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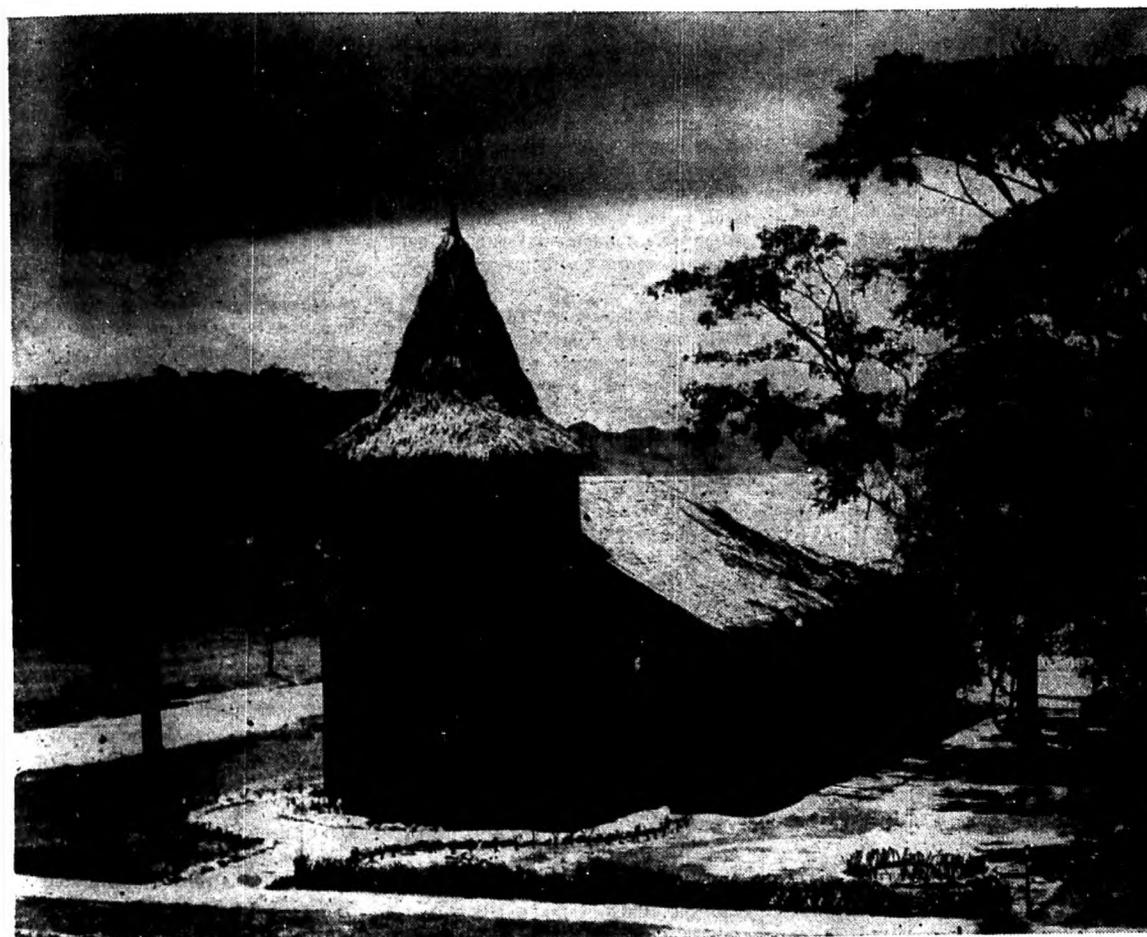
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**W**E HAVE won the war; we must now win the peace. The world in which we have lived heretofore will be no more; but what kind of a world shall we have? Will the new world order be based upon the Christian philosophy of love, justice, and right, or will it be based upon the pagan philosophy that might make right? Will the men who direct the rebuilding of the world out of the debris left by the war be guided by Christian principles, or will they be guided by principles growing out of a paganistic philosophy? All will depend upon what we do as Christians.

The churches will not be asked into the councils of the victors. Even resolutions passed by Christian bodies will have little effect upon the armies of occupation. The world is governed by national governments and political parties; and if the new world is built upon the Christian principles, it will be because the churches of Christ have through their service made the principles of Christianity dominant in the social and political structure of the land. Our superlative task as Christians is to shoot the life of our land through and through with the spirit of Christ.

This makes Home Missions a present and imperative need. Whatever else we do, the evangelization of our homeland and the mobilization of the homeland forces for the world's evangelization must not be overlooked or side-tracked to an unimportant place. The business of launching out now in an all-out crusade for Christ so as to make Him regnant in the life of our land is of vital moment.

For this task of making the kingdom of God predominant in the world, we Christians must have spiritual preparation. We must start with ourselves. We must ourselves be so changed that we will show forth in our lives those traits of character which establish Christianity's unique contribution to the needs of mankind.

In this hour our pastors have a supremely important task. It is theirs to speak for God. They are to give the major emphasis in our spiritual preparation. They are to anchor the faith of the members of the churches in an experience of grace so that their relation to Christ will be actual and factual.

