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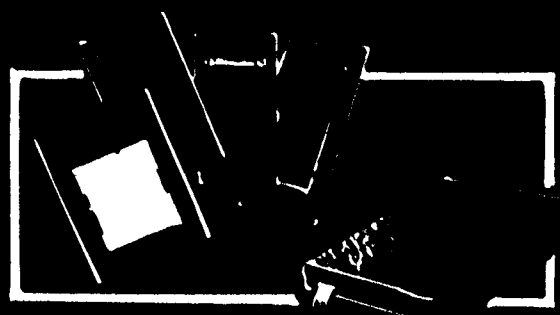


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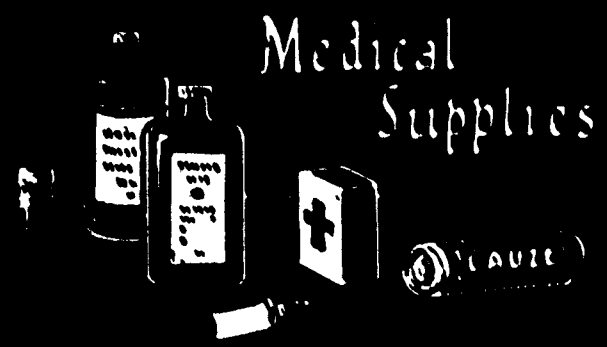
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"There is no quick way to evangelize the world," says Foreign Mission Board member on his return from the Orient. "The work of winning the world to Christ is going to be done by those who, on the basis of a life dedication, go to a definite field, identify themselves with the people, learn their language, and sow and reap according to the law of the spiritual harvest."

"God Is Able"

By W. Peyton Thurman

WE were in Bangkok, Thailand, when a radiogram came from Missionary W. B. Johnson, in Djakarta, saying: "Kediri medical problem cleared. Our requests granted. God is able." We had been in Indonesia just the previous week when, in a flash, it appeared that, in spite of months of planning and a definite promise from the national government that work could be opened, all had been lost because of a technical ruling by the local officials of the city in which we had hoped to begin our work.

When we left Indonesia we knew that Mr. Johnson, along with Dr. Kathleen Jones, was scheduled to go to Kediri for a conference with the mayor. They felt and we felt in our hearts that plans would be worked out because this was "God's business."

The radiogram was simply a confirmation of the faith of those missionaries pursuing to the end what they felt to be God's direct leading. The three words, "God is able," summed up and characterized the total attitude of these dedicated servants of God.

As we made our way over 34,000 miles visiting our work in twelve different countries, spending most of our time in Southeast Asia, that same refrain, "God is able," seemed to be the dominant note of our missionaries. They come up against every sort of obstacle and barrier. They are confronted with religions which have no spiritual power, with customs and manners and languages and climates which are strange, different, and depressing.

They are separated from friends and

loved ones. They would be tempted to rush back home except that, in the midst of all that might defeat, they know they are where God wants them to be and that he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that they ask or think.

During the course of our journey some very definite impressions were made upon me in regard to our approach to the mission task, especially in those areas we visited. I would like to share them with you, for I know the readers of this article will be, for the most part, those whose lives are already concerned with the missionary enterprise.

I was greatly impressed by the fact that, even in the new areas into which we have gone in the past four or five years, the approach we are making indicates we are there to stay. The nationals are recognizing that our work is no hit-or-miss undertaking.

They can discern that we do not plan to "be here today and gone tomorrow." Our missionaries give every evidence that they are there to put down roots, to live with and to love and claim the nationals of those countries for Christ, and to train them for the task of witnessing to and winning their own people to Jesus Christ.

I WAS made to rejoice again and again that our Foreign Mission Board is not hesitating, in spite of calculated risks, to buy or build permanent buildings in which to house churches, hospitals, and schools. A more timid policy would defeat our whole strategy to win the Orient to Christ. We were in Semarang, Indonesia, where the Baptist seminary for the training of our national leadership in that country is to be carried on.

A beautiful site on a hillside had

been purchased and already semipermanent buildings for immediate occupancy were about completed and plans for the permanent main structure were in hand. When the main building is completed the citizens of that city of 350,000 will know more definitely that Baptists, with their distinctive witness for Christ, are there to stay.

I WAS also wonderfully impressed by the adequate support of our missionaries on the fields and of their gratitude to God for Southern Baptists and the type of support they give in order that the missionaries may do their maximum for Christ. Everywhere we went our missionaries expressed their appreciation for the adequate support they receive.

We had opportunity on a number of occasions to talk with missionaries who are serving under boards that do not adequately support them and in every instance they expressed the fact that they are not able to do anything like the amount of work our missionaries are able to do.

This support was evident in the missionary residences provided. There are exceptions, of course, but for the most part our missionaries have adequate and comfortable housing. This is of vital importance to their well-being and efficiency, and I was grateful that years ago our Board was wise enough to recognize good housing as a necessary investment on the field.

This support was also evident in the fact that transportation facilities are at the disposal of our missionaries. Some of the cars have seen better days; but again I thought how wise it is not to handicap our missionaries by sending them out and expecting them to cover great distances without some

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The Hill of Witness

By Virginia Allen Brown

THE Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a tiny country with some 1,500,000 inhabitants nestled in the heart of Bible lands. Although the countryside remains very much the same as it was two thousand years ago, the cities are modern, teeming with people and bulging with automobiles, electrical appliances, and imported foodstuffs. Amman, the Philadelphia of Bible days, is the capital city.

On one of its hills is the palace of the young King Hussein. Frequent mosques remind one that Islam is the predominant religion of this land. Ninety per cent of the people are followers of Mohammed and only 10 per cent follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Of the latter the great majority are only nominally Christian.

Going north from Amman about twenty miles one arrives at the Brook Jabbok where Jacob wrestled with the angel. Lovely oleanders, which bloom six months out of the year, line its banks. At this point one is halfway on his journey from Amman to the Southern Baptist Mission compound—the Hill of Witness.

Another hour's ride over somewhat disconcerting roads and one reaches the gate of our mission compound. It is located in a beautiful wooded spot in the hills of Gilead overlooking the Jordan Valley and is just one mile from the village of Ajloun. About fifteen years ago it was chosen by Dr. Charles F. McLean, a British missionary, as the site for a hospital.

Dr. McLean came to the Ajloun district at the invitation of the people; and, in spite of many pioneering hardships, he established a modern hospital and a strong Christian witness. The growth of the work was more rapid than his expectations; and, after much prayer, he and Mrs. McLean felt led of God to call on Southern Baptists to take over the work they had begun.

Consequently, on June 1, 1952, Southern Baptists assumed full responsibility for the medical, educational, and evangelistic efforts under the leadership of two missionary couples, Dr.

and Mrs. Lorne E. Brown and Rev. and Mrs. Merrel P. Callaway. Soon they were joined by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae. The words of John 4:38 may be applied: "Other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

The word which seems to best characterize our undertaking here in Ajloun these past two years is "building." We have been very much aware of our great advantage in having a firm foundation laid for us and likewise of our responsibility to build thereon. We have tried to build by faith and prayer and work; and you of the Southern Baptist Convention have helped us build.

The forty-bed hospital which we inherited is about to expand to sixty beds. Electricity, a modern X-ray unit, and improved laboratory facilities have increased our efficiency. A beautiful new nurse's home with chapel, library, lounge, classroom, recreation room, dining room, and kitchen has just been completed.

TWO new residences and a boy's dormitory are already occupied and an outpatient clinic is nearing completion. Flower gardens, some spots of grass, and a paved driveway greatly enhance the appearance of the grounds.

The little school of sixty girls which fell into our care two years ago has reached an enrolment of one hundred and ninety-eight, has seven teachers, and next year will add the second year of high school.

The Sunday school attendance has increased from an average of sixty to an average of one hundred and fifty. Regular weekly meetings have been started in two neighboring villages and a monthly meeting in a more distant village.

ONE little group of believers has been organized into a Baptist church with twenty-two charter members. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

What God has permitted us to accomplish seems to make us more aware of the great amount of work yet to be done; the first fruit which has been borne for Christ only whets our spiritual appetites to produce more. The great unreached harvest fields lie out before us.

The Baptist Hospital here on the Hill of Witness serves approximately one hundred and seventy-five villages in this area of the Jordan. No patient comes to the hospital without hearing the good news of God's saving grace
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Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan.

A Modern Rachel in a New Israel

By Marjorie Cole Rowden

RACHEL is the kind of girl who can look better in "relief" clothes than most of us can manage to look in brand-new garb. She is petite and graceful and possesses a natural poise that commands your admiration from the first moment you meet her.

When I first saw Rachel she was only seventeen. She and her brother, Elliott (actually Elijah), were living in the missionary home of the Dwight L. Bakers in Nazareth. I'm sure you have guessed by now that they are Jews.

But here they were in a Christian home attending our Nazareth Baptist High School. It was something almost unbelievable. Rachel was helping with the Baker children and her brother was doing odd jobs around the yard in the little time that was left between classes and studies.

Like most young Jewish girls in Israel today, Rachel has a background that sounds almost like an adventure story. She was born in Alexandria, Egypt, of parents who were very young, but very ambitious for their children. Rachel was the oldest of the children and the only girl. Her father was an office worker with a good job.

Because their parents were of European background, Rachel and the other children spoke mostly Western languages; therefore, they attended an English school. The fact that Rachel speaks seven languages fluently was a solace to those of us who were struggling to learn just one foreign language!

In 1948 the hopes and dreams of Jews all over the world came into being—Israel was born again. At last they had a country to call their own. Jews from every nook and corner of the globe began pouring into the tiny new country. They were urged to come; they were even sent for by the Jewish Agency and brought by boatloads to the shores of the promised land. There were Jews from Europe, Jews from Africa, Jews from Asia, and even Jews from America.

In their enthusiasm they could en-

vision nothing but the wonderfulness of living in the land of Israel. All of the sweat and toil and sacrifice which they knew was necessary in the building of a nation was pushed back in their minds, so great was their joy at being able to gather themselves together again in the land they felt was theirs.

That was the situation; and it was on one of those Jewish Agency boats that Rachel and her family set sail for Israel. Rachel was fourteen and Elliott was thirteen.

They could not come directly to Israel from Egypt because (as is still the case) there were no communications whatsoever between the Arab countries and their hated enemy, Israel. So Rachel and her family crossed the Mediterranean and landed in France. Like Abraham of old they left their home and much of their belongings and headed for a new land, not knowing what the future held.

IN France they boarded another crowded ship bringing hundreds of Jews to their new homeland. It was hot and uncomfortable and the two younger children were impatient. The father began to have doubts that he

had done the wise thing. After all, they had been comfortable in Egypt; and, aside from the racial prejudice that most Jews face everywhere, they had been happy.

The tired family, along with all the others, were detained in a camp in Cyprus for a few months. All precautions were taken to bring only healthy persons into the new country. Then, at last, they sailed the one hundred and fifty miles and landed in Israel.

When I first met Rachel she had been in Israel three years. Her family was still living in a flimsy tent, with dirt floor, where they had been put when they first arrived. That kind of living quarters was expected at first; but as the months went past no new accommodations were available.

The father could not find work except occasional manual labor, such as ditch digging or orange picking. The mother became very ill. The children had been unable to attend school because they did not number Hebrew among their languages.

It was a heartbreaking scene. It was as a last resort that the broken young couple let their two older children come to a Christian school. Our high school was conducted in English and they knew English well. They also knew enough Arabic to mix well with the other students, all of whom are Arabs.

At first there was a little racial pressure; but soon the other students forgot that the newcomers were Jews and accepted them for what they were, a couple of fine lovable young people.

And then the almost inevitable happened. Rachel and Elliott both found Jesus as their Saviour! It had not been easy for them; they fought it hard and dutifully. Every morning there were simple, sincere family prayers in the Baker home. This was followed by regular chapel services in the school where the gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed day after day.

Then there was the Bible class, a subject required for each student. But, even more than that, there was an atmosphere of love and understanding and the presence of Christ on the campus. Rachel saw the lives of her



Rachel and her husband on their wedding day.

young Arab friends change overnight when they surrendered their lives to Christ. She saw, for the first time in her whole life, examples of living faith. Elliott was the first to yield to the Spirit's work in his heart. Rachel was still skeptical; but in the end she, too, had to openly confess that the real Messiah had been born in her heart.

The way has not been easy for them. Rachel and her brother have been scorned by both friends and family. Their parents have not "turned them out"; but they have never for one moment recognized nor acknowledged what has happened to their two oldest children. Broken in spirit and in health by the conditions under which they have lived these past years, they merely add this to their list of disappointments.

TODAY, nearly three years later, the picture is brighter. Rachel is no longer in our school. She was married recently to a fine young man with a background very similar to her own. He has a good job. Rachel no longer has to wear "relief" clothes; she, too, has a job and they have a lovely little apartment.

Her husband knew before they married that Rachel was a Christian; but he did not object. They spent part of their honeymoon in our home, as well as in the home of the Bakers and other of our missionaries. What a thrill to see the young man openly interested in the faith of his sweet, consecrated young wife!

Elliott is still in our school, his faith growing stronger day by day. What a joy to watch and hear him as he speaks unashamedly, before his friends in school and in church, of what Christ means to him!

