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The West Through Eastern Eyes

BY MRS. GEORGE R. MARTIN

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LAST October and November we had the privilege of visiting with Southern Baptists of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. In the party were Mrs. L. L. Knight, of Virginia, chairman of our planning committee for the 1951 Week of Prayer for Home Missions; Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, of Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. Duke K. McCall, of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. S. F. Dowis, of Atlanta; Mr. Roy Sutton, of Arizona and Mr. Fred McCaulley, of California. We of the East returned with earnest enthusiasm for the work of our people in the West.

Words are inadequate to express the beauty and the majesty of the natural wonders of those western states. After seeing the towering, snow-covered Sangre de Cristo, Ramier, Shasta and Hood we agreed that the West has mountains. The tall Saguaro, "God's candelabra," lifted their thorny cactus arms as if in prayer making the whole desert seem like a large prayer room. The Redwood Highway had many surprises for us. We did not dream that the cathedral-like grandeur of those redwood titans would be so heightened by that of the sea. Our dash down the Columbia River Highway was the more triumphant because we knew the mighty river was sweeping on to the unknown shore. Awe filled our minds and hearts as we stood in the midst of Grand Canyon—our eyes could absorb no more. It grips and humbles and uplifts—for here is the ultimate in silent beauty.

There were also the mighty feats of men. We saw Boulder Dam, the highest in all the world, that great engineering project which harnesses the Colorado River and directs its power hundreds of miles into the distance. There is the Bay Bridge, one of the longest in the world, carrying six lanes of traffic on the upper deck and three truck lanes and two interurban lanes on the lower. Then, there is Los Alamos the Atomic City, where men split the atom. Superlatives come easy in any description of these great projects.

There were marks of Southern Baptist growth and development: Golden Gate Seminary, in Berkeley, only a few years old; Grand Canyon College, in Prescott, Arizona, with its first session this past fall; the lovely Glorieta Assembly site, in New Mexico, our second Ridgecrest—all these give promise of a bright future.

All along the way we saw trophies of the Annie Armstrong Offering. Miss Mary Nell Lyne, former missionary to China and now missionary to the Chinese in the San Francisco area, is seeing fruits of her labors. She feels her greatest work is in her International Sunday School Class. Here she ministers to Chinese officials, Japanese professors, Persian and Indian students, all here for research study or graduate work at the University of California. Let us pray for Miss Lyne as she renders this signal service.

Our hearts were thrilled as we saw the progress of the work among the Pueblos and the Navajo Indians. Miss Pauline Cammack and Miss Doris Christensen are doing a fine work in their new center in Santa Fe. The George Wilsons are enjoying rapid growth as they work in the new Indian Center at Albuquerque. The Harold Baxes have just moved into their new home in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Russell Bowrens are hard at work at Alamo and Canyoncito. Rev. Mike Lopez is anxiously waiting to enlarge the Spanish work in Santa Fe. Plans are already in progress for a new building there. So, on and on, one sees the trophies of our thank offering.

Our home missionaries are brave, heroic souls. They utter no complaint. On the altar of self-surrender, they break an alabaster box that fills the air with the fragrance of holy living and high service. While they continue we cannot lose the heavenly vision. They need more and better equipment! They need our prayers! Let us pray and give to the Annie Armstrong Offering so that their effectiveness may reach to areas yet untouched!

OPPORTUNITY

by Phyllis Woodruff Sapp

SHE did not live near our church, she was not a real prospect, she was simply a mother in need of help. We learned about her from her child at school.

Frances, a thin, pale, wisp of a thirteen-year-old girl, fainted in class. Questioning her, I soon learned the reason.

"My daddy went off and left us. My mother can't work because there's going to be another baby—right away. I—I—" she swallowed hard. "—we don't have anything to eat—"

With all the talk of high wages, inflation, booms and the like, it was unbelievable that the white cottage around the corner from our school housed hungry children. I sent Frances to the hot lunch line at the cafeteria and all afternoon searched for an answer to the problem.

That night in the midst of perling potatoes for my own family, I found the answer. My church! Today the Master had offered us an opportunity! Quick the telephone!

Soon a dozen Christian mothers were vitally concerned over another mother with troubles greater than she could bear. They were eager to help. My heart was lighter as I washed the dishes. I made the first visit alone. With no trace of the husband for nearly two weeks the mother's meager funds had run out. I listened to the troubles she chose to tell.

"My missionary circle would like to help you over this rough time," I said quietly. "We all have troubles and we believe in helping each other. In fact, there are times when we couldn't get along without that friendly assistance. Do you mind if we give you a little lift?"

There was a tremor in her voice when she answered. "I'm not in a position to mind anything that anyone will do for me right now." The trace of a smile lifting the corners of her courageous lips made me go over and put my arm around her as I said good-night.

The next visit was the one that counted. Five of us went one afternoon as if we were making any visit for the church, yet, we put more of our hearts into this visit.

She met us at the door. The two youngest children were asleep, she explained as she invited us inside. When we all managed to locate ourselves on the five chairs in the neat little living room and left the rocking chair for her, she accepted it graciously, remarking that it was hard for her to stand.

We asked her first about the expected baby. She told us the doctor said less than two weeks now. Then someone asked if the children went to Sunday school.

"Well, part of the time," she hesitated. "I know they should—but things have been going wrong for quite awhile," she sighed a long, heavy sigh. "I don't always send them."

Conversation about our children and the help the church gave us in raising them went easily. It was so much as if we were visiting for our circle, or for the Extension Department, that I wondered how to bring in the subject of food and clothing.

It had to be done. "You remember, I told you we'd be here today to lend you a helping hand, just as we do for each other when we have difficulties. If you'll excuse us a minute, we'll go out after the things we brought."

Her shy, tentative smile brought a lump to my throat. None of us spoke as we went to the car. On top of the first basket we carried in was a bright, shiny can of coffee.

"Oh, coffee," she said, her face lighting up.

The lump in my throat was a huge mass of mashed potatoes that would go neither up nor down. I hurried to the car for another basket.

When we were all back in the house again the kitchen was bulging with gro-

ceries, everything a homemaker needs, flour, salt, sugar, shortening, oranges, apples, lettuce, carrots, meats, bread, and canned goods.

"Now we'd better run along. I know you have lots of things to do."

"Oh, not yet, please. I've put on the water for coffee."

We didn't want to drink the coffee she might need later, but we couldn't refuse her hospitality. The cup I drank from had no handle, there was a chip on the edge—but it held wonderful coffee. The steaming liquid did its best to chase the hard knot from my throat.

While we drank the coffee, we went over the clothes we'd brought. Not faded castoffs. Nice things our own children had outgrown. There were bright colored sweaters and blouses to delight the hearts of four little girls; T-shirts, caps and pants for small boys, and a few baby dresses. The mother sat in her rocker shaking her head as if it were more than she could comprehend. No words were necessary to tell us we had brought new hope into her life. I sat down in the chair beside her.

"We've brought you something to read." I handed her some of our missionary magazines.

"Thank you. I love to read." She thumbed through a current issue. "Oh, I see," she nodded thoughtfully, "religious magazines."

"Yes, you'll find ideas in here which will help you as much as the other things we brought, only in a different way."

"I understand." Her blue eyes brimmed full and a solitary tear made its way down her cheek. "I understand."

We gave her a New Testament. "You'll

need this lots of times in the days ahead."

Her hands closed about it softly.

"We must go now." I stood up. "Will you let us have prayer with you before we go?" Her tear shiny eyes were all the yes we needed. So we knelt there around the rocker and each one prayed a short prayer. Our hearts were too full for words. We knew the Heavenly Father understood how earnestly we sought his help for our newly found friend. As we finished she said very, very softly, "Thank you." She was not thanking us.

That isn't the end of the story, it's still going on. There was a baby shower and visits to the hospital to see the little fellow and his mother. There were days when we helped care for the children. There were more groceries and clothes, and there will be others. But that only touches the surface.

The heart-broken mother of seven has found a new meaning in life, though her domestic problems are not solved. Still handicapped, she can't attend the neighborhood Baptist church, but the other

children do.

What an opportunity! As the gospel message touches those eight lives, I am amazed at the power God places in our hands. Suppose we had not accepted his challenge!

There are so many opportunities we let slip by. How many white cottages house heart-break and distress?

The problems are of as many varieties as there are distressed men and women and boys and girls in the world. We don't need to be psychologists or philanthropists, we need only to share that which we have experienced—the healing touch of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark Your Calendar

... And Make Your Plans!

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week	May 7-13
W.M.U. Annual Meeting	May 8-9
Southern Baptist Convention	May 10-12
Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest	June 1-7
Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest	June 15-21
Baptist World Alliance	July 22-27
Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest	August 3-9
Young Men's Mission Conference	August 3-10
Writers' Conference, Ridgecrest	August 3-9
Sunbeam Focus Week	August 6-12
W.M.U. Week, Ridgecrest	August 10-16
R.A. Focus Week	November 5-11
Week of Prayer, Foreign Missions	December 4-8

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COVER—Three members of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, are discussing community missions. They withdrew into a corner for a few minutes before an executive committee meeting.

MY BELOVED ALASKA

DO YOU have a true picture of my country, huge, majestic and beautiful? "My country" sounds a little strange to my own ears because it was never my intention to stay in this faraway place at the top of the world. But an all-wise God has kept me here long enough for me to want to stay and have a part in telling the story of my Saviour to a spiritually neglected people.

Shall I tell you first that Alaska is not a land of snow and ice, a frozen desert? The lowest temperature ever recorded at Nome is not as low as the lowest temperature recorded in Minnesota and North Dakota. In the summer months, it will be hotter in Fairbanks than in Miami, Florida. The sun shines all the minutes of the twenty-four hours, so there is no cooling off period; it just stays hot. It is true that the "frost" comes earlier and stays later than any place farther south. Historians, scientists, missionaries and government agencies have yet to find a single igloo in the whole of the Territory of Alaska. There are some igloos in northern Canada

but our Eskimos who are found in the interior live in houses built of wood, either driftwood or trees cut from the forest, and covered with mud and sod.