The fundamental thing in the religious life is a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This knowledge centers in an experience which the individual has when he accepts Christ as Saviour and Lord. The most real thing in a believer's life should be his conversion. The sure anchorage of his faith is the consciousness he has of the indwelling Christ who came into his heart when he believed.

An experience is the only real thing in any man's life. We know definitely and positively only that which we have experienced; all else is taken by faith. We believe that Christ is the Son of God because He is so revealed in the Scriptures. That is faith. We know that He is our Saviour when He becomes a living reality in our lives. That is experience.

For the tasks ahead of us we will need an actual and a factual faith in Christ. We must know that we have met Christ face to face. He must become a real, living, reigning, redeeming, transforming, empowering Saviour to us.

We cannot know this unless we experience it in our hearts. We must be able to say with Paul, "I know Him whom I have believed," and because of this knowledge be able to say, "I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him."

Missions is the welling up of love for Christ which cannot be suppressed. It grows out of the exuberance of faith planning to achieve the impossible. It is the genius of Christianity exclaiming with eager voice and bright and hopeful visage the glory of fellowship in Christ Jesus.

The basis of the missionary life is the rich, full, abounding life in Christ. Let this be the experience of the members of our churches, and our mission program to the lost nations of the earth will have an impelling dynamic.

The disciples of Christ have been commissioned by their Lord to evangelize the world, no matter what the difficulties of that task may be. They must go with the Gospel, even though they have to endure scourging and imprisonment and even death.

To bring in the Kingdom and to establish it among men the faith of the people called Baptists must be anchored in an experience of grace in their hearts that makes Christ a living person to them.

Christ must become actual and factual to our people if we would make Him actual and factual to the world.

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*The Responsibility of*

## A Free Soul In Self and Substance

By W. O. CARVER

**T**O become a Christian is to become a steward. Being a Christian is living as "a good steward of the manifold grace of God." All aspects and all the privileges and duties of Christianity can be expressed in terms of stewardship. In general, they can be expressed best in such terms.

**I. STEWARDSHIP IS BASIC**

1. *The fact.* God placed man in the midst of the world which God had made, and appointed him a steward. He gave man a stewardship commission. This is God's first word to Adam. He is to be God's man, in charge of God's material, in his measure to "replenish"—to fill out—the earth. He is to see that God's materials are made to fulfill God's plans for them.

Abraham was made the steward of God's blessings for all the families of the earth. "I will bless thee . . . and be thou a blessing . . . For in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3 ASV).

The covenants of God were of old and are always stewardship contracts. Israel was to be God's "peculiar possession among all peoples" because "all the earth is mine." And their claim to his ownership was grounded in their accepting and meeting this commission of God's grace given to them for all men (Ex. 19:3-5).

**Life Is Stewardship**

The first recorded words of Jesus revealed His consciousness of ownership of God and His stewardship as God's Son. "I must be occupied with my Father's affairs."

In the tense crisis in His ministry He took His followers into His stewardship, saying: "We must work while it is day: the night comes on when no one can work."

In the last hour He reported to His Father concerning His stewardship: "Father, I have glorified thee on the earth by finishing the work which thou gavest me to do." And in making the report He provided for continuing His stewardship: "As thou didst send me into the world, just so am I sending them into the world . . . I made known unto them thy name, and will continue to make it known" (John 17:4, 18, 26).

The Christian commission, in all its forms, is the committing of the stewardship of the Gospel as the followers of Jesus. And this involves and includes the stewardship of the peoples of the earth and stewardship of the kingdom of God.

Yes, life is stewardship: Christianity is accepted stewardship, and stewardship being worked at and wrought out.

**Dr. Carver**

**"We Have a Mission"**

*This is the tenth in the series on the distinctive beliefs, contributions, and mission of Southern Baptists.*

*The eleventh in the series will be a discussion on the individual Christian's responsibilities and privileges in a complex social order. This stimulating article is by Dr. Walf N. Johnson.*

We see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels . . . that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man.

"We see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honor," and hear Him giving to man anew the dignity of our stewardship, the power of our possessions, the hope of our humanity, the glory of being the children of God.

3. For herein, indeed, is the *glory of stewardship*, even in Sonship, through the freedom wherewith the Son makes us free, causing us to know in experience the achieving freedom of truth. This is Christianity: the acceptance of our place with God, in God's world, in God's plan and purpose and power the making of history; in our free, voluntary, loyal, and loving response to God as He is in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

Thus God is fulfilling Himself in His servants, who are also His children. (Continued on page 6)

**SERMONSERIES PREACHED BY PASTOR**

**T**HE series of messages on which the one on the opposite page is the tenth are being used by Rev. L. D. Carmack, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Maryland, to advertise sermons he is preaching in his pulpit.

Brother Carmack has led his church to sponsor publication of each display in the Brunswick *Blade-Times*. He is preaching a special sermon on the theme of each advertisement.