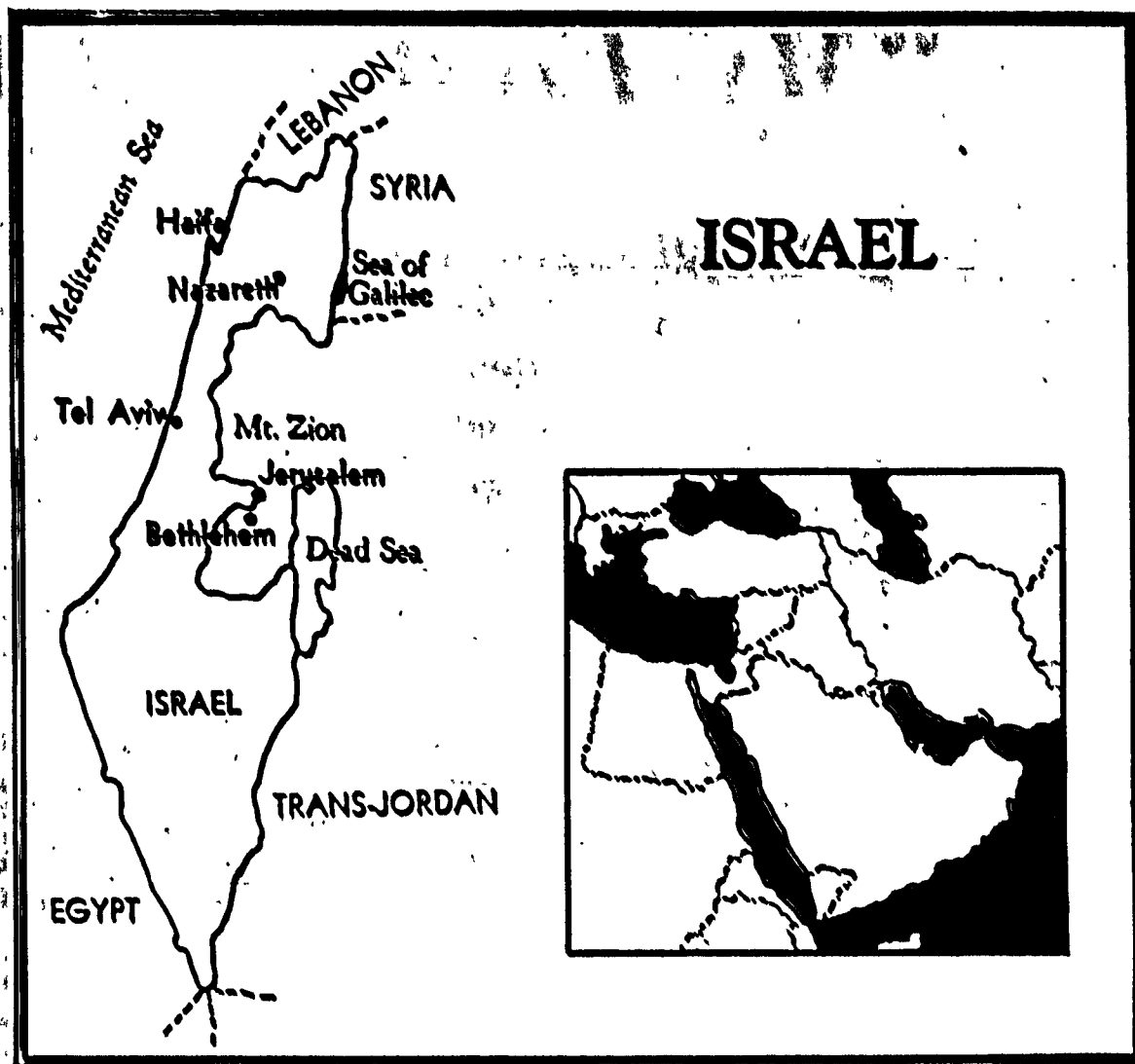
The father and mother and two younger brothers now have a two-room prefabricated house. It is small and often hot, but to them it is wonderful. They are proud of the marriage of their only daughter. And part of their grief and disappointment is soothed by realizing that, although their own lives have been sacrificed in the great task of uprooting themselves and pioneering in a new land, their four children face a bright future in an ambitious new land full of opportunities.

Israel is truly a land for the very young and the very brave. There is great vision and hope here, like you

would find nowhere else in the world. There are hardships, there are hours of heavy toil ahead; but the youth of Israel are the happiest, most optimistic group of people I have ever seen. Their parents have suffered; and they refuse to be stopped as they eagerly work together to build a great nation. Many of the youth have suffered, too, but they are young enough to push it out of their minds.

Somewhere in this picture there

must be a place for Rachel and her brother—two young people fired with love for their land like all the rest, yet possessing the spirit of the living Christ deep down in their hearts. Oh, that God might use them as leaven to reach out into the lives of their fellow countrymen. Pray for them and pray that many more like them will have the courage and the assurance to openly take their stand for the Messiah.



Location: The new state of Israel lies on the southeast coast of the Mediterranean between Egypt and Trans-Jordan and touches Syria and Lebanon on the north.

Population: Estimated 1,430,000. With establishment of the new state, all restrictions on Jewish immigration were abolished. Estimated Arab population remaining, June, 1951, 170,000.

Size: Approximately 8,000 square miles, smaller than Massachusetts.

Capital: Jerusalem, a growing city of more than 140,000.

Government: An independent republic established in 1948, with a president at its head and a Parliament, democratic in character, elected by universal secret ballot. The Parliament, apart from its day-to-day legislative activity, from time to time enacts "basic legislation." These laws will, in time, form the constitution of the state. At present, the Parliament carries on in accordance with the "small constitution," a group of laws on parliamentary procedure and authority adopted by a majority vote at its first meeting.

"My First Real Christmas"



Have you ever wondered what Christmas is like for those who come upon it afresh? Perhaps long familiarity has dulled the perception of the wonder and joy of this day for those of us who have been reared in the evangelical Christian tradition. The editors asked several missionaries to secure testimonies from nationals describing their first Christmases after accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. Read these experiences and discover Christmas anew.

"My Spiritual Birthday"

By ROBERTO VALENZUELA
Santiago, Chile

MY Lord and I have birthdays in common; for the day we commemorate as the date of his entry into the world as the Christ child is the date of my spiritual birth. It happened in 1944 when I was fifteen.

My mother had been invited to an evangelical-Christmas program in a neighbor's home; and she asked us if we would like to go along. Two of my sisters, an older brother, and I went with her. When we arrived, I got the surprise of my life. There for the first time I saw a Christmas tree all loaded with gifts and a Santa Claus; and I heard poems recited, Scripture read, and carols sung.

I had never before heard the gospel preached; but I had seen it practiced through the life of my mother in our home; and somehow that day a feeling of the presence of the living Christ gripped my heart. When the group began to sing "Silent Night, Holy Night," a wave of conviction for sin swept over my soul and I yielded my heart to Christ.

Previously, our Christmases were far different from my experience on that day. We lived on a farm in southern Chile, about ten miles from the nearest town of Los Lagos. We were a large family (I was the ninth of fourteen children) and had very little diversion to liven up our days of toil and struggle.

But on Christmas Eve we would walk into town, attend the midnight mass at the cathedral, march around at the close of the service and kiss the toe of the image in the manger

that represented the Christ child, and then walk the ten miles home again, arriving at about three or four o'clock in the morning. After an hour or so of sleep, we would arise early to begin the day's festivities.

We called in the neighbors, barbecued a pig, opened our wine, tuned up our guitars, and drank and danced and feasted the whole day long. My father, being a very strict man, would not ordinarily permit his children to take wine, reserving that indulgence for grownups; but on Christmas he would give us permission provided we got behind him and turned our backs to do it so that he could still say that we didn't drink in his presence. This, sad to say, was the chief significance that I, as a child, attached to our Saviour's birthday.

However, when my father passed away, things began to change. My mother, at the invitation of her sister, attended some evangelical services and was converted. She invited us children also; but we would not go, maintaining that we were Catholics. Later on, she opened our home to the itinerant Baptist preachers who came through to hold services; but I made it a point never to be there.

On the Sundays that we were to have church in our home, I would leave early to go frolic or play ball with our neighbor boys, so really I had never heard the gospel preached. But I knew that my mother had a Saviour, and I knew that she prayed to him daily for our salvation. Therefore, on that Christmas Day in 1944, I could do nothing less than accept my mother's Christ as my Christ, too.

I give thanks today that that Christmas program was essentially a religious service and under the direction of

the Holy Spirit. How else would I have felt conviction for sin and found occasion to accept the Lord and be saved?

Many Christmases have followed since that day; but each one brings fresh memories of the joy that I have in salvation. I am now a student in our Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago, endeavoring to prepare myself to preach God's unsearchable riches throughout our beautiful land of Chile.

"Not the Best—the First"

By DOTTIE LANE
Missionary, Kokura, Japan

ITAHASHI-SAN'S mother died shortly after the war and her father remarried. Later the father and second wife separated and Itahashi-san moved to Wakayama with her father, younger brother, and the small son by the father's second marriage, while the older sister stayed with the stepmother in Osaka.

The home of the mother and older sister was not far from the Osaka Baptist Church, so the sister started attending the services. Itahashi-san visited this home during the New Year vacation in 1952 and went with her sister to church. She attended about three services (the first a prayer meeting).

It was her first time to attend any church service and she didn't understand. She returned to her home with just one thought (and she wasn't sure what it meant): "We ought to glorify God."

In 1953, Itahashi-san went to live in the home of Missionaries Mary Neal

Morgan and Virginia Highfill. She was interested in Christianity from the beginning; and she attended worship services, prayer meeting, and a Bible class each week.

One rainy Sunday night, a few months later, Itahashi-san almost decided not to attend the church service. But finally she decided to go. An army chaplain preached and she realized, for the first time, her own sinfulness.

The next morning after breakfast she approached Virginia Highfill saying, "I am a sinner," and she went on to tell of some of the sins she had committed and asked if she could be saved. Miss Highfill talked with her for a few minutes and she trusted Christ as her Saviour. She was baptized about three weeks later.

Came Christmas and the missionaries, Itahashi-san, and two other friends hung up their stockings. All received candy, fruit, and some joke gifts; and each of the Japanese girls received a Christian book from their missionary friends. The little group read the Christmas story, sang carols, and had prayer before opening their gifts.

When Itahashi-san received her things she said very little. She opened each one carefully, then carefully re-wrapped everything. Then she did the same thing again. This she continued until the paper was so worn that she could no longer continue her game.

One of the missionaries said to her, "Is this your best Christmas?"

Her answer is classic: "Not the best, but the first! I have never before received a Christmas gift and never before known the meaning of Christmas!"

"One Sincerely Mistaken"

By JOSE BORRAS
Barcelona, Spain

IN ONE sense, I cannot say that I have experienced a tremendous change in my basic attitude toward the celebration of Christmas. I have always looked upon it as among the most important of all religious "holy days."

I recall most vividly having taken part in the traditional Christmas masses of the Catholic Church. We regarded these masses as a time of spiritual preparation for the birth of
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My Most Unforgettable

Christmas Sermon

By a Former Missionary to China

It was Christmas Day, 1949, in an interior city of China, that I heard a Christmas sermon I can never forget.

The Communists had been in full control of everything and everybody, including the schools, for several months. The preacher of that unforgettable sermon was a young high school teacher who was well trained. He was a fine Christian and an active church worker.

Under this new government the school was ruled by a large committee made up of an equal number of students, servants, and teachers. Members of this committee made all the decisions concerning the running of the school. They also held "criticism meetings." If an indolent student had a grudge against a teacher he would report it to this committee. Then the chairman would call the questionable teacher in and try him before the committee.

Each member of the committee would tell all the bad things he knew and a lot he didn't know about the teacher. If the teacher denied anything he was a poor sport. If he argued he was a reactionary. If he persisted in his arguments (which were usually true) his brain was poisoned and he was not fit to be a teacher. He was dismissed to go home without a job and without any hope of getting one.

All teachers and students in that school, who were members of our church, were brought before that committee and criticized, rebuked, and sneered at for being Christians. The chairman of the new government had proclaimed religious freedom in his inaugural address, yet there was a fanatical leader in the school whose duty it was to preach daily to the students that there is no God, that the old laborers made the world, and that man came from a monkey. Along with this no-God doctrine was the doctrine of hate for all people who do not believe in the Communist way of life.

I witnessed the struggle of these students and teachers to co-operate with the inevitable and still hold on to their faith in God. Some told me of their courageous arguments with the school leader. One told me of the examination on the "doctrines." If they failed on this examination they failed on all. There was a great searching of hearts and minds among them.

All of their old standards of honesty, truthfulness, loyalty to parents and friends, and the sacredness of home life and virtue were all gone. All-night parties of dancing, reveling, and free love were part of the new school program and were labeled freedom and democracy.

Our friend, the schoolteacher, gave the Christmas message in our church on Sunday, Christmas Day. Our Christmas music over, he arose and read the Scripture, Matthew 2:1-11. His text, the third verse, is clearer and more meaningful in the Chinese version: "When Herod the king heard all these things, he had no peace in his heart and all the population of Jerusalem had no peace in their hearts either."

The teacher explained why sinful and selfish Herod had no peace, why the people of Jerusalem had no peace in their hearts, and why a sinner who rejects God has no right to have peace in his heart.

Our usually restless congregation sat spellbound. I saw one sixteen-year-old boy wiping his tears with his sleeve. I saw many young folk, the Bible woman, and our senior deacon mopping their tears with their handkerchiefs.

If ever a speaker brought the Spirit of the Lord Jesus down to a congregation, that young man did on that Christmas Day. Why? Because many there knew that he had fought it out with the Lord on his knees. He had determined to hold on to his faith in God, even if he were killed for it.

His experiences so matched those of many others in the audience that it seemed that the Holy Spirit just melted all their hearts that day and molded them into one great heart for God. The senior deacon, just a plain, working man, led the closing prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus. Make a cradle of our hearts today. Live in us that we may grow like thee."

"My First Real Christmas" *Continued*

Jesus. We prayed to the virgin Mary that even as she prepared the manger to receive the Christ child that she might prepare our hearts to receive him. We prayed that as the shepherds received the "good tidings of great joy," so might we, and that we might be able to transmit this good news to the people in our so-called capacity as mediators between God and man.

I recall having pointed out that originally December 25 was a pagan celebration of sun worship. I preached that Christians should seek to honor the Son of righteousness at the Christmas season. This I did in all sincerity because I wanted to serve God; but I am an example of one sincerely mistaken.

Now I know the true importance and meaning of Christmas because I have experienced the saving power of him who took human form at Bethlehem. Now I preach him as the only Saviour of the world and as the only message of Christmas.

May God help us to understand more fully the profound significance of Christmas, and may the peace and joy of the Saviour fill our hearts.

[Jose Borrás, twenty-seven years of age, is an ex-Catholic priest, now studying in the Baptist seminary in Barcelona, Spain.]

"How Different It Was!"

By LOLA MARIA SANCHEZ
Buenos Aires, Argentina

MY remembrance of Christmas as a girl in a middle-class, Catholic home is as a time of great celebration. Since my father was principal of the school, he usually gave a dinner for all his teachers at Christmas. There was turkey with many typical Argentine dishes. Fine wines were served during and after the meal. Then, there was dancing which lasted clear through the night.