When Alaska becomes a state, Texans will be hushed because we will be the biggest state. Alaska is more than twice as large as Texas and actually about one-fifth the size of the whole United States. If you place the map of Alaska on top of the map of the United States, Ketchikan, where I live in southeastern Alaska, would be in the vicinity of Columbia, South Carolina, and the Aleutian Islands would fall out into the Pacific Ocean between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain on the North American continent, is a part of our beautiful Alaskan range. Comparable to the Swiss Alps in beauty and majesty, its 29,000 foot peak is topped only by the towering height of Mt. Everest. Flying in a Pan American Clipper from Juneau to Anchorage, you will find yourself holding your breath lest the slightest movement on your part erase the scene of snow-

Busy, picturesque Ketchikan cuddles between water and mountains in southeastern Alaska



by Helen Carpenter

capped peaks interspersed with the pale blue of glacier ice and the bright blue of crater lakes, hemmed in by rolling banks of soft clouds, turning from pink to gold as they reflect the sunlight. Vesuvius has never been known to spread her molten lava as far as Mt. Katmai, the world's largest volcano whose feet are planted in ice and snow on the Alaska peninsula. In 1912 Mt. Katmai made headlines and some scientists believe that she is waking from her slumber for an eruption this year.

Tourists of our day come to the Territory of Alaska for many reasons but all will acknowledge that within her vast domain are found all the natural wonders and beauties of the world.

You ask me who lives in Alaska? Eskimos, yes! But are you surprised that I have seen only one Eskimo in the two years I have lived in Alaska? In Southeastern Alaska, the Panhandle that borders Canada, the natives are Indians similar to the Navajo and the familiar tribes of the West. The natives in the interior are Eskimo. Farther out toward Siberia are the Aleuts. These three native groups make up the minority of the 100,000 population in the Territory. The others are people from the states, from Texas, Minnesota, Oklahoma, California, Montana and every state in the Union.

We live in very modern towns, each situated and fitted out to serve its main industry. We have up-to-date stores, with the same merchandise that is being sold in any town in the States. We have electric power and all the electrical gadgets we can afford. We have modern movie houses where but one and two-year-old movies are shown. Hotels, restaurants, beauty shops, every business that modern civilization affords, we have in Alaska.

But living in Alaska is a very expensive business. We pay all the way from thirty to two hundred per cent more for food, clothing and other things than you do in the States. The farther north you go, the



Mrs. B. I. (Helen) Carpenter, author, her husband, Dr. Carpenter, and young daughter, Helen, are standing in the Ketchikan, Alaska, Baptist church. Dr. Carpenter is pastor of the church and editor of THE ALASKA BAPTIST MESSENGER.

higher the cost of living. I pay 30c for a short loaf of bread and 42c a quart for milk. Since every thing must be shipped in via steamship or air line, this added transportation cost makes all commodities very high. I bought a coat suit in Albuquerque, New Mexico, just before leaving for our new home in Alaska. I paid \$59.75 for it. It had the "new look" and I consoled myself with the thought I could wear it for three or four years. One day I went into a smart little dress shop here in Ketchikan on one of those "just looking" sprees. The inquiring clerk walked away to serve another more likely customer, and I began to examine a whole rack of suits. There was my suit, same color, same number of buttons, two sizes smaller, with the same name tag in the back of the coat. My breath left me, my heart stood still and I faintly remember dropping the price tag, marked \$110.00. Surely it did not take \$50.00 to pay the freight on one wool coat suit to Alaska. I must add that there are merchants in our towns who are trying to give their customers a fair price on commodities.

The Territory and its unlimited natural resources have been exploited by unscrupulous and mercenary individuals. Sea gulls

seem to be typical of what generations of adventurers have done to Alaska. Looking out of my window one morning, the dreary sky became somewhat darker and my attention was called to a whole flock of dull gray sea gulls gliding over the earth where some birds and pigeons had begun to eat the usual bread crumbs my neighbor throws out for them. With an extra flap of their wings, twenty-five or thirty of them sat down upon the ground and grabbed the largest pieces of bread. With another flap of their wings, a raucous cry and a vociferous applause, they were gone, leaving only the tiniest crumbs behind.

The Territory of Alaska has watched many human sea gulls come and go. First they came and slaughtered the seals, took the finest and left a devastated seal industry. Then they swarmed up the Yukon Pass and took out millions in gold, leaving the weak ones who fell into the clutches of prostitution and tuberculosis, never to rise again. Realizing the great wealth in salmon found in the waters off the coast of southeastern Alaska, they came with their fine boats and their superb fishing equipment. They have taken the fish out of the water faster than Nature could replace them. Fortunes have been made and taken away. Adding up the prostitution and tuberculosis, "likker," and social disease, isolation and godlessness, we find a dark, ugly situation.

And The People Prayed

by Arlene E. McGlamery

UNITED prayers with their answers have brought strength and faith to Christians in Colombia, and friends in the homeland who were prayer partners on these issues.

As the women and young people of the southland turn to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions would it be an inspiration for you to hear a victory in prayer from this land where some of your missionaries are serving?

Our Foreign Mission Board appointed

Of course, Christ is the real answer to the needs of Alaska. When men and women with a Christlike spirit move in to build homes and live for him, then Alaska will develop as it should into a powerful state. We particularly need Christian laymen, doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, business men, willing to witness by their living to the power of a living Saviour. There are six Southern Baptist churches in the Territory with about eight hundred membership. It is their job, with your help, to spread the gospel message to the many unreachd areas and the disinterested and indifferent hundreds who daily walk the streets of the towns and cities.

Alaska has many missionaries preaching and teaching a formal religion that has not met the real needs of the people. Here in Ketchikan, there are sixteen churches, representing twelve denominations and sects. They have a combined membership of less than eight hundred in a population of 6,500 people. This church picture is true of every town in Alaska.

AS YOU continue to pray with us, to give of your means, to send Christian laymen and workers to make Alaska their home, you will be working with us in our effort to bring to this beloved Alaska, knowledge of the Christ we want so much to serve.

three medical doctors for Latin America during 1947. The McGlamery's were sent to Colombia. It was a long chance to take: how could we secure a license to practice in this country?

At the first service we attended in Colombia, we heard our names called in prayer, asking the Lord to help meet the urgent need of Baptist people for medical attention through the doctor who had been appointed. Veteran missionaries said, "We believe it can be secured, but it may



DR. AND MRS. ROY C. MCGLAMERY



take your whole first term of five years to do it." Without fail, through almost two years, that medical license was a matter of prayer in the churches, at family altars, and in private devotionals. Letters from friends at home kept an encouraging note of hope in our hearts. One Colombian family testified that they had not missed praying for this in their daily prayers for more than a year and a half. A Texas woman wrote, "We believe your place is in Colombia, and we shall not be satisfied with our prayers until this license is granted." In midweek prayer services of the Colombian Baptist churches, every member has an opportunity to pray. Each one is encouraged to participate, so that there may be thirty-five minutes of continual prayers. In more than one of these churches, we heard our names called in prayer by every person who voiced a prayer.

At one time during the securing of the license, we faced the very strong possibility of having to give up. Then the missionaries in Barranquilla (*Ba-an-key-ya*) gathered around a small library table one Sunday evening and pledged to keep praying about the matter, seeking and waiting for another leading.

I could name churches, W.M.S. circles, and many, many individual Christians who wrote to us during those months from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Florida, California, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama and Missouri, telling us that the special object of our medical license was on their prayer lists.

In a neighborhood prayer service one

night in Colombia, we heard a little fellow not more than five years old, pray in public for the first time in his life. One of the faltering sentences we heard was, "Bless the medico and keep him in Colombia." The daily prayers of our little girls, Susan and Sarah, never failed to include, "Help Daddy get his license."

During the months of definite work toward securing the license, Dr. McGlamery was in Bogota (*Bogotá*) much of the time. Every time any of the members of the churches in Barranquilla met any of the missionaries one of their questions was sure to be, "What news do you have from the doctor?" The news was nothing for so long, but the people were never hopeless. Always their answer was, "If the Lord is with us, he'll get that permit."

On September 9, the license was issued after Dr. McGlamery had passed five days of examinations in Spanish under a board of Colombian doctors, teachers in the Colombian Medical University in Bogota. During the week of examinations, we were convinced over and over that nothing short of a miracle of answered prayer could bring this license. We prayed that it might be granted if it could bring glory to the Lord and convince unbelievers of the power of the Lord. We prayed claiming promises from God's Word. We prayed as the importunate friend prayed. There came the time for all of us when there was nothing to do but wait for the Lord to do for us according to his will. Is there any wonder that we are sure that it was "not by might, nor by power," but by God's spirit!

Now people everywhere are giving praise for praise is due. At prayer services weeks following the granting of the license, in each prayer people expressed their thanks in overflowing gratitude for this answer to prayer. "And in all things, pray, giving thanks."

Together in Missouri

by Eva Berry

NEGRO and white women in Missouri held five regional all-day conferences last fall. Pastors of four of the larger white churches in the state gave cordial invitation to hold the conferences in their churches. In St. Louis the cooperative meeting for that section of the state was held in one of the Negro churches.

Each person was asked to bring lunch and the hostess church served coffee. The hostess society provided lunch for the guest speakers, conference leaders and other program participants. The attendance at every meeting was most gratifying. With one exception, the attendance of white and Negro people, including many pastors of both races, was about equal in number.

Each day's program began with a brief praise service of song, Scripture reading and prayer led by white or Negro pastors or leaders. The state W.M.U. executive secretary presented the speakers and leaders and stated briefly the purpose of the meeting.

It was made clear that this was not an attempt to solve the social ills of the day. Jesus set himself to the much more far-reaching undertaking of changing hearts and attitudes of people which is basic in the righteous living of people of all times. These meetings were not planned to project the idea of "social equality." Negroes are desirous most of all of obtaining justice and right treatment as individuals. Our coming together was for one purpose: that white and Negro women might find more and better ways of working together in the promotion of Christ's kingdom program.

Mrs. Irvin (Una Roberts) Lawrence of Kansas City, for over ten years a member

of the Interracial Commission of Atlanta, Georgia, now a member of the S.B.C. Committee on Negro Ministerial Education, was one who pioneered in co-operative work among Negro and white women in the south. Her counsel and wise direction were most helpful in every instance.

Dr. Clement Richardson is a native of Virginia, graduate of Mt. Hermon School for Boys and of Harvard University. For ten years a teacher at Tuskegee Institute he wrote the first article published on the life of Dr. George Washington Carver. He was for ten years president of Lincoln University, state school for Negroes at Jefferson City, Missouri. Now he is president of Western Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, a Baptist school for Negroes. He brought a most encouraging message at each meeting on the progress that has been made in the past few years, particularly in the educational, economic and industrial fields by way of granting to Negroes rights and privileges so long denied them.