Mats of the entire series of twelve messages are offered free by the Board to churches or local groups that will arrange for their publication in local newspapers.

More than a quarter million readers of daily and weekly newspapers now see these messages as printed in the secular press.

Thus we fall in achieving the values of the world and of our personalities, and of social life. "We see not yet all things subjected unto man." This is the tragedy of human depravity.

This is where Christ comes in, where Christianity begins. He takes our woe into His own heart and opens up a new fountain of grace unto redemption and honor and glory.

Inquiries from those who are interested should be addressed to Rev. Joe W. Burton, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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**"The Cattle on a Thousand Hills Are Mine"**

**A**RANCHMAN walks into a Texas orphanage . . . "Here's my \$500," he says, "to feed and clothe these children for one day."

Man cannot give to God!

He can only return that which already belongs to God. He can only exercise a trusteeship.

That trusteeship extends to all areas of living. It includes his personality, his talents, his wealth, his time.

The faithful trustee uses all of God's gifts for godly purposes.

**We Have a Mission**

**The TRUTH Shall Make Men FREE**

**Home Mission Board—Southern Baptist Convention**

This is one of a series. An enlarged copy of this message may be had for ten cents from the Home Mission Board.

## A Free Soul In Self and Substance

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Thus the Christ is fulfilling Himself in the church which is His redeemed following being wrought into His mature spiritual body.

Thus, and thus alone, is coming the kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Thus the human race is made to glorify God.

### Stewardship Extended

We are constantly called upon to give account of our stewardship. Our responsibility and our opportunity are extended as we are found and made capable of meeting them. If we faithfully and successfully manage what is entrusted to us in our given responsibility we are made responsible for more, for "five cities" or "ten cities" (Luke 10:16-19).

Stewardship is expanding. We must keep in mind how much Jesus talked of stewardship and must learn the principles which He revealed in His several stewardship parables. And "when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory . . . Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, receive your inheritance of the kingdom divinely intended for you since the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34, Weymouth). Each faithful steward will hear the Lord say: "Well done . . . thou hast been faithful . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

### II. STEWARDSHIP IS PERSONAL AND CORPORATE

1. *It must begin with the individual.* It must also continue to be individual. Only in individual personal experience, commitment, loyalty, and faithfulness can any combination and community of people accept and meet responsibility and achieve success.

### All or Nothing

The personal relation to God is the only basis for right relations of men and among men. Each man must be united to God before he can come into effective union with men.

And the man who receives the grace of God and responds to that grace does so by first of all giving himself to God in full faith, surrender, and grateful love. He must give his entire self. That will mean all that pertains to him, all that he is and has, all that

he possesses or controls, all his relations and responsibilities. If I hold anything back, by so much I am not giving myself. If there are reservations, there is no resignation.

It is all or nothing, not because God is hard and demanding, but because he is loving and realistic. He cannot save or accept my self as a divided self, part of which is not offered to Him.

"First of all," Paul says of the Macedonian saints, "in obedience to the will of God they gave their own selves to the Lord and to us." Then "with earnest entreaty they begged from us the favor of being allowed to share in the service now being rendered to God's people."

Inevitably with such a view of their relation to God and His work, "while passing through great trouble, their boundless joy even amid their deep poverty . . . overflowed to increase their generous liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-5, Weymouth).

The Jerusalem Christians early came to accept the Christian principle concerning material goods. "Among all those who had embraced the faith there was but one heart and soul, so that not one of them claimed that anything in his possession was his personal property" (Acts 4:32).

### Stewardship Tested

They were all committed to God in Christ Jesus, to the cause of the Gospel, hence to one another as the community of the servants of God and His truth.

It was with true spiritual insight that the founders of the first "General Convention of the Baptists in the United States" defined the functions of the body as "eliciting, combining, and directing . . . the energies of the whole Baptist denomination . . . in one sacred effort." And it is well that both the Southern and the Northern Baptists have preserved this statement of their aim and objective in the preamble of the constitution of each convention.

### Agency of Stewardship

Our Convention seeks thus to be the medium for the stewardship of all our people and of the entire denomination, as a whole. It is the stewardship agency of the Baptist people in all kingdom service. Its stewardship is undertaken through its boards and commissions, two at first, and increased and redefined as the denomination grew and its work multiplied and was amplified.

In our centenary year we should (Continued on page 12)

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## WESTERN EUROPE Through Chaplains' Eyes

By ALFRED CARPENTER

WESTERN Europe is a ripe mission field. Liberated slave laborers, roaming skeletons of malnutrition, orphaned children wandering through fields and forests, pent-up prisoners of war, and civilians in the debris of reconstruction are ready Gospel prospects.

"I wake up to the fact that a golden opportunity for Christ has slipped by me in not being able to supply a sufficient number of New Testaments nor to conduct enough religious services for these liberated slave laborers," writes one chaplain who penetrated to the geographic heart of Europe.