Christmas Day was always the time when the whole family got together for a big dinner. The Christmas tree was decorated. Much dancing and drinking went on. However, no gifts were exchanged because our gifts are given on January 6, supposedly the day when the Wise Men arrived.

I remember one Christmas I made a beautiful manger and put my doll in

it for Baby Jesus. When my neighbors came to see it, they dropped down on their knees in front of it and worshiped my doll. They were worshipping my doll and not thinking of worshipping the Lord in heaven.

One other vivid memory is the year our Catholic church made a manger in the central plaza in town. On Christmas Eve an all-night dance was given by the church with this manger in the center. Along the side there were open bazaars with much drinking and gambling going on right by the side of the manger. All of this was sponsored by my church.

Christmas came not too long after I was converted. How different it was! I took part in the simple program at the church which was centered around Christ. It was for the purpose of praising God. True there was a Christmas tree in the church; and, different enough, gifts were given at Christmas because God had given his Son.

Since my home was not Christian, I spent Christmas with my pastor. It was a quiet, sweet day—no liquor, no dancing, no boisterousness. There was peace, quiet, and family worship praising God for his goodness.

So I think that Christmas for the evangelical Christian is greatly different than for the Catholic. In the first place, for the evangelical it is not just another opportunity to have a party, it is an opportunity to give special praise to God.

The other great difference is in the celebration inside the churches. For the Catholic, there is a lot of pomp, candles, velvet, satin, and splendor in the mass at Christmas time. In our evangelical church, the Christmas Eve service is simple and meaningful. Song, Bible reading, poetry, a simple play, and prayer are done in the simplicity that is in keeping with the birth of our Lord.

[Lola Maria Sanchez is a student in the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina.]

A New Way of Life

By CH'EN TRAI SHENG
Bangkok, Thailand

SINCE Adam and Eve, the first man and woman of the human family, disobeyed God's command in the gar-

den of Eden, all people after them have been born in sin and live in sin unless they believe in Jesus and depend on the blood of our Lord to be saved and to be born again.

Before I was saved I was the same as others who live in sin; I did not understand the meaning of Christmas. Christmas Day only gave me a chance to sin. I dissipated, doing things that hurt my body and spirit.

But on that first Christmas after I became a Christian, I began a new way of living on Christmas Day. It is celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ and I know that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Thus, Christmas has become the most important day in the year to me. Now I go to the Baptist church on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, to thank God for his grace, and to consider my duty as a Christian.

Christmas to Me

By JUNIUS DELLEH
Ajloun, Jordan

BUT for gifts given to Sunday school children, Christmas did not mean much to me until I learned to love the Saviour. Even then, Christmas still did not mean much more to me than before because of its misuse by the people where I lived at that time.

The first Christmas after my conversion, I was in Haifa. All non-Muslims were preparing for the holiday. Christmas trees were secured by hundreds of families. Turkeys and hens were ready to be killed and cooked. Sweets were bought, puddings and pies prepared, and all were busy decorating their Christmas trees.

That night I went to a Christian home where a number of believers met, as they were used to do, for fellowship and prayer. In such a home I learned to pray in the New Testament simplicity and fervor. There I learned to read and love the Scriptures and to look for the soon coming of the Lord. That home belonged to a man and his wife who had gone "all out" for the Lord.

The little company in that home formed a little spiritual world where
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Prayer Potential

What could 8,000,000 believing hearts really do?

By Baker J. Cauthen

SOUTHERN Baptists believe in prayer. We have been richly blessed by it. Advance made in recent years in world missions, evangelism, stewardship, and other work of our churches and denomination has grown out of prayer.

The prayer potential of 8,000,000 Southern Baptists is hard to overestimate. It has vital significance especially with reference to world mission responsibilities.

As these lines are written, Southern Baptists have 927 missionaries working in thirty-two countries. Associated with them are hundreds of national pastors, evangelists, teachers, doctors, and other Christian workers.

How much more would these servants of God be filled with power and effectiveness if they were increasingly undergirded by concentrated, fervent prayer on the part of nearly 30,000 churches and 8,000,000 believing hearts?

Many will recall that about twenty years ago God visited his people with one of the most remarkable revivals in modern times. It began in North China, but its spiritual impact was felt throughout the world.

That revival came through prayer. Hearts had been cold. Few were being saved. Almost none were answering God's call to preach the gospel. Churches were full of dissension and standards of Christian living were low.

One missionary said, "We felt we just could not go on without a new experience of God."

Throughout the area, missionaries and Chinese Christians cried to God for an end to the spiritual famine. In one city the missionary and Chinese pastor met at the house of worship morning after morning for many months to pray for revival.

God heard and answered prayer. The spirit of God brought conviction of sin. Even the most faithful Christians saw their unworthiness with new

clarity. Confessions of sin and petitions for forgiveness poured out of broken hearts in public and private.

Revival swept through the churches. Pastors preached with new fervor. Christian living was lifted to a higher plane. Souls were saved in great numbers and many young men volunteered to preach the gospel.

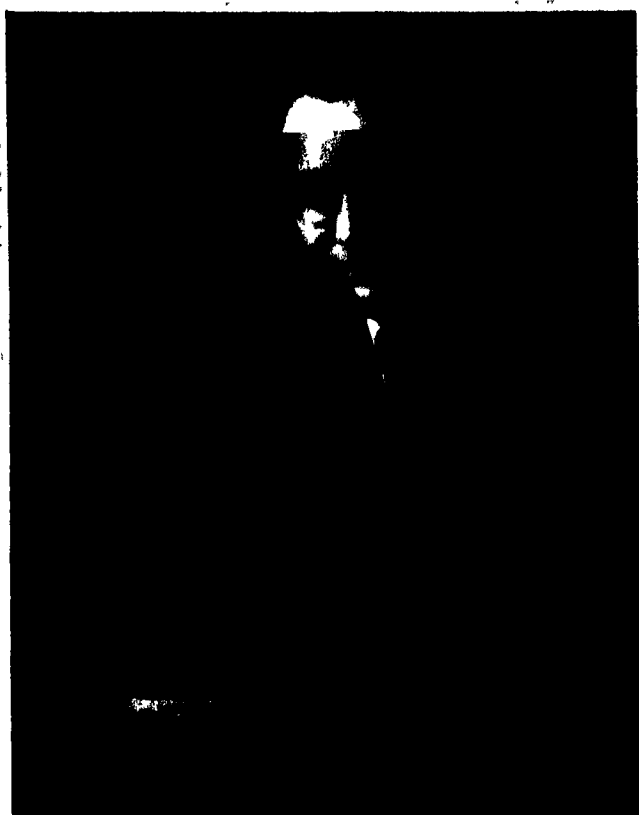
The churches in North China have endured seventeen terrible years of hardship, first under Japanese and now under Communist cruelty. Many of their leaders have been imprisoned, humiliated, and tortured. Even yet, however, the churches are alive and filled with vitality. The light is still shining in the Communist night.

The day in which we live is critical, and the outlook for the future is grave. Human freedom is threatened by Communist ideology which is militantly atheistic and materialistic. Leaders of this movement have repeatedly stated that their objective is world domination. They declare that they must either win all or lose all. It is clearly evident that they view long-range coexistence with free nations as an impossibility.

With unanimity the leaders of our day are declaring that spiritual dynamic is the only real answer to Communism. We are reminded of the words of Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

AMONG millions of people upon whom Communist ambition has fastened its eyes, little is known of the truth of Christ. They are not able to evaluate the real nature of Communism because they do not have the standard of truth by which to measure it. If the threat of Communism is to be met, the knowledge of Christ must fill the earth. Nominal Christianity will not suffice.

What has been done in world missions up to this point merely demonstrates what could be done if resources were adequate. What we are doing today is clearly not enough. Our



efforts must be vastly expanded. The objective of having a minimum staff of 1,750 missionaries to represent Southern Baptists throughout the world should be regarded as very conservative.

THERE are more than 10,000 ministerial students in Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries. Surely a minimum of 1,000 of these dedicated young men ought to volunteer to go personally to bear the message of salvation where it is needed most.

We must take seriously the command of Jesus, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention should make it a matter of constant prayer that out of its own membership young people would answer the call to world missions. All student organizations on college and seminary campuses ought to pray for some of their members to respond to the call of world need.

How can we secure the urgently needed missionaries for a vastly expanded world ministry? The prayer potential of Southern Baptists is the answer.

Do not draw the conclusion that this appeal for missionaries implies that the Foreign Mission Board is adequately supplied with money. Quite the reverse is true. In drawing up the budget for 1955 we had to cut out nearly \$300,000 of urgent requests made by Missions throughout the world.

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Guarded Through Faith

The faith of missionaries is tested daily by trivial irritations and staggering crises; but they can face the future magnificently because they are guarded by the power of God operating through their faith.

Proof of a Truth

By WILLIAM H. JACKSON, JR.

AS I pulled away from the mission compound and headed my weary little foreign-made auto out into the dark stream of never-ending Tokyo traffic, I knew that only a miracle would get me to the railroad station in time to make my train. I was determined to make this train if possible in order to enjoy some good fellowship with several of our missionary friends who would also be on it. However, if I failed, the high priority travel orders which were issued to me would guarantee space on a scheduled military courier plane leaving early next morning.

Suddenly I became aware that my car was the only one in the entire busy Shibuya area that was moving. In my haste I had pulled around a line of cars which turned out to be in three lanes and was now bearing down into the middle of one of the worst traffic jams I have ever witnessed. There was no turning off, for every side street was curb to curb with waiting autos.

A glance in the rear-vision mirror killed any idea I might have had of turning around for I was now leading a fourth lane of traffic deep into the heart of this mad mass of honking autos. As I stopped and surveyed the huge intersection where it seemed that every car in Tokyo had just intersected, I could see, as could the young policeman, that one stalled bus was the cause of the whole problem.

It was easy to see what was wrong; but getting the jam untangled was a seemingly insurmountable problem for this young policeman who prob-

ably had never even ridden in an auto, much less to have solved the riddle of some five hundred entangled and enraged horn-honking chauffeurs whose jobs depended upon their ability to get out of this jam.

After watching the policeman and the bus driver in their frantic efforts for a few moments, I decided that this would be a good place for me to practice some of that "unknown tongue" I had worked on the past few months; so in my poor—which is also my best—Japanese, I tried to persuade a number of the now-milling hundreds to help push the bus over to the curb.

When I asked the bus driver to put the gear in neutral, he wiped beads of nervous perspiration from his brow as if to say, "Do you really think putting it in neutral would solve this mess?"

I managed to gather about fifty folk off the curb and behind the bus; but between spasms of laughter at my Japanese and sporadic shoves here and there we accomplished nothing. I had forgotten the Japanese words for "push together."

Pausing for a breath, we noticed that all the passengers in the bus were still calmly standing, waiting for someone to push them on to the next bus stop. Finally, as they stepped off and we all made a simultaneous effort, the bus moved over to the curb with ease.

What a victory! I scrambled back into my little car feeling rather proud of the accomplishment and prepared myself for a long wait until things really started moving again. Catching my train now seemed next to impossible with only ten minutes left before traintime.

But just as the traffic started to move, the policeman threw up his

hands and stopped it all again. I thought surely the strain had been too much for the young man and that he had completely lost touch with his environment. Then suddenly he motioned me to move forward.

Before I could fully realize what he was doing, he had stopped all traffic and was directing me out of the congestion before allowing the others to move again! I had not even realized that the policeman had noticed my attempt at bossing a road gang; but this was his thanks.

A big thanks indeed; for I made my train, thus removing the necessity of taking the morning plane which crashed taking its entire crew and passengers to a fiery death.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It's true—believe it!

Sacrifice and Success

By BILL EMANUEL

WHEN we think of Miss Lottie Moon and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we think of two words: sacrifice and success. Someone put it correctly when he said: "If you sacrifice without success, someone will succeed; if you succeed without sacrifice, someone sacrificed."

A generation ago, Miss Moon, among others, felt the call of God to "Go!" She went, and she spent; and she kept on going, and kept spending her very heart until she fell, exhausted. Forced to leave China at last, she started the long journey home.

Most of her prayers seemed unanswered that night as she lay sick unto death aboard ship in Kobe Harbor. Her repeated pleas for more mis-

sionaries seemed to have fallen on deaf ears. Her constant call for more funds to implement the struggling churches seemed all but wasted. And now she was dying! It was not so hard to die—the Saviour was near—but the laborers were so few, and there was so much to be done. How could it be right for her to die now?

As though it were the crowning sacrifice of all, Lottie Moon's body had to be cremated, in accordance with Japanese law, and all her friends and loved ones ever saw of her remains was a tiny urn of ashes.

Lottie Moon was a blazing beacon of sacrificial love—one who reflected the very heart of our Saviour. She was one in heart and spirit with those first-century Christians who loved not their lives unto death.

And the success came, as it always has and always will—in response to love's sacrifice. Looking out over Kobe Harbor today is a beautiful Baptist church. Lottie Moon worshiped in mud huts in China; but throughout these islands of Japan, and in a host of other lands, the tall steeples stand today as monuments to Lottie Moon and the fires of sacrifice she kindled.

We held our first services in the new church building Christmas week last year. Many of the Japan churches were built with money from the Lottie Moon Offering.

And shall we "let up" this year?

Shall we give some token gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering while we lavish the wealth God has entrusted to us on television sets and other luxuries?

One Lottie Moon has brought light to millions. What could five or six or seven or eight million Lottie Moons do?—Lottie Moons, who, though they do not go to China or Japan or Africa to live and die, yet give themselves fully as much as those who do.

God never fails to reward such sacrifice. Even if it does not come in our generation, it will come!

Asking "Why?"

By MIRIAM McCULLOUGH

PERHAPS you asked "Why?" concerning the untimely death of Missionary Mae Davis this past summer. I cannot answer that question but I do have a sense of deep peace. When we judge a life by its quality, its accomplishments, its influence rather than its span, we know that Mae served well. There are so many of us who owe her so much.

Would that you could have attended the memorial service held for her in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, on June 27, 1954 (the day that would have been Mae's thirtieth birthday), and could have heard the tributes paid to

her. Pastor Perez spoke of her encouragement to him; Ruben Gutierrez spoke for his family on what marvelous friendship Mae had shared with them; Altagracia Narvaez, one of the Student-Home girls, spoke of the example Mae had set before each of them as she lived 1 Corinthians 13 daily. Some of our Catholic friends came to the service—the first time ever to enter our church during a service.