Mrs. Estella Diggs of Jefferson City, for many years a cultured Christian leader among her own Negro people and at present a vice-president of her own state Baptist woman's convention, rendered valuable assistance at each conference. The state W.M.U. young people's secretary, Miss Anna Belle Crouch, was the driver of Mrs. Diggs' new Mercury, graciously lent for the trip, and sang solos at several of the meetings.

After Dr. Richardson's message each day the audience divided into separate conferences for Negro and white people. Mrs. Lawrence spoke briefly before the Negro conference, then met with the white women during the remainder of the conference. Mrs. Diggs spoke briefly before the white conference, then assisted with the discussions and findings in the Negro conference.

In each conference questions were raised about the ways by which Negro and white Baptist women could work together in the state and community.

AFTER lunch the group re-assembled for a panel discussion which followed the findings from the conferences presented by the leader of each group. The closing feature of the day's program was a message brought by outstanding denominational leaders: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., Kansas City, Missouri member of our Foreign Mission Board; Dr. James F. Heaton, pastor First Baptist Church, Jefferson City; Rev. Chester B. Pillow, pastor First Church, Poplar Bluff; Dr. Hugh Brimm, Secretary Social Service Commission, S.B.C.

These findings of our Interracial Conferences were presented to the Negro women in their annual state meeting and to the white women in their state executive committee meeting and were unanimously approved by both groups.

1. That a State Baptist Woman's Missionary Council be formed, made up of the officers of Woman's Missionary Union and the officers of the Women's Convention (Negro) with an equal number of members at large to be chosen from the white and Negro membership. It was suggested that this Council meet twice a year, once in connection with the W.M.U. annual meeting and once in connection with the Negro Women's Convention.

2. That yearly methods institutes be continued in the form of interracial meetings with Negro and white leaders participating.

(Various phases of missionary organization work would be presented—community missions, mission study, stewardship, missionary education of young people, etc. Leaders from Negro and white organizations, selected for their ability would present the work with as little reference as possible during the day to the fact that different races are participating.)

3. That circulating libraries be formed for the leaders in associations and local societies consisting of books on Negro life and problems, biographies, etc., and that similar libraries be formed among Negro leaders that they in turn may learn more of white Baptist leadership and work.

4. That consideration be given to the promotion of camps for Negro youth and that white leaders lend all assistance pos-

sible to Negro leaders in planning for and promoting such camps.

(In only one section of the state has any kind of a camp ever been held for Baptist Negro youth. Some groups of Negroes are already negotiating with white leaders regarding the use of associational camp facilities. Part of the offerings made in November at the W.M.U. divisional meetings will be used in the promotion of camps for Negro young people.)

5. That Negro and white missionary organizations exchange speakers and also visits where each will hear programs presented by the other. That Negro leaders be invited to attend the Vacation Bible School Clinics.

(This latter suggestion has the approval of the State Sunday School Department. It was also suggested that white leaders use their influence to make available to Negro people opportunities to attend outstanding cultural and religious programs in local communities. It was also urged that white and Negro leaders work together more closely to improve the moral conditions of communities by combating the liquor traffic, promoting "clean up" campaigns and other projects in co-operation with local government authorities where such can be obtained.)

These suggestions were thoroughly discussed by both Negro and white women and both groups everywhere enthusiastically endorsed them. So far as we were able to tell the meetings met with hearty acclaim on the part of both Negro and white people throughout the state.

IT is our sincere prayer that the plans made at these meetings will not be mere "talk" but will become realities as our white and Negro people learn through Christ Jesus to work, serve and pray together for the coming of his kingdom.

MISS EVA BERRY, state W.M.U. secretary for Missouri, modestly does not tell how much her own contributions meant in this series of meetings of which she writes. She is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School, and served as Alabama young people's secretary before going to Missouri.

Community Missions—Evangelism

by Edith Stokely

W.M.U. COMMUNITY MISSIONS DIRECTOR

FROM the time the first followers of Jesus said, "We have found the Messiah . . . come and see," the cause of Christ has advanced by the simple testimony of his disciples. Through the community missions program of W.M.U. women and young people are giving a testimony for Christ in the community.

Be a personal witness in daily contacts. In your activities, you have shared your clothes, your food, your books and magazines, your time and talents, all prompted by your Christian love and faith. But you must not stop until that faith in God which has led you to the service of others has become the faith of those you serve. This is the heart of all community missions. Your brother, your neighbor, the little boy down the street, the mother of the four undernourished children, the businessman, the doctor, the clerk in the dime store, the maid in the office building—all must know Christ as Saviour and Lord before they can find the abundant life with strength from God for all its trials. You do not have to wait until a revival season in your church to tell someone what the Lord means to you. Hearts are hungry for the good news of the Saviour every hour of every day. Pray that God will use you each day; that he will lay upon your heart a specific person, that he will provide an opportunity for you to give your personal testimony, and that he will guide you as you speak daily for him.

Take a survey or religious census in the community. How easy it is for life to become filled with one's own interests! Concern for others sometimes becomes second place, especially concern for the many people in the community who are without Christ, people with whom you ordinarily



EDITH STOKELY

have no contact. That is why a religious census is necessary. It opens your eyes to the fact that almost half the population of your community have no connection with any church, and tells you exactly who and where the people are. Such knowledge leads to periods of individual and group prayer, to organized visitation and revival meetings in the local church. Certainly the women and young people want to help

in the efforts of the whole church to win the lost of the community.

Plan for soul-winning visitation. One local W.M.S. found this plan effective. Well in advance of the revival, the women met with the pastor, surveyed the community, and arranged lists of the unsaved and unenlisted. The week preceding the revival, the women met daily for a brief period of prayer and self-dedication, then went out by twos to visit those discovered by the survey. These were not social visits but times of prayer and witnessing. On succeeding days, reports were made, and after the season of prayer and consecration, others were visited and return visits made where needed. Many so visited and witnessed to were saved and confessed Christ during the following week.

In another church in addition to the prerevival visitation, the women visited during the following month all those who had come into the fellowship of the church during the meeting. This is most important, and follow-through visits should always be included in every plan of visitation. Neither should the organized visiting of the unsaved stop with the revival meeting. In several communities, once a month the women meet by circles to pray definitely for the lost and unenlisted and then go out in twos or alone to spend the afternoon in visiting.

Include the young people in your plans. The census will show you that many of the unchurched in the community are young people. Young people can win other young people. They know their likes and dislikes, their temptations and problems. In leading young people in a visitation program the avenue of fellowship can be used effectively. Many of these children and older boys and girls do not have a Christian friend. Let the first visit the boy or girl makes be one to make friends, then another to cement that friendship with an invitation to the activities of the youth of the church. Let the young people see that a way is provided for those who can come. The next visit should provide the opportunity to seek a definite decision for Christ. (If the opportunity comes on an earlier visit, of course it is not overlooked.) Have the young people follow through with those they have won until the new Christians find their place in active Christian service.

Use soul-winning helps. You cannot lead another closer to the Lord than you are yourself. Keep spiritually fit by daily Bible study, prayer, and meditation. Study how Jesus dealt with men and women. The Gospel of John is an excellent text. Many women and young people use tracts in visitation. Some will read the written message who will not listen to you speak. Helpful tracts will be sent upon request from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, and the Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. The following books will help when you are making plans for soul-winning visitation:

Sidney Powell, *Toward the Great Awakening*, chapters 7, 9, 10

W. E. Sangster, *Let Me Commend*, chapter 5

Torrey, *How to Bring Men to Christ*

E. Y. Mullins, *Talks on Soul-Winning*
Hathaway, *Soul-Winning in Your Community*

Can the Sick Come to Church?

They did in Memphis

A wasted figure stirred restlessly under the sick bed blankets. "Pastor, I want to go to church just one more time before I die."

Many a clergyman has heard that plea. One of them, the Rev. Thomas J. Tichenor of Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, did something about it.

Shortly before a certain Sunday morning eleven o'clock worship hour, ambulances drew up beside the red brick church on North Seventh. Attendants carried their burdens into the auditorium, where a score of cots were lined up before the pulpit. Wheelchairs were placed in position on either side of the makeshift ward. Blind people able to walk were carefully escorted into the auditorium. Mr. Tichenor's sermon was a message of comfort for the sick. He cheered the shut-ins by pointing out that useful service is not necessarily spectacular service rendered by able-

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Helpful neighbors and enthusiastic ambulance drivers made it possible for wheel chair bound and bedridden patients to attend worship services at the Seventh Street Baptist Church at Memphis, Tennessee



Chairmen . . . committee plans

Suggestions to Stewardship Chairmen

BY MRS. C. D. CREASMAN
W.M.U. Stewardship Director

WE ARE in the third month of this year which has been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention for advance in stewardship. Are we advancing as rapidly as the year is passing? Are we busy carrying out our fine W.M.U. stewardship plans for the year?

We know you like "We Have a Treasure." This series of brief programs of a devotional nature may be used in different ways. They make splendid devotional services for circle meetings. Some missionary societies use them at the regular meetings. If there is not time to use all the material in devotional services, the stewardship chairman may select something each month to give as an inspirational thought when presenting her report to the society.

Are you planning for the study of a stewardship book? Only as we are informed about Christian stewardship, will we be transformed into faithful Christian stewards. If you did not study, "God's Hurry" in the fall, you can do that now. Another helpful new book is "Partnership with Christ" by Paul Conrad. These and three others are listed in your 1950 W.M.U. Year Book as especially recommended books for the study of stewardship this year. Do not let the year go by without studying one of them.

Are you educating your young people in stewardship?

Splendid plans and material for the stewardship education of young people are available. The special booklets of stewardship stories for Sunbeam Bands and Junior G.As. and R.As. are in the hands of the counselors. Each month *Ambassador Life* and *World Comrades* carry stewardship suggestions for Intermediate G.As. and R.As. "We Have a Treasure" is the planned study for Y.W.A. The missionary society as a whole will want to know how the young people's organizations are progressing in this study. So, the stewardship

chairman and the young people's director will know about that and report to the society from time to time. The young people's director and counselors will keep the Church Night of Stewardship in mind as, month by month, they lead the young people to participate in stewardship education plans.