Many chaplains in this area express the fear that Christians are not aware, thus not awake to the fact, that Western Europe is in need of active aggressive mission work TODAY. Post-war policies and programs, if not too little, will be too late to reach the need NOW.

"The Rhineland and Saar Basin were vandalized by Hitler for himself," writes Chaplain Ernest L. Bowman, with the advance armies from Normandy to Munich.

"The refugee problem is indescribable. These Nazi slaves, thousands of them, wandering like stalkings skeletons over the land are a heart-breaking sight. Some die for lack of food, others die when food is given them because of their malnutrition. I have seen my men weep hot, salty tears when they gave their last rations to some of these skeletons when there was not enough to supply all. Oh, God, help us to help them."

### Chaos Is Visible

Chaplain Bowman says the resident civilian life is intensely religious, predominantly Catholic but spotted with towns wholly Protestant.

Chaplain Robert T. Hughes writes from the eastern side of Western Europe: "Never had I imagined so much chaos. The destruction of houses and other property is visible, but the real chaos is in the destruction of religious faith and Christian foundation in the lives of people. We must give Christ this time—THE TIME IS NOW."

Children are roaming the highways and fields like wild beasts," he adds. "Many are without parents. Not one child I have talked to has both parents living. A heartbreaking scene. They are begging for food and raiment.

### Needs Are Urgent

"I believe the Baptist message and the freedom with which Baptist churches function will greatly attract the German populace. It is my prayer that our people at home will hear the call of God in this Macedonia, as the hungry souls of Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria and Hun-

gary call, 'Come over and help us.' Through the chaplains' eyes we see many types of urgent missionary needs now open in Europe that never existed even on the more primitive mission fields. They seek that we visualize the scene NOW.

### They Built There An Altar

(COVER PICTURE)



Bamboo chapel built by Army personnel somewhere in the Philippines.

CONSTRUCTED of native bamboo, sips, and sawals carried from near-by mountains and river swamps, military personnel were assisted by Filipino workers in erecting a chapel of unique beauty.

Chaplain William L. Clark planned the chapel at the headquarters of a V Bomber Command somewhere in the Philippines.

His pride in the chapel is indicative also of the pride of those who built it and to whom he ministers, for, says he, "the attendance has increased considerably."

He adds: "The displaced slave laborers, and others liberated in Germany, present a wonderful missionary opportunity. Especially is this true of the Russians. They will be here for a long time."

"This nation has been robbed of God and His word by the Nazi Party," writes Alford V. Bradley. "Christianity will have a new chance in the life of this nation. They are hungry for and will respond to the message. The majority have no education but that formerly offered by the Nazis. They long for the truth."

The eight-by-ten-foot window in the front of the chapel is made of Plexiglas from wrecked planes. With the use of common paint, Sgt. Frank M. Perryman has produced a stained-glass effect, the beauty of which would grace the structure of any American church.

The chapel, which will endure for many years as a monument to American Christian soldiers, will be a rare gift to the natives when the builders have departed.

Chaplain Clark evaluated the worth of the little chapel when he said, "A suitable place of worship surely lends to the services."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

## Christ For a Distracted World

By J. B. LAWRENCE

**T**HE present world unrest is both a challenge and an opportunity for missions. It is a challenge that will call for all the reserve power that our churches possess under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. In fact, the victory for right and righteousness will not be won in the world unless Christ can be made supreme in the life of our own land.

We face today a distraught, confused, dismayed world. Humanity is in a seething condition. Communism with all that the word includes is threatening everything Christianity stands for. Hatred and jealousy are marching in step to destroy international peace.

When we turn to the religious life of our people we find a spirit of worldliness, materialism, and indifference. There seems to be a seepage into the life of our churches from the modern world spirit. The modern world spirit denies that the Bible is the Word of God, that Christ is the Son of God, that man is a hopelessly lost creature and that regeneration is necessary. It affirms that the Bible is only a religious book, that Christ is only a great religious teacher, that man is basically good and that sin is only a "not-yet-arrived-at" state in human evolution and that all that is needed for his salvation is education, training, and culture.

**Program of Destruction**

This spirit will destroy not only the spiritual life of our churches, but it will destroy our mission passion. Accept this position and our mission appeal marks itself in the shadows of social and moral conditions where the only thing needful is to correct the man's environment.

In the midst of this social, political, and religious confusion we are faced with grave dangers to our peace and social progress from radical groups in our body politic. The most dangerous of these, and, in fact, the sum and substance of all of them, is the communistic group. We must face communism in America.

The program of communism is that of destruction. It proposes to wipe out existing institutions and to build a new social order on the principles of Karl Marx. It heads up in Russia, but it is gradually permeating Europe and is sweeping from Russia across the Orient. It has already reached America.