If you have not heard you will want to know something of the accident. Mae and I were going to a small picturesque town in Mexico, a five hours' journey from Guadalajara, to spend a night and a day doing some work. We took a side road instead of the main highway; but we had almost reached our destination, having come to the pavement leaving the bad road behind.

I had just fallen asleep (Mae was driving) when almost immediately we came upon a wooden bridge. A broken plank caused Mae to lose control of the car, and it went out across a section on the side of the road and nose-dived below. This was at 10:15 Thursday night, June 10. As quickly as possible, Mae was taken to the hospital at Irapuato where the doctor diagnosed her injuries as a fractured skull and broken legs. We summoned the best doctor in Mexico to operate; and she lived until noon Tuesday,

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Courage Holds

CROCHETING helps to pass the time for Ruth (Mrs. William E.) Halton, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii, who was injured on Oahu Island last May 11 when the church bus in which she and some Intermediates were visiting turned over on an unexpected curve.

Half paralyzed by a broken spinal cord, the young mother of four smiles cheerfully as she tells of the fateful moment which thrust her into invalidism. She and Mr. Halton had been missionaries in the Hawaiians for eight years. Ten people were in the bus but nobody else was badly injured. "It is a wonderful thing they were not hurt," Mrs. Halton says.

She was taken to Queens Hospital in Honolulu where she remained until flown to Dallas in an Air Force plane in July. At Baylor Hospital she is getting physical therapy and is now able to ride in a wheel chair. The Lord willing, she hopes to walk, someday, with braces.

The children are John David, thirteen; Rebecca, ten; Samuel, four; and Sarah, one. "Rearing four children may be a bit more difficult from here on," Mrs. Halton says. "But the older ones are big enough to help with the little ones—when they've a mind to."

Who can evaluate the power and influence of a soul won to Christ?

Beyond Evaluation

By Josephine Harris

IS it worth while?" is the question you ask as we approach the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (All of our work in the Hawaiian Islands started through gifts from this offering.) A few years ago the Foreign Mission Board took a long look and invested in property which was equipped for a Baptist Bible School in Honolulu, Hawaii.

This is a Christian home provided for a limited number of university students from outer islands. They do not have to be Baptists; but they promise to attend a Baptist church, take a Bible course, and meet the high moral standards of the home. A spiritual program is provided for all students and the home is a "center."

Now, a couple of college generations later, we will enumerate only a few of the blessings the Lord has given. Many of these students have heard the gospel for the first time and have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Some have finished and gone back to become Christian leaders in their communities. Some of the young men are studying for the ministry and/or missionary service.

One of these, Katsuro Taura, a few years ago entered the Bible School and University of Hawaii. When Jesus came into his heart, he said, "This is the first Christmas I've ever had. The others were just commercialized December 25's." His ready smile and radiant personality became a real blessing and testimony to his unsaved friends. Now, after two years of service in Japan as chaplain's assistant with Uncle Sam, Katsuro has entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, to prepare for Christian leadership in the Hawaiian Islands or in Japan.

A very lovely freshman girl also entered in the fall of 1947. Hanayo Tomota had been valedictorian of her high school and was awarded a four-

year scholarship to the University of Hawaii. Because her home was located many miles from an evangelical church, she did not know of Jesus and his love. Immediately, she realized that the Bible provided enlightenment and that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—even for her.

Her sister was assistant to the Buddhist priest, so naturally she opposed Hanayo's new-found faith. Others in the family joined in to persecute Hanayo, but she remained loyal to Christ. Today, this sister, the brother-in-law, and their teen-age son have accepted Christ and are active leaders in the mission Sunday school in their community.

HANAYO is teaching in that community and softens the persecution which her sister now suffers. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Manao (Mike) Kamegai entered the University of Hawaii and came to the

Bible School to live. Mike is on a student visa from Japan and is using his talents in dramatics, radio, and art as he furthers his training. His part-time job is a radio program in the Japanese language. He was baptized into the fellowship of the University Avenue Baptist Church (built with help from the Lottie Moon Offering).

In a few years he and another University of Hawaii student from Japan, Akiyo Nakamura, will go back to their homes in Japan. They anticipate the privilege of leading out for Christ. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

Who can estimate the transformation from Buddhism to Christianity? Who can evaluate the power and influence of one soul won to Christ? Multiply that many times and you have the ministry of the Baptist Bible School. Aren't you glad your Lottie Moon dollar had a part in winning one of these young people?



Here It Is:

The Church *YOU* Built



URAWA Baptist Church is the church that you built, yes—you and you and you. And it all started back in 1951 when you began to put your pennies, nickels, and dollars together for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that year.

Actually, however, it all started a year before that in Japan—the day two new missionaries, Ernest Lee Hollaway, Jr., and Morris J. Wright, Jr. (possessed of little Japanese but much zeal), and Pastor Shuichi Matsumura, then executive secretary of the Japanese Convention, first visited Urawa City to search for a building that could be rented for a mission church. Even that first day the three were dreaming of the Baptist church in Urawa, a city of 120,000 people where less than five hundred are Christians.

After much searching an ideal location was found. The first service was arranged for the next Sunday morning in a room large enough to accommodate one hundred people. "We did not know anyone in the city," recalls Wright, "so we placed an advertise-

ment in the newspaper announcing a Bible class and worship service."

More than fifty people responded; and, after several months of prayer, teaching, and counseling, results were in evidence: one, then another, then another made their decisions to follow Christ as Saviour and Lord. These decisions were not easy; usually they meant ridicule at work, the loss of dear friends, suffering and persecution from devout Buddhist parents. Hearts filled with joy the day the first five converts received baptism.

"But with the joy of progress," Wright continued, "there came disappointment when the owner of the room we used each week decided he needed to use it on Sundays. All we could find was a smaller, dirty room in a poor section of town.

"WE announced the change of meeting, knowing that only those having a real interest in Christianity would come to this new location. An influential man from one of the prefectural government offices whom we had invited to visit the

church came once. 'If this is the kind of place a church meets in, I don't want any part of it,' he said, and never came back again."

This is where you took over—saying, sacrificing, and giving to make the 1951 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the largest in Southern Baptist history up to that time. (In 1952 and again in 1953 you set new records.) You were sharing in winning the unsaved in Urawa. Someone gave a penny—that made a nail; someone else gave a dime—that made a board; someone else gave dollars—that made a piece of roof tile.

In March, 1952, the missionaries received word from Dr. Baker J. Caughen, then the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for the Orient, that Southern Baptists had given a church building to Urawa, \$12,000.

Land was purchased, plans were drawn, and by November, 1952, the foundation was started. The church was completed in April, 1953. So, here is the church that *you* built—the auditorium seats 220 people downstairs and ninety in the balcony; and there are six classrooms for the Sunday school.

Best of all the church is the most beautiful in Urawa; it stands on a corner lot on the biggest street in town—a building Southern Baptists can be proud of and to which the Baptists in Urawa can bring their unsaved friends without embarrassment. Yes, this is the church that *you* built and the people of Urawa say "thank you."

And there is more. Because you went over the top with Cooperative Program Advance, churches were constructed in many other cities in Japan: Mito, Shizuoka, Ohatano, East Fukuoka, Kagoshima, and others. And remember that churches are tools in your missionaries' hands, lighthouses of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The 1954 Lottie Moon Offering goal lists \$85,000 for five additional church buildings for Japan. You will build them, too.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Board Meeting

Latin American Secretary

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Foreign Mission Board since July, 1947, was elected secretary for Latin America at the semiannual full meeting of the Board, October 12-13, to fill the position left vacant by the death of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., last April. In his new responsibility Dr. Means will direct the work of 395 missionaries in 77 stations in the 13 Latin American republics and two British colonies where Southern Baptists have work.

1955 Budget

The Foreign Mission Board's budget for 1955, adopted at the October meeting, totals \$7,149,742.65, an increase of \$680,726.81 over the budget for 1954, and is the largest budget in the Board's 109 years' history.

Open Doors in Africa

The Board recognized Africa as an area of critical need and asked that every available means be used to lay the responsibility of evangelizing the peoples of that continent upon the hearts of the members of Southern Baptist churches that the level of financial giving and of personal surrender may be lifted to meet new needs in Nigeria and to enter open doors in Kenya and Tanganyika, countries of East Africa.

In taking this action the Board asked the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on world evangelization, of which Dr. H. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Texas, is chairman to "earnestly address itself to the task of helping to implement this proposition."

This action regarding Africa was taken in view of the threat of Communism and the inroads of Islam and in the light of urgent appeals from nationals and missionaries. A commission headed by Dr. I. N. Patterson, missionary in Nigeria, made a 10,000-mile survey of the countries of Kenya, Tanganyika, and Uganda early this year.

These representatives were well received; however, Church of England leaders did not approve the entrance of Southern Baptists into Uganda. "In

Kenya and Tanganyika there are open doors which we should enter immediately," reported Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

1,000 Missionaries

Advance in missionary personnel was the keynote of the semiannual meeting; and the Board set the enlargement of its overseas staff to 1,000 missionaries as a goal to be reached by the end of 1955. This immediate objective will require that the annual net gain of appointments be doubled next year.

Mr. Elmer S. West, Jr., the Board's secretary for missionary personnel, just returned from the Orient, said in his report: "The need for new missionaries is overwhelming. More than half the people of the world live in the Orient. In this half-a-world of people there are fewer than 5,000,000 professing evangelical Christians—only a little more than half as many as are in the ranks of Southern Baptists. . . .

"In the midst of calls for help from countries around the world the temptation is to become so burdened with needs that in an all-out effort to answer such calls we neglect to keep the standards of appointment high. . . . No more unwise approach to the pres-

ent world crisis could be conceived. This is a day which demands the best. Only the person who is sound in body, mind, and spirit, well-trained, and God-called can be sent. . . .

"When we look at the vast resources of manpower in our ranks of eight millions, we are convinced that Southern Baptists will not be content to keep creeping across the world in this fashion. . . . The hope for an immediate lifting of the level of appointments is in the hundreds of students graduating from our seminaries and trained Christian workers, both men and women, who are already in some area of service here at home but still under 32 years of age."

Few Rejections

Mr. West reported that the ratio of rejections among foreign mission volunteers is low. In 1953 the personnel committee considered 92 people who completed the required procedure for appointment. Of this group, 70 were appointed and 22 advised that their best contribution could be made at home. A few were advised to get more practical experience for the purpose of added maturity. The percentage of rejections of those considered was about 24 per cent, or 1 in 4.

This year, of the 72 candidates given final consideration, only 10 have been



Missionary Gladys Hopewell leads discussion period on right and wrong at Chinese Baptist Retreat in Thailand.

encouraged to serve here at home. This is 14 per cent or about 1 in 7.

Spain

Baptist Seminary

Enrolment in the Spanish Baptist Seminary, Barcelona, was limited to 12 students this year due to lack of classroom space and missionary personnel. Young men from many sections of the country had requested admission.

The four married students, with their wives and seven children, are housed in the seminary building. The eight single men are living in a nearby church building until they can enter an apartment which has been secured after considerable difficulties. It is not easy to find a landlord willing to rent to evangelical students in Spain.

Persecution

Eighteen persons in the area of the town of Játiva, province of Valencia, Spain, were fined sums, ranging in amounts from \$12.50 to \$50.00, for gathering on a riverbank preparatory to a baptismal service. The service had not been held and the scene was in a secluded spot where no one could have been disturbed. The candidates were baptized the following Sunday in a sort of bathtub.

Results

Despite such indignities in Spain, the Word of the Lord is being glorified. Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., reports: "The other day, preaching in Valencia, I saw five persons make professions of faith, among them an old man of 74, who had somehow gotten hold of a Bible."

Near East

"I have never before seen so many people who believe in Jesus Christ," said one of the 106 people who attended the Arab Baptist Bible Conference in Ajloun, Jordan. Others commented: "This is just like heaven on earth." "Would that the rest of my life could be spent in such an atmosphere." "Nothing like this has ever before happened in Jordan."

In addition to the 106, the staffs of the Baptist hospital and the Baptist school in Ajloun, totaling about 50, attended the conference. Food was served by the hospital staff and the folk slept in homes, in dormitories, in tents, and on roofs.

"Seeing Jesus" was the theme and the daily schedule consisted of morning devotional; four classes—"Doctrine of Christ," "Christ in History," "Sharing Christ," and "Christ as John Saw Him"; religious movies in the late afternoon; and evening services of testimonies and a message.

Seventy of the conferees came from the Baptist church, Beirut, Lebanon; one came from an evangelical group in Latakia, Syria; three from Gaza; 20 from Ajloun, not counting the hospital and school staff; and 12 from other areas of Jordan.

Malaya

One hundred eight of the 143 people registered for the second annual Malaya Baptist Youth Camp made decisions for Christ. Forty-four accepted Christ as Saviour, 43 rededicated their lives, and 21 surrendered their lives to special Christian service.