Are you enlisting new tithers? Our Southern Baptist Convention slogan is "Every Baptist a Tither." The W.M.S. standard of excellence requires a ten per cent gain in the number of tithers. Our aim is that every member of W.M.U. shall be a tither. We must try by every manner of means to lead our women and young people to see the duty and privilege of tithing. Keep an accurate record of your tithers. Give opportunity often for new tithers to sign the Stewardship Covenant cards.

By using these plans, we can advance with the year in promoting faithful Christian stewardship, knowing that we are advancing the kingdom of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

...Community Missions Chairmen

BY EDITH STOKELY

W.M.U. Community Missions Director

THE future of our nation depends upon the training we give our children today, and the future of the cause of Christ upon their Christian training. If it is important that every child be taught in public school, how much more important it is that every child should be taught in Sunday school. Do you know how many of the children attending school in your community also attend Sunday school? Only 24% of the children enrolled in the public schools of Arkansas are enrolled in Sunday school. How about your community?

Take a school survey and get the facts.

The principal and teachers will co-operate in letting you have the few minutes necessary in the classroom. The women and your Intermediate R.As. and G.As. can do the work. Prepare and mimeograph a card that has space on it for the name, address, age, grade, and answer to the questions: do you go to Sunday school and where, if not where would you like to attend, parents' names and church affiliation. Tabulate the information, listing the prospects by age.

Do not wait until vacation Bible school or a revival meeting to act on your information. Do something about these children and their parents now. Enlist the help of the whole church. Certainly the teachers, officers, and members of the various departments of the Sunday school will be eager to visit those of their age group. Members of the young people's organizations of the W.M.U. can certainly visit. The women should visit the mothers in the homes, seeking to win them as well as the children. You will find that many children who are already in Sunday school have parents who have never made any profession of faith. Help these children to win their parents. What better way is there to make your community Christian than to win whole families to Christ and to an active church life?

... Mission Study Chairmen

We need to know our own country in these days of her terrific world responsibility. The 1950 Home Missions graded series presents a clear picture of sections of our American life.

What about our treatment of our minority group? Study *Hens of the Soil* by Joshua and Dorothy Gujalva. What about life in our more remote sections? Study *The Prophet of Little Cane Creek* by Harold Dye. What is the need of rural areas? Study *Buried* *Living* by John D. Freeman.

The *Rural Resource Book* by Janice Singleton is a treasure for your mission study teacher.

Plan for all your women to read all these books. The young people will want to read their books. Did you see the back cover page?



Write and tell us what your BWC or BWC Federation is doing that will help others. Send a clear action picture.

Good Times In Macon

Rehoboth Association Business Woman's Federation in Georgia has had unusual blessings in recent months. At one banquet Miss Pearl Todd was guest speaker and the account of her work in China during the war years was indeed an inspiration. The devotional message was brought by a Chinese student at Mercer University, Miss Susan Han.

One of our Macon pastors, Rev. Ernest Saloom, taught a mission study course for us at Cherokee Heights church.

At another banquet our theme was "Lift Him Up" and Mrs. C. D. Creasman was our speaker. What a treat more than 200 business women enjoyed! Mrs. Rabun Wood is our new Federation President.

Started in the Snow

The Nanna England B.W.C. of Nilwood Baptist Church, Nilwood, Illinois, enjoys reading the B.W.C. Exchange.

We organized one snowy night in January, several years ago with three young women grown out of Y.W.A. and two others.

That beginning five sent out invitations and made personal calls until now we have an active membership of twenty. Since our organization seven of our members have become members of our church.

Our Community Missions Chairman plans for us to remember the aged, the sick, and bereaved with cards, flowers, and food. We have good programs and enjoy our mission study.

We keep hoping other young women in our county will organize so that we can hold county and district meetings together.

We would like to become acquainted with other young women in the *Land's* service. Want to write us?

It's Happening Now

BY MATTIE LEILA WATTS

March means Home Missions to Southern Baptist women and young people. The following news items may suggest tasks for us to do.

The International Council of Religious Education reports that more than 700 men at San Quentin prison have completed at least one course in a "Learning for Life" study program. Church officials are conferring with prison authorities in other states on the possibility of starting such programs. The courses cover such subjects as "A Faith to Live By," "Prayer" and "Our Times—What Has the Bible to Say?"

In New York City 2,000 school teachers and guests attended the annual luncheon of the Protestant Teachers' Association. During the past twenty years the association has contributed nearly \$250,000 for religious education of the city's children in weekday schools of religion, in vacation Bible schools, and in Protestant clubs in high schools.

Many denominations are giving a new emphasis to the needs of rural churches and communities. Dr. I. George Nace of the Home Missions Council of North America says: "Many such areas do not have the population or resources to support the kind of church and ministry that will command the respect and loyalty of the people. Just as the rural school has found it necessary to move into a more logical center of operation, so must the church consider the geographical adjustment necessary to provide it with a sufficient challenge and give it the resources to meet the needs."

There is desperate need to speed up resettlement of Displaced Persons eligible under law to come to the United States. A representative of Church World Service assures us: "I cannot emphasize enough that there are eligible thousands. . . I believe the great majority will make excellent citizens. They are democratic, family loving, industrious, and have kept their self-respect to a miraculous degree. . . But

they are people like you and me, and will need our Christian tact and forbearance as they make adjustments which experience has proved they are capable of making." We must bring these Delayed Pilgrims before it is too late. Write Mr. Charles Gage, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana, and see what you can do to open the door for at least one family.

North Carolina Methodists recently adopted the following resolution: "Any person who drinks liquor or votes to legalize liquor, or in any other manner supports the liquor traffic, should not consider himself fit or qualified to hold any office or occupy any place of leadership in the Methodist church."

"Atomic scientists have developed an interest in religion on an unprecedented scale," said Dr. Edward McGrady, senior biologist of the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge. He explained that this is not the type of hysteria that leads people to pray when they are in sudden danger, but the stirring, humbling knowledge that they are in possession of a great power and that they may not be able to live up to their trust.

The University of Denver reports that 6,000 out of 9,000 students polled claimed they never read the Bible. "This could be the most significant news story ever published," says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "because America and Western civilization were built by Bible-reading people."

The situation in America doesn't seem to be so serious, with more than 250,000 places of worship. But many question whether, under the surface, life in America is religious in more than name. Many young people today are being brought up and educated without Christian background or training. They do not attend church services, and do not govern their conduct by Christian moral standards.

Is this your question?

How can we make our programs more interesting?

The program chairman studies the program through as soon as her ROYAL SERVICE arrives a month in advance. With her committee she will have prayer for their planning, then assign the various discussions, notifying the people selected early. Participants will read and reread their assignments as soon as they receive them. They should be alert to add supplementary materials, current news, and should present in their own words an interesting, informative discussion in the allotted time. Use visual aids such as poster, chart, picture, or object, the blackboard, etc. The program leader ties the discussions together as suggested. Always refer to the program planning page and add your own good ideas too. Work with the pianist and song leader to choose music in keeping with the program. Social committee will have the room comfortable and attractive.

How can we enlist more women in our society?

Learn who needs enlisting from Sunday school class rolls, from the religious census cards. Be alert to any newcomers in town. Plan a definite visitation program to enlist members not for the boasting of the society or circle but for Christ's sake and the sake of his work. Go expectantly, go prayerfully, go cheerfully. Be thoroughly sold on the missionary program of information and activity you are inviting these women to join.

How much do you love the USA?
Enough to lead her into Christ's Way?
Reaching out Annie Armstrong
Offering good
Will help reach millions reach
America's soul.

Do we have to have a meeting and pray every day to observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions?

Nobody tells a Baptist she has to do any-

thing, you know. W.M.U. sent out material to suggest needs that call so loudly for prayer that we believe you will be stirred to meet and pray every day. We are sure you will be blessed and the work of leading America to Christ set forward if your society devotes time every day to pray together. Gifts grow out of prayer too.

What part of the church's money is sent for the Cooperative Program?

Each church sets its own percentage or amount. State and southwide funds cannot be increased unless churches increase the percentage of their receipts for the Cooperative Program. The aim is "Fifty-Fifty in 1950." If our churches would do this, funds for missions would so greatly increase that our work at home and abroad would be advanced for Christ's glory.

How can we use the membership chart in seeking new titheers?

Each titheer is indicated by a certain mark on the chart. Those not tithing will be faced with the fact they are not titheers and will ask themselves why. The stewardship chairman will know whom to seek to become titheers.

Who is responsible for this point about quarterly reports on the standard?

It is the recording secretary's business to record all activities and gifts of the society accurately, completely and neatly in more or less permanent form. She will see that circles and young people's organizations have filled out and returned the proper report blanks, so she can compile her reports.

How can we know where to send our report blanks when we have them filled out?

Most report blanks have the destination in small type at the top. Look carefully and yours will give the needed direction.

GOING PLACES

by Margaret Bruce

AT THE age of six, Jane Addams saw her first slum section. She decided then that when she grew up she would build a big house, and around the big house she would have a big yard, in which children could play. This dream house of hers became a reality and Hull House is known around the world for its ministry to mankind.

Yes, a child of six felt that she was her "brother's keeper." Often the vision of a child results in a tremendous influence for God and good.

Our missionary organizations seek to help children and young people dream dreams and see visions of a truly Christian world. To keep these dreams from being simply visionary, ways and means are provided to help them build a Christian world. They are taught that Christ's kingdom advances by their personal witnessing as well as by their praying and giving. Opportunities are provided for them to go places and tell the story of peace and light, the story of peace and love!

In the Young People's Sunday School quarterly for the first quarter of 1950 the editor writes of Sunbeams, Incorporated. "Ten years ago you thrilled along with some other little people in singing, 'Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam' . . . You may have wondered how you could be a Sunbeam . . . You know, at least in part, what Jesus meant when he said, 'I am the light of the world.' And you are growing constantly in your understanding of his other saying, 'Ye are the light of the world' . . . Jesus did not say that to one disciple alone, he was talking to all of them. Even when they worked alone, they were strengthened by the sense of Christ's presence and by the fellowship they had in the church. They were 'Sunbeams, Incorporated' . . . remember what Sunbeams can do when they are harnessed for power, when they are focused on a piece of wood or paper. When Sunbeams are incorporated, they can start a raging fire . . . And the light of the world can do even more through the flaming witness of the young

men and women whose lives he has touched. Together—like Sunbeams, Incorporated—they can light fires of evangelism, worship and courageous Christian living around the world."