What is it that the communists seek to impose upon the American people? According to the congressional investigation as summarized by Hon. William Fish Jr., "Communists seek: (1) the destruction of all forms of religion; (2) the destruction of private property; (3) to spread revolutionary propaganda and to incite strikes, riots, sabotage, and industrial unrest; (4) to promote the bitterest kind of class hatred; (5) to develop a class or civil war in order to obtain the ultimate objective; and (6) to set up a soviet dictatorship under the red flag with a world capital at Moscow." All communists are atheists, and perhaps the greatest enemy to Christianity and constitutional government in the world today is the Communistic Manifesto, called the Communist Bible, written by two German apostate Jews, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

In Mexico the communistic element is very strong. It has shaped and influenced educational policies that teachers in some states have to sign a statement that they are atheists before they can teach in the public schools. We have already experienced the activities of communists in Kentucky, Alabama, the Carolinas and other sections of our Southland. There is a determined effort to propagate communism among the Negroes of the South, with the result that smoldering fires of discontent are being kindled on the other side of the color line that may burst forth at any time.

**Reconstruction Needed**

There is no doubt that the world needs social and economic reconstruction, but communism cannot give what the world needs. It does not have the elements essential to the peace, progress, prosperity and happiness of mankind. These elements are found only in the religion of Christ. These two social forces, the Christian religion and communism, are pitted against each other. Communism is a world force proposing to reshape the social order, and Christianity is a world force with a program for reconstructing the social order of the world. Both communism and Christianity propose to make the world over by projecting a program of "sharing." The difference is that communism makes sharing obligatory and secures it by force; Christianity makes sharing a privilege based on love and therefore voluntary. And here the issue is drawn.

**Christianity Challenged**

Here is the challenge which communism throws down to missions: Can the Christian religion create a social order in which the Golden Rule, vitalized by the blood of Christ, shall become the basis of conduct between man and man, and between nation and nation throughout the world? The affirmation of missions is that it can.

The test is to be found in an adequate Home Mission program in our land where democracy gives a fair field for the operation of dynamic ideals.

**Church Building Erected On Indian Reservation**

A HOUSE of worship to God has been erected on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. The labors of many faithful Christian Indians over a period of many months materialized when the church was dedicated at special services last August.

"I can't let my children go to your school," cried a mother to some student missionaries last summer. "Because you will teach them that Christ is more important than Mary and we have taught them that the Virgin Mary watches over them and keeps them."

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**SECRETARIES**

**Sacrificial Service to the Denomination Is Credited to Kerfoot and McConnell**

**W**VERSATILITY in training and vocation marked the career of F. H. Kerfoot, eighth corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board. A Virginian, born in Clarke County, August 29, 1847, he was trained at Columbian University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Crozer Seminary. Kerfoot in his youth traveled extensively throughout Europe, Egypt, and Palestine, remaining in Europe for a year's study at the University of Leipzig in Germany.

Returning to the States, Kerfoot served churches in Kentucky and the Easton Place Baptist Church in Baltimore. Dr. Kerfoot resigned the Baltimore pastorate to accept a professorship in Southern Seminary, in which position he rendered his longest and most distinguished service.

He was called to the secretaryship of the Home Mission Board in July, 1889, and entered upon his duties with the Board on September 1 of that year. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, whom he succeeded, remained in the office for some months while the new secretary visited the fields.

In his ministry for the Board, Dr. Kerfoot traveled extensively to all its mission fields thus enabling him to know intimately the needs, opportunities, and outlook of the work.

Taken ill while in attendance upon the Convention in New Orleans in May, 1901, Kerfoot was forced to leave before the session had ended. He died at his home in Atlanta on June 22.

**Dr. Kerfoot**

**Missionary Preaches God's Word, Testifies French Street Cleaner**

**W**HEN Miss Frances Talley, student missionary, approached a street cleaner in Thibodaux, Louisiana, last summer, she handed him some tracts and the Gospel of John. Insisting that he read the material, she added, with emphasis: "God has something to tell you."

"Something to tell me?" he asked, his eyes twinkling.

"Yes," the missionary replied, "it is like this. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Oh, that's what the Rev. Thibodaux preaches," exclaimed the street cleaner.

"Yes, Mr. Thibodaux preaches that," replied Miss Talley. "Mr. Thibodaux preaches the Bible!"

What tributary pondered the missionary upon leaving the sweeper of the streets, that one, Catholic in religion, should thus testify to a preacher of the Gospel.

(Rev. Lawrence Thibodaux is a Home Board missionary to the French in Thibodaux, Louisiana.)

**Eight Prisoners, Guard Won by Students**

**I**N addition to eight prisoners being converted in a jail service held by student missionaries at Corpus Christi last summer, the guard of the prison, too, accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

Hungry for the Gospel message, the guard followed the missionaries around as they testified of God's saving power and grace to the prisoners. The missionaries were leaving the jail, the guard asked that they remain and pray for him; and as they prayed the keeper of the prison was saved.

**Vacation School Opens New Indian Work**

**M**ISSION work has been begun among the Potawatomi Indians in Oklahoma.

Three Potawatomi boys attended Vacation Bible School conducted by Missionary V. J. Zuniga on the Shawnee Reservation and were converted. Their conversion has opened a way for pioneer missionary work with the Potawatomi tribe.