The 10-day meeting was held in Penang, using a Chinese high school building for classes and services, as

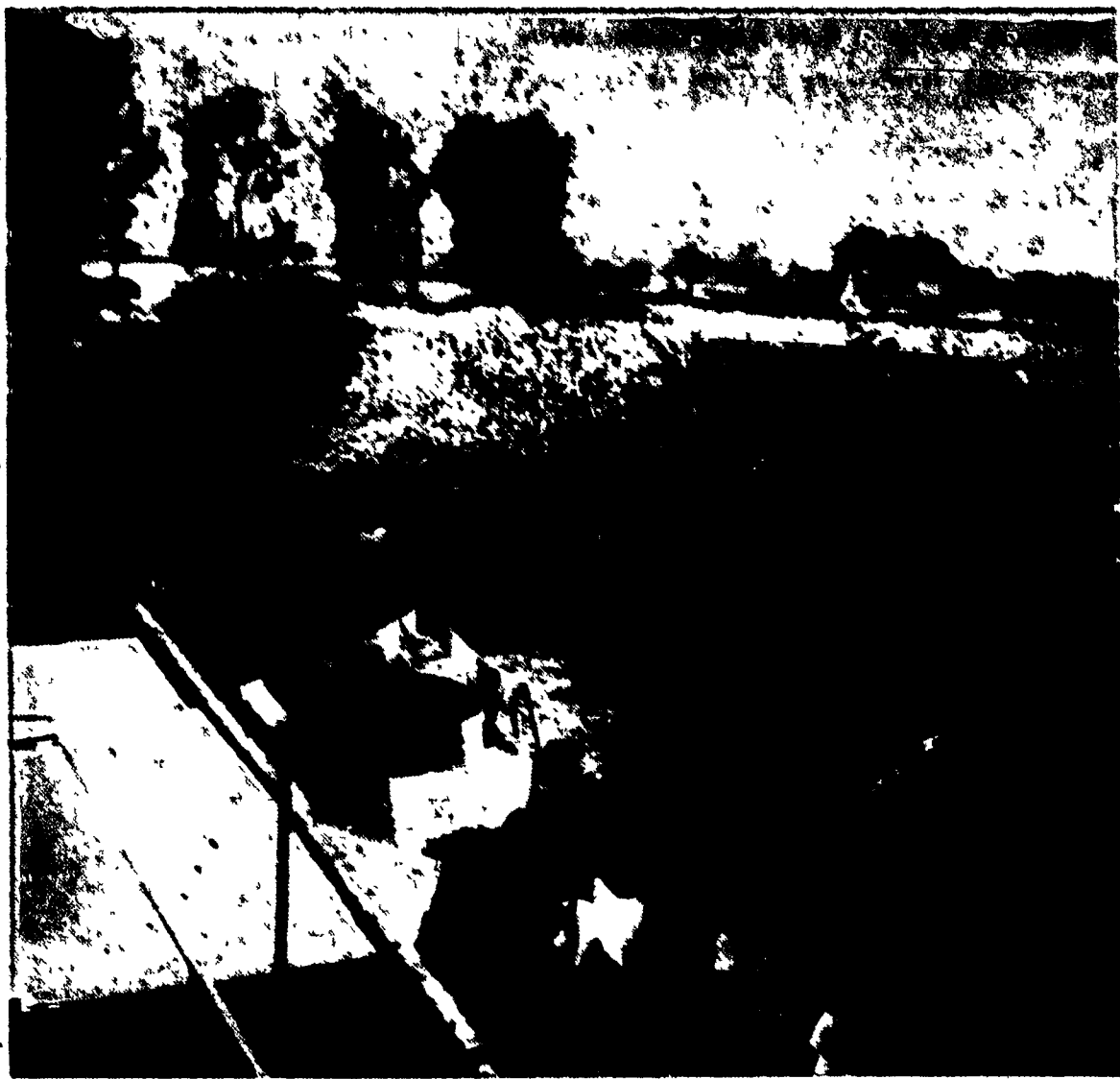
well as girls' dormitory, boys' dormitory, and dining facilities. Camp theme was "Shining for Christ"; and Missionary Ronald C. Hill, of Thailand, was speaker. Thirty pastors, missionaries, faculty members, youth camp officers, and counselors helped with the camp.

The Penang Baptist Church and the Malaya Baptist General Convention celebrated their first anniversary along with the encampment; for it was at the first youth camp in 1953 that both were organized.

Thailand

Fourteen Chinese Baptist youth of Thailand dedicated their lives to the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ at the second annual Chinese Baptist retreat of that country.

Fifty-two young people, all of whom had made decisions to follow Christ, and 10 adult leaders attended the four-day meeting which had been planned by a committee made up of
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This property, on the northwest edge of the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, has been purchased for the site of a Baptist hospital. The west corner of the property is across the banana trees and the cornfield. The eucalyptus trees border the site on the southwest, beyond which is a triangle of land to be urbanized in the near future. The Mexican Mission has requested an administrator, two nurses, and another doctor as essential missionary staff for the hospital. E. Lamar Cole, missionary doctor in Mexico, is supervising the construction.



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"Just what do missionaries do?"

1. Missionaries Stella Austin, Marjorie Stephens, and Margaret Lamberth begin the day with Bible reading and prayer around the breakfast table. Household helpers join in this worship time. Miss Mildred Crabtree, principal of the school, was in the States on furlough when the pictures were made.

2. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. Cycle riding saves much time and many steps. Books are carried in native-made grass bags.

3. This is how the missionaries spend the day from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They make use of every opportunity to teach principles of Christian living along with regular classwork.

4. Miss Margaret Lamberth assists one of the laborers in planting flowers. One of the missionary activities is the supervision of the eighty-acre compound.

5. Many happy hours are spent in rehearsing with the choir or with other choral groups. Miss Lamberth accompanies as these girls practice a special number.

6. Teaching requires many hours of preparation and grading papers. Though an endless job, it brings satisfaction as student progress is noted.

7. One of the most-looked-forward-to hours of the day is when Gibson brings the mailbag. The missionaries are particularly happy when there are red-and-blue air letters from America.

8. Eight forty-five p.m. is prayer time in the dormitory with the girls. Teachers and pupils join hearts and hands and sing and pray for peoples around the world.



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Every missionary's answer would be different.



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One Day In Agbor

MISS MARJORIE STEPHENS, Southern Baptist missionary teacher in Agbor, Nigeria, writes: "Many times the missionaries on our station receive letters asking, 'Just what do missionaries do?' So we had some pictures made to show a few of the activities in a day's time." There is space for only eight of the sixteen pictures Miss Stephens sent. Pictures not used show Miss Stella Austin giving Job, the cook, the necessary items from the storeroom and instructions concerning preparation of the meals; Miss Stephens giving instructions to the tailor who makes and repairs school uniforms for the students; daily chapel services in the school; "the pause that refreshes"—teatime at 11:00 a.m. on the veranda of the mission house; returning to the mission house for lunch and short nap before answering the calls of the afternoon; conferences with students; treating ailments in the infirmary before the girls go to bed; "the day is ended"—the three missionaries in moments of prayer and meditation, thanking God for his guidance during the day and asking strength and leadership for the coming day.

EDITORIALS

Fork in the Highway

The Foreign Mission Board, on Wednesday, October 13, elected the editor of *The Commission* as secretary for Latin America. He took up his duties as successor to the late Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., immediately.

The days immediately before the October Board meeting were spent in an anguished quest in search of the will of God. Immediately ahead loomed a fork in the highway, and a decision had to be made in determining which direction to take. It was, in fact, the most difficult decision he was ever called upon to make. One road led in the same direction he had followed for the last seven years. The other led in quite a different direction toward active participation in field missions. Which road should be taken? Where did the will of God lie?

Fortunately, he came to the very definite conclusion that the will of God was leading toward Latin America. Although keenly conscious of his own personal inadequacy, the clear conviction of God's call will undoubtedly fortify him in the years that lie ahead. He will be dependent upon the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit and the fervent prayers of the Board, the missionaries, the home office, and our Southern Baptist constituency in general.

The editor of *The Commission* functions in a large sphere of administrative responsibility as the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for missionary education and promotion. Since there is no likelihood that a new secretary can be chosen before the semiannual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in April, the executive secretary and the missionary education committee have asked the editor to serve as acting editor until a successor can be chosen. He readily acceded to their wishes, because *The Commission* is very near the center of both his mind and heart.

The transition period should not be too painful, particularly since Miss Ione Gray, the associate editor, may be relied upon to carry more than her share of the load. She and her co-workers give themselves without reserve to *The Commission* and the press relations program of the Board. The same thing can be said of Miss Virginia Lee Priddy, the circulation manager, and the faithful women who work with her.

Approaching a fork in the highway is never easy. Once a decision has been reached in determining the will of God, however, one has only a single alternative. He must follow the will of God, relying by faith upon his guidance and leadership every step of the way.

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

A large, unimpressive looking envelope arrived in the mail some weeks ago. It could be seen at a glance that it was from Woman's Missionary Union and that the envelope had been filled full of some sort of printed material.

Closer inspection revealed a wealth of materials prepared for use during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 29-December 3, 1954. Included were a poster calling attention to times and places of meetings, a large poster equipped with strips and symbols indicating various kinds of mission work, and extremely well-prepared program materials for Woman's Missionary Societies, Business Woman's Circles, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, Girl's Auxiliaries, and Sunbeam Bands.

Specific attention was called to three filmstrips for Week of Prayer programs which may be purchased directly from the Baptist Book Stores. Last, but not least, were a pamphlet on *The Commission* and a convenient subscription blank for *The Commission*.

The W. M. U. committee responsible for preparing the program materials is composed of Miss Marjorie Allen, chairman, Mrs. Sylvia Wilson, Miss Edwina Robinson, Mrs. J. A. Timmerman, Miss Vonnie Lance, Mrs. E. E. Steele, Mrs. Lloyd Burdette, Miss Mary Mills, Mrs. R. S. Marshall, and Mrs. Encil Deen. The Foreign Mission Board acknowledges its indebtedness to these women for the splendid job they have done.

How does one account for the size of the Lottie Moon Offering? It amounted to approximately \$3,600,000 last year. Some are saying that the 1954 offering may reach \$4,000,000. Such an offering does not just "happen." The program materials are very vital to the Week of Prayer itself. They are studied by groups in churches large and small all over the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is a thrilling experience, as many members of the Foreign Mission Board's staff can testify, to pass from one church to another, and another, and another in the course of the Week of Prayer. A mighty host of women and young people are studying the same subjects at the same time. They eagerly welcome the information which enables them to pray about the needs existing on mission fields in all parts of the world.

Then they turn themselves to prayer. The whole world is moved heavenward by the power of united prayer. Missionaries at remote stations, confronted with perplexing problems of all sorts, suddenly feel

the prayer impact as burdens become lighter and problems without apparent solutions cease to be troublesome any longer.

And think what it does to those who do the praying! They find themselves in vital communion with God, talking to him about the concerns of their hearts. Nothing but blessings can result from such a process. Lives are enriched, horizons are lifted, and responsibilities are seized with new zest and determination.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is usually taken at the end of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Lives conditioned by spiritual discipline find it easier to discover and follow the will of God in giving sacrificial gifts. It is right at this point that Woman's Missionary Union has made perhaps its greatest contribution. In reminding the people in the churches that the first step in Christian stewardship is to give one's self, Woman's Missionary Union has called us back to a consideration of first principles as set forth in the New Testament.

Literally hundreds and thousands will rise up from the east, the west, the north, and the south to accept Christ as their personal Saviour as a result of the 1954 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Minds in bondage in pagan superstitions will be trained and liberated. Broken bodies will be mended and lepers will be cleansed. Powerful presses will send forth a steady stream of Christian literature into many areas now darkened by ignorance and illiteracy. New converts will be strengthened in the faith and promising potential leaders will be given preparation for heavy responsibilities in the future. Who can calculate the blessings which will flow from this significant week? God can—and will—and the resultant rejoicing will be great on earth and in the presence of God.

Tragic Losses

At least two of the victims claimed by the sea when the Japanese ferry Toya Maru capsized in a typhoon last September were American missionaries. They were Rev. Harry Dean Leeper, Methodist, and Rev. Alfred R. Stone, missionary of the United Church of Canada. The accident also claimed the lives of a number of Japanese Christian leaders.

Both missionaries were en route to a meeting of the Cooperative Evangelism Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan). Mr. Stone, the secretary of the Committee, had formulated most of the plans and arrangements for the meeting. Despite their very great sense of loss, the delegates held the meeting as planned.

Our hearts go out to the families of the missionaries, as well as their sponsoring denominations. Whenever and wherever Christian workers fall at their post

of duty, there is only one course of action left for those of us who remain: to redouble our efforts in the same cause as long as the Lord sees fit to let us continue in his work.

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Italy's highest court has ruled that the Assemblies of God are entitled to official recognition.

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The first Hindu temple in the Pacific Northwest was dedicated at Scappoose, Oregon, early in September.

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The National Christian Council of India reports that the number of American missionaries in India increased from 1,279 to 1,494—16.8 per cent—in the five-year period which ended December 31, 1953.

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Moslems in Pakistan are demanding compulsory Islamic instruction in Christian missionary schools. The Roman Catholic hierarchy, however, has announced that it will not permit the teaching of the Koran in Catholic schools. Anglican churches have declared that they would close their schools before they would submit to the demands for compulsory Islamic instruction in mission schools.

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During the recent election in Guatemala, the archbishop of Guatemala urged Catholics to pray for God to enlighten "the members of the constituent assembly so that hatred against the church dissipates and she is given what rightly belongs to her in the new constitution." Although the Roman Catholic Church would like for its faith to be adopted as the official religion, the government of Castillo Armas has announced that it is opposed to special privileges for any religion in the new constitution.

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One of the newest additions to Massachusetts Avenue, "Embassy Row," Washington, is the first mosque to be built in the nation's capital. Conceived and financed jointly by eleven Moslem countries with diplomatic representation in Washington, the mosque's slender, graceful 160-foot-high minaret dominates the sky line in northwest Washington. The mosque is authentic in every detail. It has been carefully lined up at a 45-degree angle to the street so that the worshipers face Mecca; the minaret towers over a balcony for the muezzin or prayer-caller; verses from the Koran are inscribed around the outside of the building; tiles, chandeliers, and other key accessories come from all over the Moslem world. The mosque itself is the main part—but just one part—of an ambitious Islamic Center that will finally cost more than \$1,500,000. It is also expected that a monthly magazine about the Moslem world will be started.

EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES ALL OVER THE WORLD



Nigerian Women Observe Week Of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Lloyd H. Neil
Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa

*"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."*

These are the words of the hymn sung by a group of Nigerian Baptist women, young people, and children as they joined hands and hearts with Christians around the world to observe the December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in 1953. After reading the Christmas story as it is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, they sang another very favorite hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

It was the special day for the Sunbeams. Twelve of them presented their Christmas offerings and each, after the presentation of his gift, prayed a special prayer for other children around the world. They prayed for the children in China, Korea, Japan, the islands of the Pacific, and so on around the globe until they had prayed for children everywhere.

How our hearts were thrilled as these little children of Nigeria so earnestly prayed and gave that all the world might come to know the Christ—God's Christmas gift to the whole world. And then the children burst into song:

*"Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children of the world."*

Thus, the spirit of Christmas has come to the Christian people of this part of the world. We are deeply indebted to many of you for having made it possible for us to be here. You, too, have given and you have prayed. We follow in the train of many great soldiers of the cross who in the past have given their all that we might witness such a service as the one just described.