Young people focusing on their community can light fires of evangelism. Plan for the young people in your church to go places where they can and will witness for Christ. "Incorporate" your Sunbeams, G.A.s, R.A.s, and Y.W.A.s, that your community may become Christian. Study the Community Missions Guide and the sections on community missions in the G.A. and R.A. Counselor's Guides and in all the young people's manuals. Help your young people meet the spiritual and physical needs of their community. As the community missions chairman and counselors plan their monthly activities, they can find help in the leaflet, "Community Missions for Young People." This leaflet helps the leader to know how to make a survey of the community and to meet the needs revealed by the survey. (Leaflet free from state W.M.U. headquarters.)

Last year a Russian woman sold a cow to buy a Bible. When she found it to be such an amazing book, she gave a dinner for her relatives and friends, to tell them secretly that this forbidden volume was the most priceless possession of her life.

There are those in our communities, too, who do not have this priceless possession. Let us "incorporate" our women and young people and go places with the gospel.

Home? "If you would just let us sleep in your cellars, we would be happy."—DP in Europe

Margaret Fund Gift

by Mrs. W. J. Cox

It is sometimes difficult to visualize the results of a gift. Yet often God is waiting to use the gift to answer a need in the life of one of his own.

Recently after a check was mailed to a Margaret Fund student preparing for foreign mission service, the following letter was received:

"Your letter and check came a few days ago. I hardly know what to say except to thank the Lord for his gracious provision. For some days we had been facing financial stress. The day before your letter arrived, I used my last street car tickets to get to school. The next day I used my last available fifty cents for street car fare to school, and with no prospect as far as we could tell until almost a week later. We had been making this need a matter of much prayer, and I can truthfully say I was willing to rest the whole thing in the Lord's hands and let him intervene. In times past I have borrowed from our tithe box on occasion, and have always repaid it in due time. However the Lord has been speaking to me about this; and I have resolved henceforth to trust the Lord completely when we get in a 'jam' and let him intervene in our behalf. I just know you will rejoice in this victory in our spiritual lives. I wish you would pray for me, that the Lord may have full control always in my life. I fail in many respects and often."

Don't you hope that was your gift to the Margaret Fund?

Typed at the top of his plain letter-head was this promise, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5:24." Such a testimony of God's care reveals our interdependence in God's work. Suppose there had not been sufficient money to meet this student's emergency? Suppose there were no young people preparing to take the gospel to a lost world? Each supposition is equally sad. But when youth is preparing and our gifts measure up to their needs then we know the joy of interdependence on each other. God links the two forces for his glory.

During the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and in the Annie Armstrong Offering the W.M.U. constituency will be giving to scholarships for more than forty Home Mission Board students. Among the number are many Mexican young people, a full-blood Cherokee Indian, Cubans, Panamanians, and "American" students whose parents are working on various home fields. These students represent practically all phases of Home Board work.

One young student wrote, "I am always conscious of the fact that many women in the W.M.U. give to my education who are unable to send their own children to college. Thus my scholarship becomes a sacred trust to be conscientiously administered." Young people also make gifts for these scholarships knowing they will never have the opportunity to get a college education for themselves. Yet through the sons and daughters of our missionaries these givers widen their spiritual horizons and extend their service into yet other generations. Thus the Margaret Fund is a vital part of the Annie Armstrong Offering. Through it you give to perpetuate missions by educating the sons and daughters of home missionaries for future service.

Displaced Persons in Europe's camps are waiting, hoping, longing for someone to offer them work in America. Couldn't your church, couldn't your society, couldn't you? Write Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, New York, or film showing their situation.

Many are fellow Baptists needing a chance to live again. There are professional people and manual laborers. Find out how you can help by writing our Southern Baptist representative, Mr. Charles R. Gage, 601 S. Olympia St., New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

Letter-ettes

A Station Wagon and a Child's Blessing

from Mary Etheridge

The children of our nursery school here at the Baptist Chinese Mission in El Paso, Texas, are learning to pray. And they carry their prayer habits home.

Of course, we teach the children to give thanks before meals.

One of our youngsters was eating in a restaurant. When the food was brought, he folded his hands and bowed his head. The waitress was so impressed she asked where he learned to do that.

Another mother who is herself a Christian thanked us for teaching her little girl to ask the blessing. When the family sat down to eat after her first day of nursery school, she piped up with "We don't eat, Daddy, till we pray." And she said the prayer. Her mother who had become a Christian only a few months earlier said she had felt they should ask a blessing but was too timid to suggest it. She was thankful the child did it for her. Although the father is not yet a Christian, he considers the blessing necessary.

Two little Korean-Anglo children had been in nursery school only two weeks when they brought their mother to Sunday school.

The long needed station wagon provided in the Beyond the Goal of the 1945 Annie Armstrong Offering helped us start our nursery school because we can gather up the children. Your money and your prayers help us always.

One Report Coming from Shanghai

from a Missionary

Churches are just packed even around the doors. No doubt many think this is their last chance to be saved. Many who had heard a little want now to really know the Lord.

Red Russians are in the city and ride

on buses and trains by just showing a pass. Outwardly streets are clean, policemen well uniformed and capable, but underneath a volcano! Pupils have been won over. They parade the streets, sing Red songs, give yells, and go home and say to their parents "Hey Comrade." They tell them that they are not to love them or any God, only love their country!

W.M.S. in Nitrate of Soda

from Georgia Mae Ogburn

In a mission study course in the Antofagasta church for the W.M.U. of that north Chile district, we had an average attendance of 80. Over 40 women completed the requirements for the Certificate of Missionary Studies. I also visited the mining camps in the desert, where I organized a society in the Camp for Nitrate of Soda. There is already a society at the Copper Mining camp of Chuquicamata. These women are members of the church at Antofagasta. There are so many possibilities for the work there in the North and I was most encouraged over the prospects.

Revolutions, Floods, Baptisms

by Mrs. W. J. Webb

Mr. Webb was in Honduras at the time of our revolution in Guatemala, and again when the floods came. Though it was trying for me and the children, I knew and felt the presence of the Lord even more keenly than ever before. We give thanks for his protecting care over us.

Most of the flood damage done in Guatemala City was in the poorer section where the adobe became saturated with water and caved in killing many. It was a continuous rain for four days. Our house was like a sieve, but with buckets we managed and were thankful that it was no worse. The corn, banana, and coffee plantations were almost completely destroyed over the country. The railroad has 23 bridges out. All highways were blocked by landslides. The loss of lives and property is almost unbelievable. Many towns were isolated completely and the government planes dropped bundles of food and medicine. Almost all the neighboring countries sent assistance of some kind—clothing,

medicine, and so forth.

At one of our Indian churches out of town we had a service of baptism, Lord's Supper and the graduation of one of the ladies who had completed all the manuals of the W.M.U. The baptismal service was very impressive. We walked a mile to the scene. It was almost all uphill in the mountains. The water is a very beautiful river. We had to cross over on a log in the place of the service. It was so pretty and clear and surrounded by a grove of palms. The trees were so dense, it was impossible to see the sky. We felt as if we were in the jungles but it was very pretty. Four Indians were buried in the baptismal waters there. Our two children were very impressed. They are regular "little missionaries" and they like very much to visit in these interior places. Walking back we noticed where the people had cut down trees to make their fences and the posts had taken root and were growing again.

In Honduras the first Honduran preacher has been ordained. He accompanied me to the organization of the third Baptist church there. That gives us now three churches in Honduras with eight missions and one ordained minister. They have had 45 baptisms, 104 professions of faith and at present there are 72 baptized believers. Of this number 48 were tithers.

We have had our first Wives' Institute. The women met together to have study, companionship, and recreation. The pastors stayed at home to care for the children while the women attended. The ones from out of town stayed in our home. The two days went by all too swiftly for the ladies. One remarked after it was over, "I propose that we have one of these meetings once a month." They studied W.M.U. methods, children's work, hymnology, and had open discussion on different phases of the work especially giving emphasis to what is expected of a pastor's wife.

Christmas Prayers at the Armstrong Chapel

from Virginia Wingo, Rome

Even though the glass wasn't in the windows, we had a prayer service in the chapel of the new school on Christmas afternoon. Buses didn't run in Rome after 1 p.m. on Christmas, so we expected no visitors. But ten of our Italian friends got there anyway. We had ten Americans, too. It was wonderful to be there that day. I'd become suddenly homesick on my first Christmas away from the States, but that service made everything all right.

Your Circle Program IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

During this Home Mission month your circle will be thinking in home mission terms, weighing the topic question: Is America Christian? Select songs like "America the Beautiful," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Rescue the Perishing," "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

Southern Baptist Home Missions for March brings two special articles for discussion "Go West, Young Man" and "Evangelism in Cuba."

In this ROYAL SERVICE see "My Be-

loved Alaska" page 4. From the March *World Comrades*, see "Alaska is Wonderful." In March *The Window of YHVA* see "Racial Segregation in Higher Education." In March *Ambassador Life* see "My Ranking Project That Grew."

If America is Christian, she will surely be sending the gospel to other lands and answering the question "Who Will Go?" presented in March *The Commission*. She will give generously to help other lands, see "Can Hope Return?" in *The Commission*.

Student Opportunities For Witnessing At WMU Training School

In City Missions

"Above the noise of selfish strife
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man."

WE HEAR God's voice as children who own little and lack much lift their voices in singing "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." Above the noise of the city street we hear them sing "When morning gilds the skies . . . to Jesus I repair." One junior boy in the back of the room raises his hand and says, "That means that when we pray, Jesus repairs our hearts." God's voice in city missions!

"In haunts of wretchedness and need . . .
We catch the vision of Thy tears."

Each week we enter homes where wretchedness is everywhere and there is no beauty anywhere except in an occasional potted plant. We catch the vision of God's tears and we feel tears in our own hearts as a junior girl prays for a Syrian friend, "Dear Heavenly Father, bless Ann because her mother won't let her come to Bible school."

"The cup of water given for Thee
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace."

Often we feel we accomplish nothing in answer to the countless needs. But the message of God still holds fresh challenge. When we become discouraged, the Holy Spirit is always present to inspire us. We labor on with cheerfulness knowing that Christ has overcome the world.

by LOUISE ILLINGWORTH,
Alabama

Among Neglected Children

"I'm nobody's nothing," sobbed the neglected child. Taken from a dark house, deserted by his parents who had been found drunk, he knew no one loved or cared for him. Going to the Children's Center and feeling a matron's care soothed some of his anxious fears. A bit of laughter came from his eyes and heart as he played



games, listened to a story with pretty pictures and sang songs about a Man who loved little children—even him—directed by the students from the Training School.

