was not easy to schedule the special speaker, Bishop Andrew Merritt. So busy a man has many calls, but he responded positively and the time had arrived to open this special service. Worship was under the leadership of Roy Little with Pam Shute at the piano. The praise and worship team was anointed from the beginning and the air was charged with anticipation. Patrick Miller presented a special song, "The Mind of Christ." John and Cindy Price of Madisonville, Kentucky, took us in song to "The Potter's House" and let us feel the "Rain of Heaven."

The new "I Love America Award" was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Gary Nash of Full Gospel Church, Pearl, Illinois (right). This church demonstrated their heart for home missions by giving \$47,000 in 1996 to help evangelize America! The individual I Love America Award was presented (in absentia) to Alfred Wilkinson of Aransas Pass, Texas.

Elizabeth Holowasko, evangelist from the Michigan District, used her God-given talent to share her poem entitled "The Little Beggar Girl." A ministry in song was presented by Robert Norwood from the ministry of Straight Gate Church in Detroit, Michigan.

It was evident from the onset that Bishop Merritt was anointed to deliver his message. Using Acts 2 as a foundation, he challenged the convention that we not forsake our Pentecostal heritage. He stated that he felt from the

moment of arrival that he had been sent by God to "lay hands on the ministry." A powerful outpouring followed the message, and delegates left the service renewed and with a determination to accept the challenge presented by the Home Missions convention theme, "Lord of the Harvest . . . Here Am I."

**Pastor and Mrs. Gary Nash of Full Gospel Church in Pearl, Illinois, winner of the "I Love America Award."**



**Evangelist Elizabeth Holowasko**



**Patrick Miller, a Messenger College graduate from Indiana, singing "The Mind of Christ."**



**John and Cindy Price singing "The Potter's House."**



**Many were touched by the power of God as Bishop Merritt prayed for pastors and their wives.**