We ask that you pray that we may, through Him who sent us here, be equal to the many opportunities that are ours in this needy part of the world. If you support us with your prayers and we are faithful to the task, then before another Christmas season comes there will be other men, women, and children in this land who will be able to join in the chorus:

*"Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus."*



Lottie Moon Gifts Mean Much in Southern Rhodesia—More Needed

Clarence Eugene Kratz
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

LET US try in a small way to tell you what last year's [1952] Lottie Moon Christmas Offering meant to the on-going of the Christian message here in a small area of the earth, the country of Southern Rhodesia.

Your giving made possible the funds for two churches, one in Salisbury, the capital city, the other (to be built when the rainy season ends) at Sanyati where one of Southern Baptists' newest medical centers is located.

Also, much of the current expense money for this new fifty-bed hospital came from your gifts of last year. This hospital is meeting the needs of people who are dying spiritually as well as physically.

How grateful we are for your gifts that made possible the installation of an electrical plant! Now there is electrical equipment for the hospital and electric lights out where the baboons play and where we find so many pagan truths and customs still holding forth.

Your giving through the Lottie Moon Offering has helped meet one of the greatest needs here by providing the Sanyati Central Primary School. Here, we believe, lies the training of tomorrow's leadership of Christian Africans.

Yes, the African is yearning for an education. He feels that this is his only hope of rising above his present status. But we know that the only hope is when the African is given a Christian education.

More than five hundred applications are having to be turned down because there is no room. The building is too small and there are not enough teachers to open up extra grades, or standards, as they are called here. As you pray this week, pray that God will send at least one more missionary teacher soon!

The hearts of those of us here are broken as we see these young school-age African boys and girls break down and weep their hearts out as they receive the news that there is no vacancy for them in our Baptist school.

Another specific need met from last year's gifts is that of hymnbooks. And these are the first Baptist hymnbooks for the Africans in this country.

For the answer to another need, join us in prayer that an African seminary will soon be established in

Southern Rhodesia. Oh, how we need trained leaders! Last year your gifts made possible part of the needed funds, but more money will have to come.

Do pray with us that other needs might be met. In Shabani, Southern Rhodesia, a faithful group of Christians meet under the trees praying that a church might soon be built. Won't you join them? Then turn to the eastern portion of the country, to Umtali, where we have the site for a church granted, but no money to erect a building. These are just a few of the needs. We could go on and on with others.

As you pray and give, know in your hearts that your missionaries gain spiritual strength for the many jobs they encounter on a foreign mission field, know that African boys and girls are being provided the means of getting a Christian education, know that the Africans are being given a chance to free their bodies of physical disease, and, above all, know that you are enabling these people to come to know Him whom to know is life eternal.



Missionary Describes Christmas Activities in Foreign Country

James P. Satterwhite
Kyoto, Japan

LOOKING BACK, there are many things from Christmas, 1953, which stand out in our minds.

The first breath of the spirit of Christmas came in the planned services at the church for the week of prayer and special offering for missions. Many of the women and young people took part in such programs for the first time; and they did a remarkable job in presenting a picture of mission work and needs in other lands.

Such a picture is very new and revealing to most people here, even the ones who are Christians. As babes in Christ few have caught a glimpse of his worldwide love and plan.

I think, however, that great steps were made in opening the eyes of their understanding. Particularly was I thrilled to hear the message of our young pastor, to watch the zealous glow on his face, and to hear his prayers, so burdened for his people and others in all lands as he prayed over and over that our small group of church members might have vision to see needs and carry God's message of love to all people.

One service of beauty was a candlelight one, with the Christmas message given through Scripture readings, songs, prayers, and a brief message. Mrs. Hiroshi Hirano (wife of the Japanese medical doctor who works with us) and Mrs. Satterwhite sang "Silent Night" in Japanese; and they found that in spite of their difference in race they could sing together in harmony. After the service we had a social hour in which we joined together in happy fellowship.

Then there were the church Christmas parties, one for

children, the other for adults. Combined with them were worship services, because our pastor doesn't lose any opportunity to preach Christ. He preaches as if he thought it might be his only opportunity to reach some. A group of our young people went caroling on Wednesday night.

Christmas Day was largely a day for the family. What excitement when the children came into the living room and found what Santa had left for them. Our maid remarked several times that this was her first Christmas.

We had a tray filled with the beautiful cards of greeting which we received; and the personal notes on many have been read over and over.



Conditions Favorable for Advance On Mindanao Island, Philippines

Willie (Bill) A. Solesbee
Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines

THE NEW building of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Davao City, with baptistry, large auditorium, and educational facilities, all of which was made possible by the gifts of Southern Baptists, has meant much to all of our work here. This church is in a very strategic location, for Davao is the largest city on Mindanao Island. Missionaries travel out of here by boat, plane, and car to teach and to preach.

The preaching responsibilities are heavy. In addition to serving as pastor of the Immanuel Church, I go out to Bunawan, ten miles from Davao, and to Calinan mission on alternate Sunday afternoons.

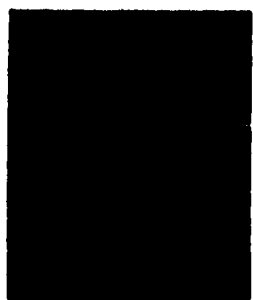
There are many small church groups on Mindanao which are asking to affiliate with Southern Baptists. I visit these groups to tell them what Baptists believe and practice. Then the people study Baptist beliefs and again request affiliation if they so desire. Great caution must be exercised in dealing with these groups; however, most of them are really Baptists at heart, many having migrated from areas in the Philippines where American (Northern) Baptists have work.

Southern Baptists now work with the Filipino people on southern Mindanao in six organized churches and five mission points. Eighteen young people of Immanuel Church have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service and want to attend the Baptist seminary at Baguio. However, very few can pay their way and it is very difficult to secure employment.

The new Baptist hospital in Mati was dedicated on March 19 this year. It is small, but it marks a great step forward in our work in this country. Already more space and a larger staff are needed. Missionary Virginia Miles, a nurse, is serving as hospital administrator in the absence of Miss Victoria Parsons, who is on furlough.

As you pray, please ask the Lord to send forth more laborers to the harvest here. The calls are so many, the opportunities so great, the time so urgent! Indo-China is

another example of how time and opportunity slip away and freedom is no more. Conditions here are ripe for a mighty advance for Christ. If it were not for the many of you who care and pray and give, we would be unable to do what is being done here.



Indonesian Seminary Begins with Ten Students on Beautiful Hillside

Mary Frances (Mrs. B. L.) Nichols
Semarang, Java, Indonesia

IT'S A wonderful feeling to be settled down in Semarang after almost two years of waiting. Catherine Walker lives next door. What a grand person to have as a co-worker and neighbor! It would take pages to tell of the difficulties in getting these two houses built; but we are so happy to be living in them now.

The very first Sunday in our homes we had a worship service. We ran an announcement in four papers in the city and twenty-nine people came. The next Sunday twenty-eight were present, and there were six decisions for Christ.

Most of these people are Chinese—teachers and others in responsible positions. Some are Christians who want to encourage us in beginning our work. Some come because English is the language they like best. Some are seeking the true way.

We are planning for services in other languages soon. Our living room is getting too small, so we are beginning to plan toward a small chapel on the corner of our yard.

The seminary buildings are claiming much of our time, too. We have begun the erection of two dormitories and one combination building. These three buildings are of semipermanent type, but they should last at least ten years. They have a strong foundation with concrete brick walls rising forty inches. The frame material is teakwood. Tiles are used for the floors and roofs. The upper walls are of woven bamboo mats with cement stucco inside and outside.

In these buildings we can accommodate eighty students; but because we are working in a new language and have only two missionary teachers, we are content with the ten students for the first class.

The seminary is ten minutes by car from our residences. The site, in the western part of the city, is a one-hundred-foot-elevation hillside crested with large waving bamboo. Our road winds to the top.

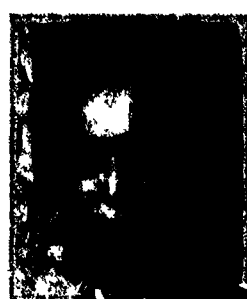
Faculty residences and additional dormitories will be built to meet the needs of the seminary. Soon we will begin construction of a chapel beside the busy street at the foot of the hill. In January we hope to begin work on the administration building. These two buildings will be permanent and dignified structures.

From the campus there are three marvelous views: To the left (north) about a mile away lies the Java Sea dot-

ted with ships; in front runs the river with waterfalls and beyond its banks lies the city of 350,000 souls; and to the right are miles of green valleys and hills hedged by mountains.

We dream of a great school on a beautiful hillside. Much praying and planning and planting must go into every dream. The bougainvillaca, golden shower, flame of the forest, giant japonica, and many other tropical trees and shrubs must grace our campus. God-called young people, blossoming through directed study and devoted living, must beautify this scenic spot.

The beginning of the seminary (*Seminari Theologia Baptis di Indonesia*) is typical of our entire effort in Indonesia. God's work is being planned and the Word planted in this new field with faith and hope. We are praying for a bountiful harvest.



Thailand Missionaries Open Work In Province of 211,000 People

Ronald C. Hill
Cholburi, Thailand

LAST FALL the Thailand Baptist Mission asked us to move to the province of Cholburi to open work where there was no witness to the Thai people and where no missionary had lived before. Cholburi (the same name as the province) is a city of more than 50,000 people, and the province has a population of more than 211,000.

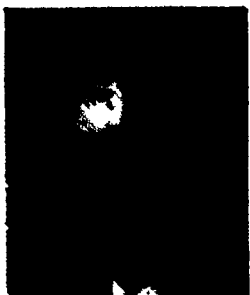
We are located on the southeastern coast of the country with the Gulf of Siam to the front and a range of mountains, much like those of North Carolina, behind our home. Thus, we feel right at home. Truly the Lord could not have given us a more beautiful place in which to serve him.

We opened the chapel on Sunday, July 4. The Lord gave us a lovely three-story building which will adequately serve our needs now. About forty Thai, Chinese, and missionaries helped in the opening service.

A fine young Chinese man, who speaks many dialects of Chinese and Thai, has come to help us spread the gospel in this province. We are also grateful for the coming of two new missionaries, the Daniel R. Cobbs of South Carolina, to strengthen our forces.

Although there had never been an evangelical missionary here before we came, there are two small Chinese churches—one Baptist and one Presbyterian. The Baptist influence comes from the old Swatow Baptist Church in Bangkok and from China from which many of the Thailand Chinese have migrated.

In addition to the city of Cholburi, there are five rather large towns and five smaller ones in this province, all with good connecting roads, but no gospel preaching. We are concentrating on Cholburi at present; and we hope, as the Lord gives us strength, to evangelize the other towns.



Twenty-Five Baptized by Church With Less Than Fifty Members

Charles B. Clark
Maracaibo, Venezuela

THIS HAS been a fruitful year. Our church here in Maracaibo now has sixty-four members. During this past year twenty-five members were baptized into the church; so you see it took less than two members to win one.

The greatest joy in the Lord's work here as there in the States is in seeing souls saved and lives changed. As lives are changed often whole communities are changed. I am thinking of Armando Araujo who was recently saved and is now a member of our church. He manifested his salvation by immediately cutting out the sale of liquor in his store.

He witnesses to all who come to buy their groceries. During a revival meeting a few months after his conversion he brought between fifteen and twenty persons each night from his community which is on the outskirts of the city and far from the church. Now preaching services are held in his home once a month and he is talking of knocking out a wall in his house so as to accommodate more people.

People see the difference in the lives of the evangelicals (the expression used for those not Catholic). I think of an old pastor, Antolin Tovar, who died recently. He accepted the Lord after he became an adult. Because of his influence in a small country community where the gospel had not penetrated, he raised up a congregation of believers who organized themselves into a church. With the help of Southern Baptists he was able to give up his work in a bank and become a full-time pastor. This community, now predominantly Baptist, gives living testimony of the influence of a single life dedicated to the Lord.

Let me pass on a quotation that has stuck with me: "Prayer does not consist of words alone, but also of attitudes and actions."



Life of Missionary Not Different From That of Any Loyal Follower

Elizabeth Hale
Alor Star, Kedah, Malaya

IF YOU read *The Commission* and other missionary literature, you know that the ordinary missionary's life isn't full of great exciting adventures and wonderful outside happenings. Having followed the Master as he has led, we seek to do, each in his or her separate sphere, what each loyal follower of the Master anywhere tries to do, and that is to be receptive and obedient to him. If he uses us to do some task, we accept that with quiet

joy. If we feel no evidence of his hand at work, we rejoice in his faithfulness and follow on.

I wish you could see the eager young people who enjoy the workshop with me—from the tiny ones on Sunday mornings to the older ones in the young people's meeting on Thursday evenings. My special charges among these are eighteen Chinese students who know English well and who say they have taken Jesus as Saviour and want to follow him as Lord.

Just now it is my privilege to be studying Ephesians with a couple of keen young nurses. Dr. W. O. Carver's book, *The Glory of God in the Christian Calling*, and every memory of him is a new challenge. Quoting from his paraphrase of Ephesians 4:2, we read of a "way of living set in the very midst of unflagging spiritual endurance, manifest in mutual and enduring support of one another in love, conscious that the love of God has linked you all in interdependent relations as an agency in his work."

How close is the tie with each of you! May "our support of one another in love" be a very real thing for his glory.



Reinforcements Asked As Christ Makes Inroads Among Chileans

William P. Andrews
Temuco, Chile

OUR FIRST six months at the Colegio Bautista have brought blessing beyond measure. Bible classes have met with encouraging response and we now see better than ever real possibilities in projecting Christ into the sin-dominated sports world in Chile. Winning basketball, football (Chilean style), and volleyball teams, sparked by some of the outstanding Christian students, will create an excellent atmosphere for practicing what we preach.

The young people themselves, through personal testimonies and messages in after-game rallies will reach their friends for Christ. Such activity should serve to tear down the mistaken "Christ or sports" attitude that hampers young people's work in Chile. There are six "preacher boys" in the school who are active in sports.

Jesus Christ—unchanging and undefeatable—is making inroads into Chile's social and economic territory. The big swing from a traditional, official religion to a liberal materialism has led into some "dead-end" streets. Many, in desperation, are ready to admit that a moral and spiritual change is the only way out.

The challenge we face—and you with us—to convince them that Christ is in fact the way, the truth, and the life does not admit partial commitments. Neither materialistic Christianity nor Christian (so-called) materialism will do. Only pure, cross-begun, Christ-sustained Christianity will suffice to send abroad the message and messengers to a world that is sick and tired of false promises. Pray, come, or send us reinforcements now.