The bright-eyed Negro boy clung to the colored picture of the "Good Shepherd" during the worship assembly in the downtown Mission, and lovingly kissed it. In Christ alone did he find the love, protection and care for which his little heart yearned. This Shepherd who said "Feed my sheep" had led the Training School girls to go into the slum sections to pour out affection, guidance, happiness and hope to "the least of these."

There was gaiety, excitement and radiance on the faces of the shivering, dirty children huddled under the porch roof of the Community House waiting for their leaders. Soon they would be there with warm love, handwork, games of co-operation and kindness, maybe a party or a surprise! Their leaders had heard a voice saying, "Go ye—unto all neglected and dependent children, to the children's homes, hospitals, missions, community houses—and suffer little children to come unto me—and guide them as they grow." They brought neglected, underprivileged and forsaken children to him and they were blessed.

Racial prejudices, social barriers, slum sections, delinquent parents, unconcerned Christians, must not keep children from the Saviour who said "for such is the kingdom of Heaven."

by BETTY FAITH WILLIAMS,
Georgia

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See your Missionary Round Table Booklet (free from your Baptist Book Store) and follow your program theme by reading books about American life, opportunity and responsibility.

The Years That Count

by Mrs. Douglas J. Harris



EACH morning at ten Johnny and his mother went to a quiet corner of one room where they spent a while in talk with God. If something delayed the period of devotion the little boy would pull on his mother's dress and point to the corner saying, "Mommy, pway, pway." As this child grew he learned to tithe whatever money he received, taking his pennies and nickels to place in the offering plate each Sunday. He became a Christian at an early age because he knew about Jesus and his love for every person. In his teens John spoke to his parents of a desire to go and to tell other peoples about this Christ he loved so much.

Where did this desire have its beginning? Was it not in the home where the mother realized her need to take at least a few minutes of her busy day for a time of meditation with her tiny son?

The preschool child has an amazing capacity for worship. He likes to talk about God, about his world, about his creatures. His mind is uncluttered. The questions he asks are not always easy to answer. One morning our three-year-old animated question mark, Kim, turned from the window and asked "Mumver, where does Jesus live?" "Oh—ah— h, he lives in our hearts," I indicated, with appropriate gestures. The question still remained, firmly blocking the passage to the sink with its dirty dishes. "But where does Jesus live?" he persisted. "Kim, he lives with us," I said. With that, the puzzled frown on his face gave way to a gleeful, almost anticipating expression, and he shouted "Aw-wight!" in a welcoming tone. I almost expected to see someone walk in the back door.

If we want to reach our sons and daughters with the message of Christ, the time to begin is during these first few years. The mother is in the strategic place. Nothing else is as important as the child and his relation to a personal God. If we are so busy that we cannot find time to pray

with the little ones, sing with them, answer their questions with some prayerful effort, then we are too busy. Perhaps we are too busy to have children in our care. The routine work of the home must go on, and mother is usually the one responsible for the ordering of it. There are outside activities in church and community in which to participate, but when such work and these other things master our waking hours it is time to call a halt and ask ourselves if the lives and even eternal destiny of our children are being sacrificed on the altar of much ado even about worthy things.

A basic need in the home is fulfilled in the fellowship that comes when parent and child recognize that God through Christ is our Father, that this is his world, that he wants to possess our lives and through us bring in his kingdom. When this is true in our Christian homes there will be no need to ask God's people to give and to go. There will be no need to beg young people to answer the call to the mission task. They will come saying, "Here am I, send me." We cannot afford to waste our energies when we can win the world for Christ through our children.

For the Sand-Pile Set

Most children love to play in water. If you don't check, they will climb in the bathtub with everything from daddy's old boat to the box of cleanser left beside the tub. One of the favorite toys for such a place is a boat, of course. Boats can be made from ordinary blocks of unpainted wood. Smaller pieces of lighter weight wood can be tacked in the center of the largest section of wood. An empty spool may be fastened to the topmost one by means of a small nail. A whole fleet can be made for games.

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"Stewardship is the giving of time, talent, and money in God's service for the benefit of mankind."

Devotional Thoughts

WE CANNOT BUT TELL

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Sing: "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

TYPE the following five Scripture passages on slips of paper or locate in five Bibles and distribute to good readers before the program begins. Let them be read following the hymn Rom 10:10; Matt. 10:32; Isa. 62:1; 1 Cor. 13:1; Ps. 107:2

After the Scripture verses are read, sing softly the chorus of "I Love to Tell the Story."

Read: John 1:43-49; Acts 4:5-20

Comment: Peter and John had experienced something similar to what had so recently happened to Christ. They had preached and many had believed. They had worked a miracle. And they had brought on themselves the wrath of the Jewish rulers and priests. Like Christ, they were arrested, kept overnight, brought before the very same Annas and Caiaphas, as well as the leaders of the synagogue, and condemned. As with Jesus, their judges frankly admitted they found no real fault and that, as everyone could see, Peter and John had done a miracle in the name of Christ!

When Christ was on trial, Pilate had asked, "What wilt thou do with Jesus?" The question was the same in regard to Peter and John: "What shall we do with these men?" Apparently, the judges did not think of what they should do with the facts which plainly proved the innocence of the men on trial and plainly condemned the judges instead. Their only thought was to get rid of men who taught something they did not like. It has been so with bigots all through history.

In the face of this injustice, what kind of testimony did Peter and John give? It was not a timid or self-effacing defense such as might come from criminals; neither was it a swaggering display of arrogance. It was a bold, respectful, positive, convincing statement. In three sentences, these disciples: 1. acknowledged their miracle; 2. acknowledged that it was done in

the name of Jesus Christ; 3. identified him as the fulfillment of prophecy; 4. proclaimed that in him alone is salvation; and 5. implied to all an invitation to find refuge in him! They were completely indifferent to what their enemies thought of this testimony. They were completely confident in the power of his might as they testified for Christ.

Their sentence was a weak warning not to preach again in that name. Apparently no action was taken at all on their "contempt of court" in saying plainly that they had no intention of obeying the order! The utter powerlessness of unbelief is left naked in the open admission, "We cannot deny it."

"We cannot but tell!" these disciples insisted.

Philip could not but tell when he met Christ. He went and found Nathaniel. Andrew could not but tell and found Peter. The woman at the well found a multitude of people, for she, too, could not but tell! Such responses forever expose the utter falseness of so-called secret discipleship. Anyone who has personally known Christ will tell it. He cannot but tell!

New Mexico Indian women bake bread in an old fashioned stone oven.

Monkmeys



"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

Program Suggestions

The program committee will notice that this program is especially dependent upon the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray before and after assigning these talks.

Why not arrange your chairs in a friendly circle for this meeting?

Plan to do some actual Bible study on soul-winning. Ask each woman to bring Bible, pencils and her copy of ROYAL SERVICE.

After your discussion of "Women as Witnesses" you may want to ask for a brief testimony or two paying tribute to soul-winning mothers, or to the joy of winning one's children to Christ.

Ask each one to write out her personal answers to the questions on this page.

Have a few typed copies in case someone forgets her ROYAL SERVICE. After questions have been answered, give out slips of paper containing the Bible reference answers to Questions 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 (or ask each person to check one or more in ROYAL SERVICE until all have been taken). Wait a moment until found in the Bibles. Then ask each question and listen to the answer. Do not hurry but let these Bible answers penetrate the heart and soul. You may prefer to urge ahead of time that each member read the whole program before coming to meeting. Then time could be given to Bible study, prayer and personal testimony, majoring on "The Question Repeats Itself," "Keepers are to be Witnesses," and "Ways to Witness."

A good suggestion for directing personal testimonies is given as follows in "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism" by C. E. Matthews (page 88): "Have each person to stand and state at what age he was saved, where he was saved, and what person was most responsible for leading him to Christ." This will not only help the individual Christian but will serve to emphasize the fact that most people are won to Christ through the efforts of some one person.

Your community missions chairman will want to present plans for every one in W.M.S. and auxiliaries to have a genuine active part in personal witnessing.

A PERSONAL APPLICATION

In order to strengthen our convictions, let us write out answers to the following questions. They are to be answered with your own personal beliefs and attitudes.

1. Do I know death will come?
2. Do I believe in a life after death?
3. Am I really concerned about it?
4. What happens to the soul at death?
5. Do I have anything to do with where I shall spend eternity?
6. What did Christ do to keep us from going to everlasting torment?
7. Could he have done anything else to save us?
8. Where is everyone headed who has not already accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour?
9. Am I, myself, saved?
10. Why did God put me here on earth?
11. Have I so far fulfilled that purpose in my life?
12. What do those who know me best, think I regard as the most important thing in my life?
- (Ask to see what impression you are making.)
13. Is that truly the most important thing?
14. If I have not obeyed Christ's commandments, when should I begin?

Bible references to use in checking answers:

2. John 5:28,29
4. Matt. 25:46 and Luke 16:22-26
5. John 3:18,36
6. John 3:16; Romans 5:8; and Luke 19:10
8. Luke 13:3; Ps. 9:17; Matt. 25:41; (We do not have to do anything to be lost—we are lost until we accept Christ) Ps. 51:5; Romans 3:10 and Romans 5:12
10. To glorify—Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:20; to love—Deut. 6:5; to obey—John 14:15,23

Your Program

Planned by Reitha Hight Coggins

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Questions in the Bible

The Bible is full of questions. Jesus frequently answered one question by asking another. There are always questions wherever there is sin. Though the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" comes in the very first part of the Old Testament (Genesis 4:9), already nine other questions had been asked. All nine were connected with sin.

Cain and Abel went to offer sacrifices to the Lord. When Cain's offering was rejected, he was angry and murdered his brother. God faced him with questions. When the Lord asked, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain answered, "I know not: am I my brother's keeper?"

History repeats itself. Actually we have the same old question, and the same old attitude underlying the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" repeated today.