The Home Board, anticipating great need and opportunity for evangelism there, has transferred Brother Zuniga to that field.

## Soul Winning Experience In Cuba

"To Those Who Have Not Heard" Went Cuban  
Missionaries on Trek Through Countryside

By CHRISTINE GARNETT  
Missionary in Cuba

**W**e talked of it for years. For months it was a dream that waked us at night. A prayer that was constantly in our hearts.

Then the day came. At 5:00 A.M. alarm clocks were sounding. Eleven people were scurrying into old shoes, into clothes that would resist a week in the country. Sun hate a part of the outfit. Four of us had long gloves made from stockings, to be used when the tropical sun would prove too much for us.

My Cuban mother, Ciria, watched me with tears of fear for such a trip, for you see she knows how many years have passed over my head.

A fervent prayer on the front porch after all had come, a run for the six o'clock bus and we were off. Off to a junction some twenty miles away. A hurried breakfast there of coffee and milk, the last breakfast we feared till we reached home again, a fear that became a reality.

Under the weight of our baggage, one change of clothes, a light blanket (I with an "angel dress" rescued from Christmas festivities, for a mosquito net) and quantities of literature, we started down an unknown country road.



"Each morning we marveled that we were not tired, and wondered at the many miles we had walked the day before"

Our first stop was not far away, a spot where huge logs ready for the mill served as seats. There we had our devotional which naturally became the habit of the early mornings.

That and the late afternoon reading of the book *And God Was There*, a fine story of men and of chaplains written by a chaplain, in English of course, and translated into Spanish as I read.

We shall never forget the goodness of those women cooking for eleven, and never a one who would accept pay for the work, though a gift was slipped in the diet.

Each day when the "explorers" announced the victory, we hurried to the spot, left our packages, divided into four groups, one for each direction, the day's portion of literature was given to each group, money for chance finding of lunch, and the day's work was begun.

What night services we had! People came in multitudes, a thousand heard the Word during six nights, in six different places. They came from far and near, bringing hide-bottomed chairs which helped make benches with the planks that our men and new made friends gathered here and there.

People Hear Eagerly

Our carbide light was a challenge to come to the Light of the Saviour. Never any disorder, and an attention that broke one's heart as he realized that this was their first chance. With what fear and trembling we brought the message to those crowds!

In one place people lingered till almost one o'clock, singing us out here and there to hear more, loath to leave. Nearly every night there were some who had walked long distances, as we, to attend in another place.

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ing room where I could use the table as a substitute for my bed which for years has been a bed of boards, improvised or borrowed beds for the others, maybe a hammock for one; and that food had been bought in some crossroads store or from some family and some good mother of children had offered to cook us supper.

One day there was rice and fried eggs; another day rice and beans, and, to vary, the third day beans and rice. The last day was a veritable feast for we found dried sausage for the pigs and real baker's bread. One day we ran into a peddler; eleven eggs were bought, carried for miles in a hat, and added to the diet.

We shall never forget the goodness of those women cooking for eleven, and never a one who would accept pay for the work, though a gift was slipped in the diet.

Each day when the "explorers" announced the victory, we hurried to the spot, left our packages, divided into four groups, one for each direction, the day's portion of literature was given to each group, money for chance finding of lunch, and the day's work was begun.

What night services we had! People came in multitudes, a thousand heard the Word during six nights, in six different places. They came from far and near, bringing hide-bottomed chairs which helped make benches with the planks that our men and new made friends gathered here and there.

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Breakfast was a tiny cup of coffee for those who drink it, kindly offered by our good hostess. Then the road, and mangoes and more mangoes, huge, delicious.

We had known that the cyclone had left our lovely Cuba bare, but now as we crossed large areas where the living palms formed white carpets, we were astonished. Crossing on one palm we counted a hundred of the giant trees fallen.

### No Lost Opportunity

Two hundred sixty-two homes received a long visit. We were a treat in most of them.

Many thought we were paying some price of sacrifice to some saint, or fulfilling some mission of penance; one good man announced to passersby that "an American with a theatrical party would have a function in the grocery store tonight." But you may be sure that we never lost an opportunity to teach them the plan of salvation.

In most places we found that the Adventists had preceded us. One large family, all "baptized" in the river as they said, proudly brought out their certificates of baptism as proud as if they had been university diplomas. They never seemed to know why they had been baptized unless to save them from condemnation.

Even in these homes there were altars to saints, water and flowers to the spirits of those who had gone on. To where these people had no idea. The "Fathers" too had done their work well, for Catholicism in its rank-and-file form was everywhere visible. I slept for the first time under the protection of St. Lazarus with his shank of bread tied around his neck; in some corners there were more saints sitting, hung, or pinned to the walls.

### Freed From Slavery

We found women afraid to speak to us because their husbands were not at home. One of the boys, after talking with all his might for Jesus as the only Saviour, asked the lady of the house what she thought, and immediately she replied, "I do not know what I think till my husband comes."