Missionary Family Album

Appointees (October)

CLARK, G. Harold, and Anna Evanos
Clark, Ill., Malaya.
GARRETT, Doris, Tex., Nigeria.
McDOWELL, Donald E., Md., and May
Vanderpool McDowell, N. J., Paraguay.
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SLEDGE, Randall D., La., and Dorothy
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Births

ABELL, Dr. and Mrs. John C., Jr. (Ni-
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NORMAN, Dr. and Mrs. William R., Jr.
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ROBERTSON, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyd (Ar-
gentina), son, Philip Noel.

Deaths

BLANKENSHIP, Mr. Carl G., father of
Adrian E. Blankenship (South Brazil),
Sept. 9, Memphis, Tenn.
ROBERTS, Mr. George D., father of Mrs.
Edward G. Berry (South Brazil), Sept.
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Life in America

By George H. Hays

Missionary to Japan

Many persons have asked us our impres-
sions of life in America. Though we are
not fully prepared to go into detail be-
cause we haven't had sufficient time to
reflect, there have been two or three
things which stand out.

First, we have been struck with the
great wealth of America. We Americans
take too much for granted the vast nat-
ural resources, the manifold conveniences,
and the many material blessings God has
given us as a nation. One has to live in a
foreign country to really appreciate
America—her opportunities, the freedom
of thought and speech, and the traditions
of liberty.

Second, we were impressed by the
speed, not only of the automobiles, which
still frightens me, but the general hurry
and accelerated pace of living. The
Oriental takes life more leisurely, meets
problems in a stoic manner, and conse-
quently has less nervous tension and
fewer ulcers.

Third, our church people seem to be
more mission-minded. The missionary ed-
ucation of the past few years is paying off
in a better informed church membership.
We have found a deep interest and con-
cern for the peoples of the world in
every church we have visited.

THE COMMISSION

What Shall I Give?

By Miriam Santos

“WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” (Psalms 116:12).

In the first place, I wish to thank the faculty of the Training School for the honor which was given me this year in receiving the Ana Bagby Scholarship. This is my last year of school, and I know that God has work for me in his cause.

I want to say something of my conversion and desire for preparation that I might better serve the Master. In 1940 I lived in Bananeiras, Paraíba, with my father, stepmother, and four brothers and sisters. There was no evangelical church in that town and only one Christian couple (Baptists) lived there, having moved from Recife.

They learned that two other Christian families lived in a community about three miles away, so they got with these Christians and formed a congregation. It was there at this congregation that I had the opportunity for the first time to hear the Word of God.

It was at this congregation that I sensed my sin and realized the sacrifice which Christ made on the cross for me. The light of Christ shone in my heart, and I accepted him as my Saviour. He took me out of the darkness for his marvelous light. I was baptized six months later, and from then on it seemed to me that my mind was more enlightened to understand the things of God. My father, stepmother, one sister, and one brother also accepted Jesus and were baptized.

We lived in that city about three years more. During this time all the other Christians moved away, and again we were without any evangelical work. But in our home we read the Bible and sang the hymns we had learned.

In 1943 my father decided to move to Rio Tinto, another town in Paraíba. This is a big industrial center. But also here there was no Baptist work. Only the Congregationalists had a small work here, so we co-operated with them. After some time some Baptist families moved to our town. Soon we organized a congregation, with Pastor Elias Ramalho of the Second Baptist Church of João Pessoa directing it and visiting us once a month.

I taught a class of children and ardently desired better preparation that I might teach them better. I did not know whether or not there existed a school to



Miriam Santos, student in the Baptist Training School at Recife, Brazil, won this year's Ana Bagby Scholarship, an award given by the Brazilian W.M.U. each year to a student in each of the two training schools of Brazil. The award is given for the "Superior Course" student whom the faculty and directors of the school consider to be the most outstanding—not only in grades, but also in attitude, dedication, and ability. This is the article Miriam wrote to be published in *O Jornal Batista*, the national Brazilian Baptist paper.

prepare Christian girls as workers to serve with greater efficiency in the cause of the Lord; but I wanted to study the Bible and said in my prayers: "Can it be that there exists a school where girls study the Bible?" I asked God to send me there if there were such a place.

In May, 1947, my stepmother's uncle came to spend some days with us. One day as he was talking with her about me, he suggested that I ought to study in the Training School. My stepmother was greatly interested and soon told me of this conversation and the possibility of my studying in Recife. In that moment I said in my heart: "Who am I to study in such a school? But God can remove the difficulties and send me there."

When my father arrived home and knew that I wanted to study in the Training School, he did not agree and said it would be impossible. I was working to help him support the family and, because of our economic situation, he could not get along without my help. But I was not discouraged. I continued asking God to help me. After several months it seemed that all the doors were shut for me and I almost got discouraged.

In October, 1947, a seminary student, Natanael de Barros, today a pastor, and Maria Bezerra, who now is a missionary in Bolivia, visited our congregation. Knowing of my desire to study, they became interested in me. However, I continued working without being able to see how my problem could be solved. At this time I became sick, and there was no chance of studying that year. But the following year I had the opportunity to enter this school which God prepared for me, too.

My heart is eternally grateful to the people who have helped me. I have now studied six years in the Training School, and I feel that God has been with me all the way and has also used people to provide for me. Now I must say with the psalmist: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

Yes, what will I give? I do not have wealth to give. I will give, as a proof of my gratitude, all of my strength, all of my being, and all of my life which I hope to use in the service of the Master who has done so much for me.

I believe that God, when he chooses and calls a person, also shows the way which the person should follow; and, even though the way seems hard, he removes the obstacles and extends his kind hand for the person to follow. This always will happen if we look constantly to him.

Prayer Potential

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The Missions in thirty-two countries have presented urgent requests for residences, schools, hospitals, churches, and other capital needs for 1955 totaling \$4,500,000. We will not be able to provide half of what has been requested.

We are fully convinced that, as great numbers of Baptist young people volunteer their lives to go personally to meet world needs, Southern Baptists will rise up and provide financial undergirding for their ministry.

Southern Baptists have the potential in personnel and financial resources to project the world ministry on a scale far beyond anything we have ever attempted. Those resources can be made available if we pray. Around the world the servants of God can minister with added power and effectiveness in answer to prayer. God may be pleased to send spiritual awakening in many different countries in answer to prayer as he did in North China.

The call to advance is a call to prayer. Southern Baptists, let us pray!



THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Genevieve Green

Any book mentioned may be had from the Baptist Book Store serving your state.

India, Pakistan, Ceylon

Friendship Press offers a wide range of reading on India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, the year's foreign mission study theme of the National Council of Churches. Each is priced at \$2.00 in cloth and \$1.25 in paper. A Leader's Guide for each is priced at 50 cents. Included in the study series are:

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India

Here Is India, by Jean Kennedy (Scribner's, \$3.00), is an excellent, easy-to-read introduction to a vast country. The author—born in India of missionary parents, later a teacher there, and always a persistent scholar of the country—gives a preview of what one sees on a visit to India.

She has succeeded in so far as it is possible to compress the story of so vast and diversified a country into a book of this size. A new chapter, added since the book was first published in 1945, gives a clear picture of the organization of the government. The book has excellent photographs.

Livingstone

The main facts in the life of the missionary explorer, from his boyhood in Scotland to his burial in Westminster

Abbey, are included in *David Livingstone, Foe of Darkness*, a Morrow Junior book by Jeanette Eaton (William Morrow, \$3.00). Black and white drawings by Ralph Ray illustrate the book.

Although told in story form and in language that boys and girls will understand, the account keeps to the facts. Neither mission cause nor missionary adventure is slighted. Livingstone's break with other missionaries over mission strategy and his seeming sacrifice of family life are handled in an understanding manner.

Churches in Communist Countries

Religion Behind the Iron Curtain, by George N. Shuster (Macmillan, \$4.00) is, for the most part, a discussion of Catholics in the Communist-dominated countries of Europe. Some information on Protestant groups is sprinkled here and there, and the final chapter concerns the treatment of Jews.

After a first chapter on the general religious and political history of Europe, the author takes up the different sections of eastern Europe chapter by chapter—eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Hungary, Albania, and the Balkans. The details are somewhat monotonous; the pattern of Communist control is the same in each country.

Particularly striking to a Baptist reader is the fact that some church difficulties cited under Communism—curbs on religious activities and publications and prohibition of religious schools—constitute the same religious-freedom-with-reservations that minority groups suffer to varying degrees in church-dominated countries. Incidentally, the author admits that religious groups—both Protestant and Catholic—have been guilty of overstepping freedom in the days when they had it.

Chinese Students and Communism

When Communists, under the name of the People's Liberation Army, entered Peking in 1949, students at the university welcomed them. Among those students was Maria Yen, who later fled to Hong Kong. *The Umbrella Garden* (Macmillan, \$4.00) is her story of what happened at Communist-controlled Peking University. Except for disguising the names, it is a true story.

She reveals the students' high hopes when they were made to feel that they were important to the new political sys-

tem; their fading hopes when all free expression disappeared and they were cramped in everything they tried to do. Gradually their freedom was taken, and food was reduced to a minimum. Studying and classes became a minor part of college life; parades, confession meetings, spying, and punishments occupied their days.

American Occupation of Japan

Typhoon in Tokyo, by Harry Emerson Wildes (Macmillan, \$4.50), is a bitter diatribe against the antics performed in the American Occupation of Japan, which the author calls "the greatest civilian overseas commitment ever undertaken by Americans . . . a stupendous but improvised social experiment which used an empire and 71,000,000 people as its laboratory materials." The general thesis is that everything was done wrong in the Occupation but the outcome was on the whole good.

The author relates a thousand small facts and incidents, ranging widely through such varied topics as constitutional reform, the purges, the Emperor, local politics, crime and vice (as practiced by both G.I.'s and Japanese), land reform, health measures, fires, city planning, economic want, and the rise and decline of the Japanese Communist party.

With Perry in Japan

Commodore Matthew C. Perry's historic mission a century ago to open Japan's ports to trade forms the background for *Dangerous Duty* (Oxford University Press, \$3.00), a book for boys by Sidney Herschel Small.

The story centers around a ship's boy who, when Perry sailed away from Japan, missed his ship and was picked up when Perry returned months later. It is an exciting adventure. Young boys especially should find its action-packed pages fascinating reading. There is a danger that the fiction mixed with fact may leave a distorted view of the event used as background.

Mission in Liberia

Liberian Odyssey, by F. A. Price (Pageant Press, \$7.50), has a particular appeal because of its author and its setting. It is a Negro missionary's story of his forty years of service in the African nation colonized by freed African slaves.

It has some faults—wordiness, some odd expressions, and a coated paper that glares into the eyes. Its price, too, will limit its sale. But it is well worth reading. The missionary has admirable ideals and a keen understanding of what it takes to serve as a missionary.

Born in the British West Indies, the author served under the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is now a Liberian citizen and is Liberian consul-general to the United States.

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Through Much Tribulation

By J. Winston Crawley

"I WARNED

you that anyone who fools with that Book will get into trouble." Gonzalo's father-in-law was trying to keep him from going to the seminary. All along he had opposed everything—Gonzalo's first interest in the gospel, his public confession of Christ, his study of the Bible, and his desire to be a Christian witness.

Now Gonzalo felt called to the ministry. And his father-in-law, a nominal Catholic, was doing everything possible to keep him from it. He even threatened to bring his daughter and her children back home and let them have nothing more to do with this foolish zealot who would give up a good job and let his family starve while he followed that dangerous Book. Yes, the Bible surely had led him into trouble. And Gonzalo was learning that "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

Gonzalo Mamaril was thirty years old and was living in his home community of San Carlos, Pangasinan. He had been married ten years and had three children. With seven years of experience as a driver, and then technical school study of Diesel engines, he had a good job as mechanic with a bus company. Many a man would envy the sixty dollars he was getting every month—indeed a good job for the Philippines.

Like most Filipinos, Gonzalo had never heard the gospel. Then a fellow mechanic invited him to the Dagupan Baptist Church and he was saved. After he had been baptized, by Dr. Frank P. Lide, he was eager to serve his Lord, and soon he led his wife and his mother to Christ. This experience deepened his desire to be a witnessing Christian and to know more of the Bible in order to witness better. Later, under the preaching of Dr. R. F. Ricketson, he surrendered to the ministry.

Gonzalo wanted to enrol in the

newly opened English Language Division of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary. He knew God had called him, and he wanted to prepare. But how could he provide for his family? And what if his father-in-law carried out his threats to make trouble?

Even his wife had many doubts as she thought of their financial needs and of the burden of caring for home and children while her husband was away in school. During that time of crisis, Gonzalo wrote, "There are so many stumbling blocks indeed, but I feel unworthy of God if I reject his call."

And so faith won out. After an anguished visit to Baguio to see the president of the seminary, Gonzalo determined to come on in faith that work could be found. Through the gifts of Southern Baptists it was possible to give him a work grant to meet his own school expenses. And, besides, he worked as a janitor to earn money for his family.

Now Gonzalo Mamaril is back home for summer vacation, serving in evangelistic work in his own community. He has proved it true, as he wrote while struggling with his decision, that "the Lord is so loving and able and always provides for his own."

Missionary Quote

Do pray regularly for the work here; it is the most valuable contribution you can make.—GILES FORT, missionary to Southern Rhodesia

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Foreign Mission News

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representatives from the church and three chapels in Bangkok where Southern Baptists have work among the Chinese. Twenty-one others attended one day.

The theme was "The Christian's Daily Life," and every part of the program was aimed at helping the young people realize the importance of daily living for Christ. Miss Gladys Hopewell, Southern Baptist missionary, reported: "As we met under the palm trees near the sea for Bible study, discussion periods on faith and practice, Sword Drills, and preaching, and as we sat by the seaside on the Gulf of Siam for morning watch and vespers, the Holy Spirit worked in our hearts."

The group slept in rented cottages. (Baptists of Thailand do not yet have their own encampment.)

After witnessing the consecration service, a missionary said: "Sometimes I get discouraged; but when I saw those young people I said, 'There is hope for Thailand.'"

Briefly

Brazil: Baptists of Recife, Brazil, counted approximately 600 first decisions for Christ and many other decisions in their fifth annual simultaneous revival campaign held in early fall with 59 churches participating. The Baptist churches bore two-thirds of the expense of the revival which totaled about \$1,700. "A miracle of co-operation," said one missionary.