How the Question Repeats Itself Today

Many professed Christians are still rejecting responsibility. Have you heard questions and attitudes similar to these? "Do you expect me to go out and get people to come to church? We keep the doors open and they know what the church is for." "Do you see some people drag themselves to church and sit with a most indifferent attitude as if their minds were faraway? Are there others who act as if all that is necessary is to get themselves to the service and sit and drink in the message, without ever telling it to others, or getting them to come and hear? Do we know of others who are afraid to talk religion for fear of hurting someone's feelings, or for fear of becoming unpopular? Are not all of these, ways of trying to hide from the responsibilities of this question?"

We see the results of indifference everywhere. There is so much of it in our churches that even the stouthearted and

those who are on fire for God are rendered almost powerless.

Each year thousands of churches in our Southern Baptist Convention must report not one single soul won to Christ.

Unbelief is still more deadly. If a so-called infidel came to our church service, it would cause quite a commotion! If someone called us "infidels" we would be horrified and insulted! Yet do you know the definition of an infidel? "One who manifests indifference, apathy, unbelief; turns a deaf ear to," etc. Is this not an exact description of some people in our churches today?

"Am I my brother's keeper?" is a positive question with a positive answer. Whether we believe it or not, the Bible teaches that the future of a person who does not accept Christ will be something terrible. (See Jeremiah 23:12, Deut. 32:35 and Isaiah 14:9. Quote Matt. 13:42-43, John 8:16, Luke 19:10 and John 6:37.)

There is something to be kept from and something to be kept to—from hell to life everlasting.

Keepers Are To Be Witnesses

One of the first impulses of a newborn soul is to bring someone else to Jesus. God always puts this into the heart of a new Christian, and one who has never had this desire might well question his salvation. The whole plan of salvation is personal. God provided a personal Saviour, who died a personal death to save lost persons. Therefore it is only natural that one should be a personal witness.

A certain church had gone for more than a year without a single soul being saved. The pastor told his deacons that he thought he should resign. He asked if any of them had tried to win anyone to Christ. None had. Then the pastor said

Mrs. L. V. Coggins is the wife of a valiant pastor who chose to stay in rural churches. Before her marriage she was a missionary in Cuba, then W.M.U. young people's secretary in Missouri. She and her husband have buried "ambitions for promotion" to larger churches to live in the continuing development of splendid country churches.

"Let us make a covenant that if the Lord cannot use us to bring in some souls for him in the near future, all of us will resign!" All agreed!

The following Monday one deacon went to his store with a burdened heart. He invited the first clerk he met into his office. They had a heart to heart talk and after prayer he came out a saved man. Then another and another was called in. By late afternoon eleven people had been led to Christ.

The other deacons also had been at work and the following Sunday, thirty men were received into the church as a result of the witnessing of deacons who had never before tried to win anyone to Christ.

We are not to do this witnessing alone. God provided the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin and their need of a Saviour. We cannot do our work without the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit does not do his work without us. As we prayerfully tell of the deadly work of sin, of the Saviour's love and of the plan of salvation, we depend upon the Holy Spirit to convict the sinner. That is the explanation of Romans 10:12-15. (Quote passage.)

Christ's Kingdom Advances by Personal Witnessing

A great deal of the work of Jesus was done by personal witnessing. He dealt with one person at a time, as with the Samaritan woman, Nicodemus, the Gadarene demoniac, the paralytic at Bethesda, and others. Philip was led to the Ethiopian in the chariot, Peter to the lame man at the gate of the temple. Paul witnessed directly to King Agrippa.

Christ's plan was that every follower should be a witness of his saving power and love. He started this when he was here

on earth. First he sent out the twelve apostles, then seventy. In the upper room one hundred and twenty, including women, were commissioned. It seems that these numbers included every one of his true followers at that particular time, so no individual Christian is left out of his command to witness for the purpose of winning lost souls to Christ.

There are many proofs today that Christ's blessing is upon soul-winning preachers and Christian workers. They never lack for hearers and are the ones that have packed audiences and magnetic young people's organizations in Sunday school, in Baptist Training Union or in Woman's Missionary Union.

Christ has no other plan for evangelizing the world, except that individual Christians witness in the various ways possible. "He is counting on you—if you fail him, what then?"

Satan Tries To Prevent Soul-Winning Witnessing

A would-be soul-winner must always be on guard to recognize Satan's efforts to defeat Christian witnessing.

One Sunday afternoon, volunteers to take the religious census went out to cover their territory. In one car was a young man and two women, one the pastor's wife. Several calls were made and the desired information secured. As they neared the next place the young man said, "I will go in here for you might get into a situation that would not be suitable for



women." When he returned, the cards showed that no one in the family was a Christian and no one attended Sunday school or church.

At the next meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society plans were made to follow up the possibilities discovered by the census.

The Lord laid a burden for that particular family on the heart of the pastor's wife. Over and over, there rang in her ears, "And no man cares for my soul!" The situation looked hopeless. But the pastor's wife prayed for God's guidance. There came to her mind all kinds of situations that she might become involved in—that was Satan's last line of defense. With "fear and trembling," she went to call one afternoon.

Upon being admitted she could hardly believe her eyes. The hostess was alone, dressed as if she were expecting a guest and there on the table, lay an open Bible. The would-be soul-winner was so unprepared for such a favorable situation that she found it difficult to adjust her previously thought-out point of contact. Soon the conversation was turned to the open Bible. The hostess explained that she had just been reading it and listening to a religious service over the radio. As they talked, she said that she was not a Christian but would like to be. Presently both got down on their knees in prayer and the

woman prayed also.

Again Satan whispered to the pastor's wife, "It couldn't be this easy! You had better not press the decision too far—you are not a preacher and the profession would not be a genuine one." The pastor's wife weakened and ended by giving her prospect a warm invitation to church for the following Sunday.

Anxiously she watched the church entrance that morning. The promise was fulfilled. In walked the mother, with her handsome young son and a keen-eyed little daughter.

Again Satan interfered. About four years passed, during which time the mother had been in the church services only three or four times. The pastor's wife had been to her home about that many times but had been able to talk with her only once. She had used the mail for a few cards and a letter.

When the annual revival was being held that year, hoped for results had not been realized. Again the pastor's wife was burdened for this mother. This time the pastor accompanied his wife on her visit. They were graciously received. The plan of salvation was presented and the mother made full surrender. In the service that night, she publicly confessed Christ as her Saviour and joined the church, becoming an active Christian.

Her surroundings made it very difficult

to live the Christian life. She endured many hardships but witnessed bravely for her Master. Occasionally she would say, "I could never go back to my former life—it was so empty and now I am so happy with Jesus to help me."

Her husband is still battling with sin and is another evidence of the crying need today for consecrated laymen who will dedicate themselves to personal soul-winning.

Women As Witnesses

When Jesus arose from the grave, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, saying to her and the other Mary, "Go tell my brethren." They went immediately. This thrilling experience came to these particular women because of their close association with Jesus and their devotion to his cause. Dr. George W. McDaniel once said that women who are leaders in mission work believe every word the Lord says and set about doing it. That should be true of each one of us.

A woman may witness whenever and wherever she is led by the Holy Spirit but there is one particular place where she should never fail. That is her home. A united evangelist once said that his mother had two pulpits—her front door and her back door. Large numbers of the seventy million unsaved people in our nation are right in our very own homes. It is a mother's most sacred privilege to win her own children to Christ. She should not let any other deprive her of this hallowed joy. Those of us whose mothers helped us into the kingdom can never cease to be thankful for a consecrated Christian mother, who put first things first.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, Home Board secretary of evangelism, says that Christian mothers have won more people to Christ than any other one group of people. Could any more wonderful tribute be paid? Does this apply to each of us?

In the simultaneous revival crusade plans, Dr. Matthews suggests that the Woman's Missionary Society president be included on the local church evangelism Council because "She of all persons should be interested and actively engaged in winning the lost to Christ." He also suggests that one "special night" be sponsored by

Visual Aids for March

BY MILDRED WILLIAMS

The individual 2"x2" color slides may be purchased in cardboard ready-mounts for 50 cents each. Prices given are purchase prices on filmstrips and rental prices on motion pictures. Order early through your Baptist Book Store or nearest visual aids dealer.

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- or
- Cc 494 Carr—Follow Me
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- Cc 401 Sord—The Lost Sheep (Ninety and nine) (Matt. 18:10-14)
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Filmstrips

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD—This filmstrip, portraying incidents in the life of Christ, has an evangelistic appeal. 21 single frames; color; with manual; \$3.00.

THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN—Scenes are taken from motion picture entitled "Who Is My Neighbor?" 35 single frames; captions on pictures; no manual; \$2.50.

Motion Pictures

BEYOND OUR OWN—This film presents racial evangelistic and missionary truths. It is the story of a young lawyer who found he had overlooked a personal stewardship of life and substance and missed the spiritual and lasting values which are the foundation of a happy life. 40 minutes; sound; rental, \$10.00.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?—Based on parable of the good Samaritan. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.00.

AID FOR GERMAN BLIND

Surrounded by Red Cross officials and his seeing eye dog, Herr Ludwig Eckart, German, "reads" a book in braille. The book was part of a large quantity of special equipment and games donated by the American and British Red Cross to German blind. With Herr Eckart are (left to right) Miss Marjorie Dean, British Red Cross; Frau Marie Propping, Hessian Red Cross; and Miss Lucille Newton, American Red Cross.



(Photo from the American Red Cross)

the women of the missionary society. They are to make contacts with every family of the town or community by dividing the list between individual members, giving a special invitation to attend the services.

These simultaneous revivals will be a

God-given opportunity for every Christian woman to get herself in the right relationship with God and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to do more soul-winning than she has ever done in her life.

As Christian women we should not be content with just inviting people to services or presenting the claim of some particular church organization. Even an unsaved person can do that. We should be busy presenting Jesus as a personal Saviour to individuals and pressing for an acceptance of him.

Mission Witnesses

A certain group of young mothers and fathers are unusually loyal and faithful to their church. The children in their homes are getting fine Christian training. Asked to sing their favorite hymn in a worship service, some of these children sang "I'll live for Him, who died for me." Afterward, someone asked why that particular hymn was selected by such young children. Their leader said, "I do not know but that is the one they always want to sing and they have memorized all the verses without any special emphasis on my part."

Later, the one who asked the question thought through some things which explained it and gave added significance to the fact that these children were so drawn to a hymn of life consecration.