One pitiful woman dressed in her dark blue "promise dress," after hearing the wonderful news that Jesus loves us, of His sacrifice, that God needs no pay for having saved the life of a child, said she would dye her

dress as soon as she could get some dye. Then she asked, "May I attend the reunion tonight; this is the only dress I have!" She attended and sat on the front seat.

One mother who dressed her little girl in the sack dress that St. Lazarus requires, and the child still had to wear that for several years, listened with tears of joy, then called the child, took off the sack and put on another dress. Free from this slavery forever! Others took down their saints, confessed their sins, declared themselves from now on believers in Christ only.

Oh, those were glorious days! Such things had, and have, us constantly before the Throne of Grace, pleading that these people may be strong against false teachings.

Pitifully rebellious people, suspicious of us were found also. One afternoon as we waited for supper, the son of the home, sarcastically against all that pertains to religion, defied me in everything I could say. That night as I spoke, I noticed his changing face. The story of the prodigal son brought a tear to his eye.

Afterwards he found me and said,

"I want to congratulate you. All that you said is true. I think I shall be a changed man from tonight." We sat and talked, and I believe we left him inside, or very near to the kingdom.

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### FIRST MARICOPA CONVERT

REV. C. F. FRAZIER, missionary of the Home Mission Board in Arizona, recently baptized the first Maricopa Indian convert.

Many years of work and prayer have been put into this effort which is only now showing some results, he states.

"Others are considering church membership," Brother Frazier adds, "and we feel they will come soon."

## Bible Clubs Bring Blessings

Housewives Invite Youngsters to Their Homes  
For Bible Lessons and Soul-winning Efforts

By MRS. ALICE ALEY  
(As told by Mrs. J. H. Welch)

Members of First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona

WHEN I was first asked to organize and support a Bible club in my home, in our city mission work in Tucson, I very reluctantly and fearfully accepted. First my co-worker and I made attractive invitations and sent them to the school nearest my home. In the meantime we prayed earnestly.

At the appointed time we were happy to greet fourteen boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 10 years. Our first study was the creation lesson.

The children were all very attentive and I was deeply impressed. I felt keenly the prompting of the Holy Spirit to give an appeal. Finally, after earnest prayer, I asked that any who would like to know more about Jesus come with me into the adjoining room.

To my great surprise and delight seven came—three boys and four girls. I wish I could describe for you the emotions that swept over me as I faced that group of boys and girls who had said by their coming into that room that they wanted to know more about the Creator of the universe about whom we had just studied and that they wanted a personal knowledge of Him.

### Prayer Yields Faith

How keenly I felt the responsibility and how I trembled as we knelt to pray! After prayer I tried to give the invitation, but it was all so new to me I was afraid, and because of my lack of faith the Holy Spirit could not work through me to win those boys and girls. My heart was sad as I watched those hungry-hearted boys and girls go away.

My co-worker and I prayed about it and decided that we should deal with each child separately. The next week the same group came forward and we took them one by one. As we dealt with them individually, each was gloriously saved.

One little girl was so happy that her face just beamed as she ran home to tell her mother of her new-found joy. Her mother in turn was so happy that she called me by telephone to try to express her appreciation.

She said: "Mary came home with her face beaming as she told me about the wonderful love of Jesus that had come into her heart. I am so happy to know that there are women who

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ever led a child to Christ I don't know it."

Oh, the tragedy of such a barren Christian life, when the opportunities abound on every hand! How I pray that many Christian workers will pray for the Holy Spirit's leadership and open the doors of their homes for Bible clubs.

### A Free Soul In Self and Substance

(Continued from page 6)

check up on our denominational stewardship. In "eliciting" we are far from 100 per cent. Hardly more than a third of our people have been committed to the principle, and only a fraction of these take their stewardship in full seriousness. "Combining the energies" of our people is a function of each agency of the Convention. To obtain and sustain unity of conviction, of interest, of aim and action among a people so numerous and so varied as are Southern Baptists is a supreme task; but it should also be a high aim of us all.

We were puzzled, but we knew that through prayer the matter would be righted. After he had gone into the prayer room eight times and we had prayed and talked with him, the next week when the invitation was given he did not go in.

**Experiences Related**

At the close of the service we asked the children to tell us about their experiences in trusting Jesus. What a joy it was to hear them tell how they came to know and trust Jesus!

Finally, our little problem, Billy, stood up and said, "I went in for prayer lots of times and Jesus came into my heart."

Then I asked, "Was every time the same, Billy?"

"No," he replied, "the last time was different. I felt so happy."

So it is; every child has the same experience but all have different emotional reactions.

Here it has been the Home Board through which our expanding frontiers have been followed with the ministry of the Gospel, through which our cities have been measurably Christianized. It has had a real share in conserving the values of our civilization. It holds for us all the stewardship of our foreign and unassimilated groups, and of the expanding areas which are under the direct influence and control of our Government.

One precious little girl was so happy her face was radiant. When I suggested that she go home and tell her mother, her face clouded and she said, "My mother doesn't go to church."