Europe: The Baptist World Alliance has the names of 2,500 Baptist refugees of Europe who are awaiting arrangements to come to the United States and reports there are still 10,000,000 refugees in Europe.

Gold Coast: Two new Baptist churches are being organized in the Gold Coast.

Hungary: A recent photograph of the faculty and students at the Baptist Seminary at Budapest indicates that young men are still being trained for the Baptist ministry in Hungary.

Nigeria: Baptisms in Nigeria reached an all-time high last year with a total of 4,643.

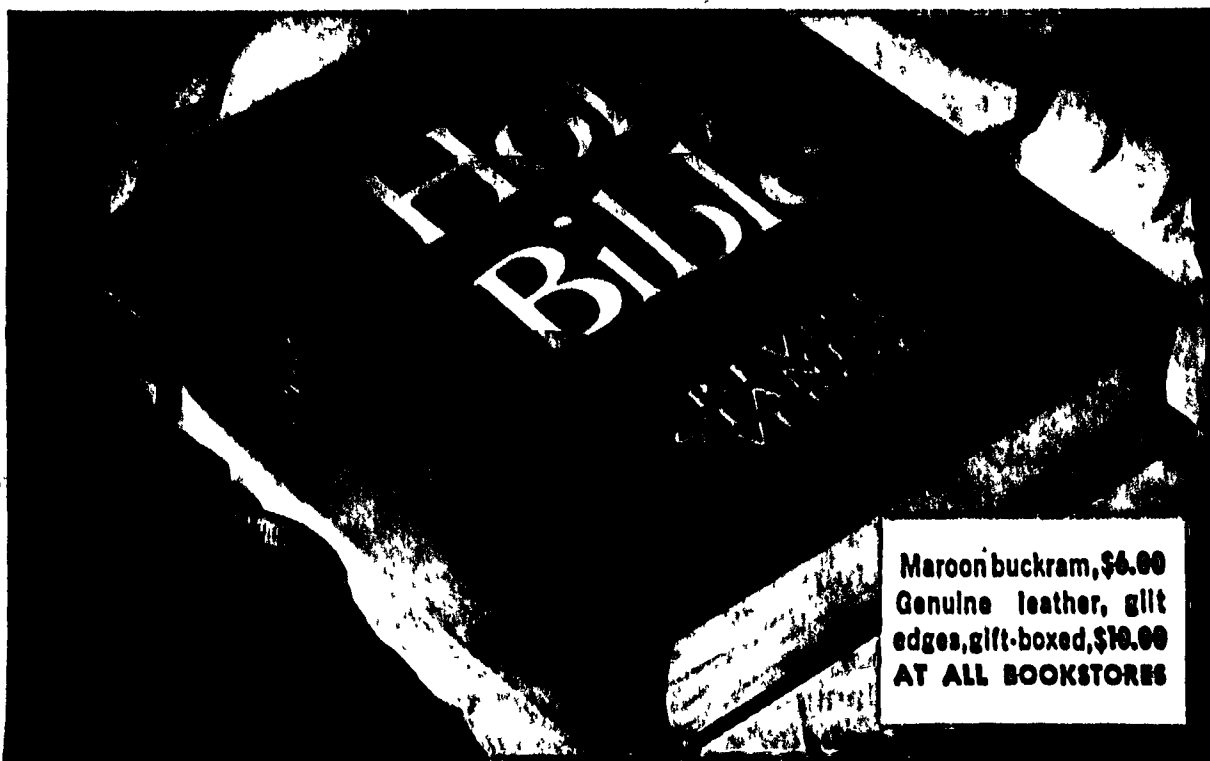
Japan: The Rankin Memorial Chapel, located on the campus of Seinan Gakuin, Baptist school with

3,500 students, at Fukuoka City, Japan, has been dedicated. This chapel, a memorial to the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin, seats more than 1,500 students and was erected at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Southern Rhodesia: Statistics for the first seven months of the Baptist Hos-

pital, Sanyati, Southern Rhodesia, reveal that 932 registered in the outpatient department with 3,337 patient visits, not including the school pupils. Inpatients numbered 337.

Rumania: According to a recent report, there were 94 students in the Baptist Seminary in Rumania last year.



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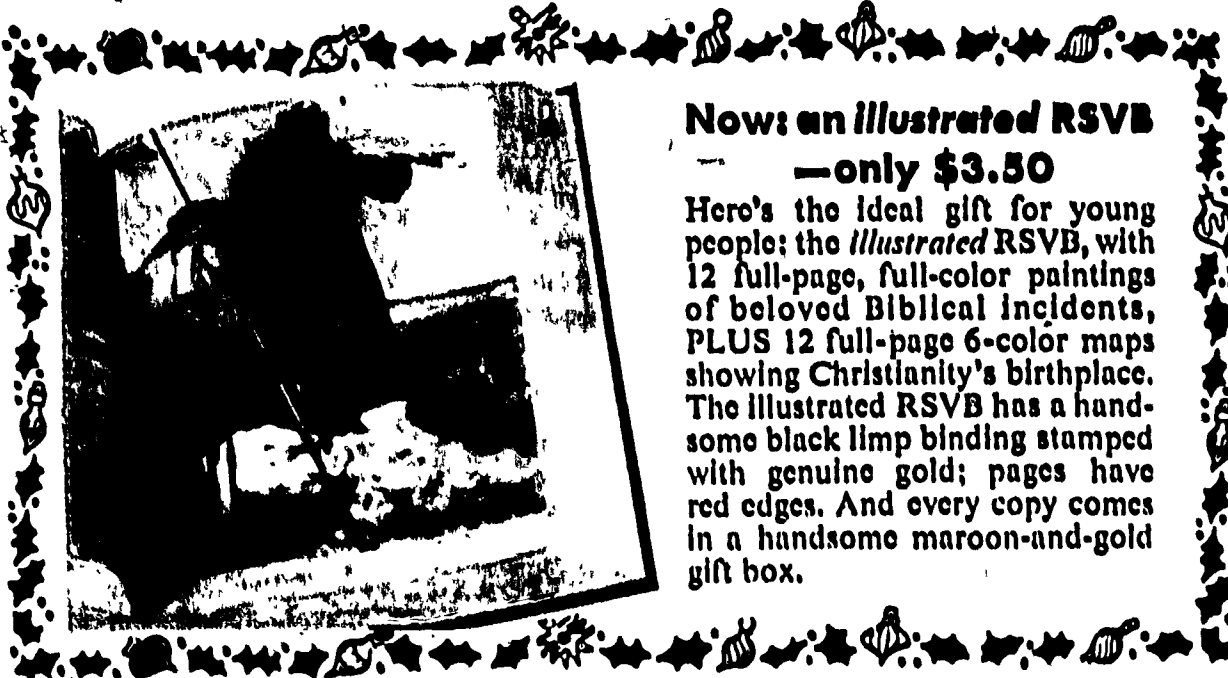
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DECEMBER is a month of intensive interest in foreign missions. The Training Union is emphasizing our part in determining the future of the world. The Woman's Missionary Union emphasis looks toward the needs of the world as they may be met through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The emphases on Christmas blessings in the churches include our Christian responsibility to a lost world. Projected visual aids will make all these efforts more effective.

The Training Union theme for December is superbly illustrated in the motion picture, "Empty Shoes." This dramatic film uses the life of William Carey to challenge today's Christians to follow after him in the divinely appointed pattern of world missions. The film is thirty minutes in length and is released in kodachrome through all Baptist Book Stores at a rental fee of \$10.

Many visual aids will be most effective in the Week of Prayer programs; and if this program is combined with the annual mission study project the resources are even more abundant.

The new filmstrip, "Christmas Gift for the World," is an effective summary of the printed program material, illustrating how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reaches out in world evangelism through preaching, educational, medical, and other ministries. (Sixty-eight frames, kodachrome, \$5.00 with manual, sale only.) This might well be used to introduce or close the week of study. Many groups will use it to introduce the week of study and then use daily the portion of the strip which is concerned with the day's program.

Additional filmstrips useful in preparing for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (55 frames, black and white, \$2.50 with manual, sale only), and "The Star Shined" (64 frames, kodachrome, \$5.00 with manual, sale only).

All of the filmstrips mentioned above may be purchased with high fidelity 12-inch vinylite recordings which contain the suggested narration, plus an appropriate musical background. The recordings may be used on any record player turning at 33 1/3 r.p.m. A long-play needle will give the best reproduction. They are available through the Baptist Book Stores at \$3.50 each.

This year's emphasis on Brazil will make all of the visual aids dealing with that vast mission area valuable as supplemental materials.

Brazilian materials include three motion pictures: "New Day for Paulo," "Corrente," and "Advance in South Brazil." (Each rents for \$5.00 and is available in kodachrome through your Baptist Book Store.) The new filmstrip, "Sharing the Word in Brazil," is a kodachrome survey of Baptist work there and sells for \$5.00. It too is accompanied by a manual; and a 12-inch vinylite recording is available for \$3.50 through your Baptist Book Store.

A new catalogue of all visual aids produced and released by the Foreign Mission Board is available upon request. Write to Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Asking "Why?"

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June 15, without ever regaining consciousness.

Perhaps you would like to keep up with the activities in the girls' student home, which we have officially named the Mae Davis Student Home because Mae loved it so. Pray for me and for Mae's girls and my girls, twenty-one of them, who are in the Home this year getting a year's further training in their chosen profession.

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In the fifteen brief chapters of *The Church We Love* (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.25), Wilbur La Rue, Jr., calls laymen and women to greater love for their church and greater diligence in its service. "Can we," this dedicated layman asks, "pour ourselves out for the church in such a way as to prove to the world our love for Jesus Christ and his church?"

A Light Unto My Path, by Wallace Fridy (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50), contains forty warmhearted and revealing Christian messages that give fresh inspiration and encouragement and are useful for public or private meditation.

Japanese Picture Book

A picture book, *The Animal Frolic* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$2.75), by Toba Sojo, a twelfth-century artist and founder of caricature art in Japan, reproduces a 36-foot scroll called the Choju Giga or Scroll of Animals. The scroll itself, a Japanese classic, is in the Temple of Kozanji in Kyoto, Japan.

Although the scroll has no accompanying text, Velma Varner, children's editor for the publishing house, has added a simple text to accompany the pictured actions of the animals. This is primarily a classic for the smallest child's world book collection, but, because the pictures form a caricature of the people of that day, adults should find it interesting, too.

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"My First Real Christmas"

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a young Christian could safely live and grow. It was a school where the disciples met to study. And during the joyful hours of fellowship and prayer that Christmas night, one could hear the shouts of drunken soldiers along the streets mingled with the noise of falling rain.

I could not say "Merry Christmas" happily to anybody before I moved to Amman, Jordan, and became a member of an evangelical church where the pastor and his wife enjoyed Christmas and tried hard to develop this spirit within me. Christmas there was an opportunity to visit homes and to present the message of salvation to the unsaved. Gradually I started to catch the spirit of the annual opportunity.

Later I joined the Baptist mission work in Ajloun. On Christmas Day I found myself in a real Christian atmosphere, where the story of the birth of Christ is joyfully preached and sung.

[Mrs. L. August Lovegren, who sent the above article written by her pastor, said: "Christmas is not much celebrated in this area of the world by evangelical Christians; seemingly for two reasons: (1) they bend over backwards not to be like the Catholics—whose Christmases are the only ones most of them have ever seen; (2) because of the way they have seen Christmas celebrated by foreigners in their land—oil company and government people who hardly have what one would call a very Christly Christmas!"]

"God Is Able"

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means of getting there. Those bicycles, motorbikes, motorcycles, cars, jeeps, station wagons, carryalls, pedicabs, and Volkswagens are used of God to get our missionaries to the places they need to go for Christ.

This support is further seen in the church buildings, hospitals, and seminary buildings which I have already mentioned along with the equipment in them, giving the missionaries the tools with which to work. Through these buildings the missionary sets up his beachhead for further conquest for Christ.

Another impression which only more deeply confirmed a conviction I already held was in regard to our missionary personnel around the world. God has been good to Southern Baptists in calling out our best-trained and most adequately prepared people in personality and essential character to represent us in the field. Skilled doctors and nurses, well-trained theologians, competent pastors, and dedicated homemakers combine their skills to do a masterful work for Christ.

I became more and more aware that

our qualifications for missionary appointees are none too high. For missionaries to stay with the task under insurmountable difficulties, they must be choice individuals in every way. Their calls must be certain, their training must be complete, their love for others must be evident. Without all this they will not stay long on the field.

We saw firsthand that the ability to learn and speak in the language of the people with whom they work is of paramount importance. We heard the cry that the need is not only for more missionaries, but for missionaries who can continue to measure up to the high qualifications for missionary service.

I also had confirmed my conviction that there is no quick way to evangelize the world. Every now and then a suggestion is made that we send many pastors at a time to preach in great meetings and win many to Christ. I have been there. I have preached to some great congregations and have sat with two or three.

In every place we saw decisions for Christ. But, in all those places, faithful missionaries had been laboring for months. I was conscious that we were

taking so much of their time and that they, knowing the people and the language, could accomplish more for Christ.

I do believe that occasional visits would inspire and encourage our missionaries, but the work of winning the world to Christ is going to be done by those who, on the basis of a life dedication, go to a definite field, identify themselves with the people, learn their language, and sow and reap according to the law of the spiritual harvest.

Our experiences on the field made me grateful to God for Southern Baptists. At the same time, they made me pray all the more that Southern Baptists might in reality be missionary in action as well as in heart and that we might measure our living and giving against that which our missionaries are now doing and what countless hundreds of others will do around the world in the years ahead.



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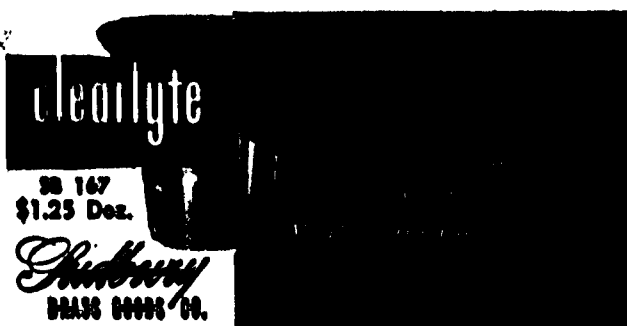
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