Again I thanked God for the wonderful privilege I have of winning children of non-Christian parents through our community mission Bible club.

### Opportunities Abound

One day I told a friend about the work we are doing in our club. When I remarked that the training makes me a better, more efficient, more understanding Sunday school teacher, she replied: "I have been a Sunday school teacher for several years, but if I have

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While Priest Looks on

## Missionary Baptizes Catholic Converts

By REV. A. F. WASSON

First Baptist Church, Taos, New Mexico

**A**T an altitude of 7,500 feet there bubbles up a spring of hot water about seven miles southeast of Taos, New Mexico, which runs down the side of the mountain to find its way into the green, irrigated valley far below.

Over this spring there has been built a large concrete building which houses a large and a small swimming pool where hundreds of people from far and near bathe daily the year around.

Outside the building is still another, and larger, swimming pool where the bathers get the benefit of New Mexico's perpetual sunshine while bathing.

Since the First Baptist Church of Taos has only a temporary and makeshift building for Sunday school and worship services, there is no baptistry. When someone is to be baptized a fee is paid for the use of the smaller swimming pool.

Always there are bathers, picnickers, and tourists at the pool; and often there are native women who go there weekly to do their family wash. When there is to be a baptism in the pool the people are asked to cease their swimming or washing.

### Public Views Scene

Recently we went to the pool to baptize some Spanish converts who had joined the First Baptist church the night before as a result of a week's revival held at the Spanish Baptist Mission which is supported by the Home Board.

We have such a stewardship of the South, of the religion of all the people, of their spiritual culture, of their ethical ideals, of their social standards, and institutions.

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After the regular fee was paid, the caretaker, who is Spanish and Catholic, asked the bathers in the large pool in the building to move down to one end as there was going to be a baptism in the little pool.

He grasped my hand and said, "I am a Catholic priest from Philadelphia, and I come each year to conduct a mission in Taos. I thought your service most beautiful and impressive." He invited me to join him in swimming in the pool the next week, which invitation I accepted.

Who knows but that some day he,

too, may be a candidate for membership in a missionary Baptist church, for as we parted he laid a wet hand on my shoulder and said, "Reverend, may the Lord bless your work."

**A SIDEGLANCE**  
**Into Boys' Work Given By Student Missionary**

By EDWARD J. LEE, JR.  
Student Missionary in Louisville

OUR boys' work here in the Long

Ran Association has been far-

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Recently I found a seventeen-year-old lad who had been dismissed from an orphanage in another state. He landed in Louisville penniless and dejected.

His plans were to keep moving, trav-

eling around over the country. I was

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friends, a decent lodging place, and

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**Indian Boy Insists Upon Family Altar After Visiting Home of Missionary**

*By MRS. D. O. JERNIGAN*  
Missionary to the Seminoles in Florida

**D**AN PARKER'S camp, on the southern part of Brighton Reservation, is a blessed, happy family. Dan's four-year-old grandson, Jeane Bowrey, visited in the home of Missionary Stanley Smith a few months ago and was "taken over" by the family altar. When Jeane returned to his grandparents, he refused to sleep without some form of family altar. When Grandfather told him they did not have a Bible, Jeane said, "Well, just pray, then." Dan told him he did not know how to pray, either. "Well, Grandpa, just say, 'Our Father,'" coaxed the four-year-old Indian. Because of the divine intervention in their lives, the entire family is now Christian. They are members of the Indian Baptist Church at Dan's. I am praying that God will give us enough converts within the next few months to establish a church on Brighton Reservation. Dan Parker has already expressed a desire for some type of religious service in his home at least once each week. That is a definite preaching station. By the help of God through the interest of praying Christians we shall establish a church there before Christmas.

**Citizen of Old Mexico Is Only Baptist in City**

*By JAMES D. CRANE*  
Missionary to Spanish-Speaking

**R**ECENTLY my wife and I conducted the first Sunday school ever to be held in a little village called Cuartel, which is about four miles east of Espanola. It is one of the places where we had a Vacation Bible School this past summer. That was also the first Vacation Bible School ever conducted in that village.

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**TRACTS LEAD TO CONVERSION**

*By ISAAC V. PEREZ*  
Missionary to Spanish-Speaking

**W**e have some tracts on a table inside our church auditorium. About three months ago one of our women members took some home to her husband who was not a Christian. He read them. She continued to take tracts home and the more he read them, the more interest he showed. He accompanied her to prayer meeting one Wednesday night, then to the preaching service on Sunday night. At one of the services he made his profession of faith.

The week following his conversion, I visited him; and after a personal talk with him, he told me he was now ready for baptism.

The convert related his story. "Twenty-eight years ago," he began, "I was a candidate for baptism, being next in line at the river, when all of a sudden I changed my mind, turned around, and walked out of the water."

When asked what had happened, he replied: "I was not ready to be baptized."

He is now one of the most faithful members of our church, and he gives a wonderful testimony of his faith in Christ.

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