The mothers of several of these children have dedicated them to the Lord. One said, "Before L. . . was born, I had to retire from my active associational work, so I dedicated her young life to God for his special service." Another had said, "My husband and I want our children to get all the religious training possible. We prayed, even before they were born, that some day God would use them in a special way to spread his gospel to others who are in darkness." Two others had been heard to remark, "No greater joy could come to me than for my child to be a missionary." Every once in a while, one of these same children will speak out in a Sunbeam or G.A. meeting like this: "When I am big I want to go to Russia to tell the boys and girls there about Jesus."

While other influences have contributed to the development of this missionary spirit, one stands out. That is the life of a

young matron, who has constantly talked and lived missions.

In explanation of her zeal she points back to the turning point in her life when as a high school girl she became interested in missions through reading mission magazines, provided for her by the missionary society.

There Are Many Ways To Witness

Paul said (2 Cor. 5:14,15) "For the love of Christ constraineth us . . . that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them." A Christian does not belong to himself but has been "bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20). We are saved to serve. If a Christian does not have an impelling desire to win someone to Christ, is there not something wrong with his relationship to God?

Peter warned Christians of Christ's judgment of them and urged the necessity of growing "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). A Christian should have new spiritual experiences from day to day and week to week and there is no finer way to grow spiritually than to do personal witnessing. There are many ways of such witnessing: at family altars, in leading missionary education auxiliaries of W.M.U., in teaching in Sunday school and directing Baptist Training Unions, in using one's voice, one's automobiles, one's home, in conducting vacation Bible schools.

Hundreds of thousands more family altars need to be functioning and in many homes women could take the initiative. Dr. Matthews says that in his twenty-five years' experience of pastoral work he does not know of a single child who did not accept Christ before the age of maturity, where the parents had started a family altar at marriage and kept it up.

Miss Martha Franks, dean of our Woman's Training School in Shanghai, China, said that she was one of the worst girls in high school but that after she got a glimpse of Christ in her Girls' Auxiliary Counselor's life, she was never satisfied until she knew the Saviour.

Older Christians have a great opportunity in helping young people to witness.

An Intermediate R.A. was seen to lead four or five boys friends to the altar of decision in a single revival. Young people are often more serious about the business of soul-winning than most adults.

Missionaries tell us that the Christian women of China make sacrificial efforts to learn to sing hymns, in order to sing the gospel to the unsaved who will not let them tell it otherwise. We can sing the gospel, too.

Many people are brought to Christ through gospel tracts enclosed in letters or handed out. Our Home Mission Board is recommending the liberal use of two special tracts which they furnish, entitled, "God's Way of Salvation" by James B. Leavell, and "If you are a Baptist, Why Not Belong?" by W. D. Wyatt. We can give out tracts.

Automobiles can be used for witnessing. In a rural community a W.M.S. member asked her neighbor if her children could go to Sunday school. The following Sunday they were ready. The car went out of the way to pick them up and take them back home. The children liked Sunday school and wanted to go again. The trip was repeated the next Sunday and the

next and on and on. As the years went by, the children, one by one, accepted Christ and joined the church. In time, one of the girls graduated from our Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and married a young minister. They have three lovely children now and the parents are hoping all three will be preachers or missionaries.

Who can tell how many souls will be won to Christ because one woman was interested in her neighbor's children?

Groups from missionary societies going into homes or institutions for prayer, singing and inspirational programs, magnify Christ and often lead to conversions. Seldom would this be done were it not for Community Missions.

Many a woman who could be a wonderful soul-winner gives so much of herself to organizations which are good in themselves but are not inspired of the Holy Spirit, that there is no time or strength left for soul-winning. If one is to seek souls, many seemingly important things will have to go undone in favor of the work that will last through eternity.

Winning Souls Will Change the World

Whatever changes men will change the world. An old Indian medicine man

Boxes Are Miracles To Them

When you hear One Great Hour of Sharing on your radio, March 11, you will want to send boxes for relief. You can address them to our friends in Europe and Japan. Ask your postoffice about mailing regulations but send all the clothes and packable foods you can. They are life and love in the midst of tremendous need.

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watched Dr. J. B. Rounds put a drawing on the blackboard to illustrate the teaching that the Jesus Road did not belong to any one race of people. He asked Dr. Rounds to say it again. Dr. Rounds told the story as simply as he could and the old Indian answered, "I take Jesus then. I love Jesus, but I hate the white man." As soon as he became a Christian he quit hating the white man.

While assisting in a certain revival, the Rev. C. C. Elsey was entertained in the home of a man who for ten years had been Court Clerk and County Recorder. The wife was a social leader and their three children attended Sunday school and church very irregularly. The father had fallen prey to drink, was critical of the church, preachers and religion in general. He boasted that he had been to church only twice in thirteen years and then to attend funerals. Once a very popular man, he was losing his friends, and his home was on the rocks, both financially and otherwise.

But he did attend the services on Tuesday and Thursday nights, accompanied by his family. The evangelist encouraged him to trust Christ and lead his family to do likewise. Thursday night he looked at his wife and said, "Dear, let's go!" He took her by the arm, then asked the children to follow. When the congregation saw the family go forward, shouting broke out. Several others were also saved.

When the pastor presented him for membership in the church, he made a statement. He said, "I was saved when I was thirteen years old, while my sister was singing 'God Will Take Care of You!' I have never told anyone before, knowing I would have to preach, if I did. I now confess Jesus as my Saviour and surrender to the gospel ministry." This brought more rejoicing.

Because of his drinking, he was in debt. He had hard struggles and lean days but the Lord came to his rescue.

Mr. Elsey says, "This man tells me he has never wanted a drink of liquor since the night he confessed Christ and yielded to the call of the ministry. He has been the means of leading some of the hardest men in his county to the Lord. They now have a happy home that radiates like a

morning sunrise."

The circle of good influences coming from the salvation of this one man will broaden and widen until the day of judgment. It is hard to understand why every individual Christian does not want to be constantly witnessing and winning souls to Christ. It is the only work that will last through eternity.

Can the Sick Come to Church? (Continued from page 11)



Miss Lucille Porter, an invalid for many years, is greeted by her pastor as she arrives via ambulance for the morning worship

bodied people. He named men and women who have led useful lives by cheering others despite their own advanced years, invalidism and pain.

Seventh Street has 13 volunteers who visit 100 or so bedridden, blind or otherwise afflicted persons at least once a month. Twenty-one of these bedridden were brought to the service that morning.

The W.M.S. provided cots for the oldest person attending, who was 94, for the person who had been longest a member of that church and for the couple married longest.

The Y.W.As. had a red rose for each invalid who came. The W.M.S. supplied the sheets and pillowcases and cots, co-operating with the Extension Department in all the planning.

Pray Ye

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS, TEXAS



Christ: God's Effulgence Bright

Glory in Bush and Cloud

Terror of the Presence

1 WEDNESDAY "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush"—Exodus 3:2

Rev. A. Hernandez and Mrs. Hernandez, Guara, Rev. Juan Naranjo and Mrs. Naranjo, Aguacate, Rev. Cirilo Mogen and Mrs. Mogen, Teguavalam, Cuba, evangelism

2 THURSDAY "God called unto him out of the midst of the bush"—Exodus 3:4

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stein, Miss Amelia Rappold, Mrs. Leona Wollforth, New Orleans, Louisiana, evangelism

3 FRIDAY "I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat"—Lev. 16:2

Pray that the ingathering offering may bring in the full \$800,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering; Rev. Albino Ortiz and Mrs. Ortiz, Hondo, Rev. Frank Ramirez and Mrs. Ramirez, Edinburg, Texas, Mexican evangelism

4 SATURDAY "And there will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat"—Exodus 25:22

Rev. W. M. Singleton, Tyler, Texas, Rev. Tolbert A. Welch, Kansas City, Missouri, Rev. C. S. McCall, Richmond, Virginia, Negro educational evangelism, missionaries to their own race

5 SUNDAY "And the Lord went before them by day . . . to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night"—Exodus 13:21

Pray for Dr. W. R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Amity Board and all secretaries working with him; Miss Martha Morrison, Rev. H. B. Ramsay and Mrs. Ramsay, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism

6 MONDAY "All our fathers were under the cloud, and passed through the sea"—1 Cor. 10:1

*Rev. D. F. Stamp and *Mrs. Stamp, Yangchow, Miss Marie Conner, Shanghai, China, *Miss Mary Hastings Sampson, Yale language school, educational evangelism

7 TUESDAY "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory"—Isaiah 6:3

Pray for association-wide rallies and study courses promoted in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade; Miss Eva Sanders, Jr., Miss Ruth Womack, Miss Ruth Kersey, Ogburno, Nigeria, medical evangelism

8 WEDNESDAY "Moses hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God"—Exodus 3:6

Miss Margaret Collins, Mr. J. A. Foster and Mrs. Foster, Rev. M. F. Pettit and Mrs. Pettit, Baguio, Philippine Islands, Chinese language school

9 THURSDAY "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire"—Exodus 19:18

*Rev. A. M. Sams and *Mrs. Sams, Ituzingo, *Rev. L. C. Quarles and *Mrs. Quarles, Miss Hazel Irene Smith, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational evangelism

10 FRIDAY "And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake"—Heb. 12:21

*Rev. M. G. White and *Mrs. White, Bahia, Miss Kathryn Lucille Smith, Miss Alberta Steward, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism

11 SATURDAY "And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp"—1 Sam. 4:7

*Dr. J. N. Bryan and *Mrs. Bryan, Kunshan, *Dr. Jeanette E. Beall, Tsingtau, *Miss Lucy Wright, Wuchow, China, medical evangelism

12 SUNDAY "the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid"—Luke 2:9

Rev. W. B. Sherwood and Mrs. Sherwood, Campo Grande, Rev. J. R. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. R. L. Kolb and Mrs. Kolb, Recife, Brazil, evangelism

13 MONDAY "a bright cloud overshadowed them . . . a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"—Matt. 17:5

Rev. J. A. Ahermathy and Mrs. Ahermathy, Kotea, Rev. Rex Ray and Mrs. Ray, Miss Katie Murray, Kweilin, China, evangelism, Lois and Mary Dee Ray, Margaret Fund students

14 TUESDAY "And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid"—Matt. 17:6

Annual meeting of state Woman's Missionary Union, March 14-16, Birmingham, Alabama; Valdosta, Georgia; Raleigh, North Carolina; Roanoke, Virginia

*On furlough at this time.

The Afterglow

15 WEDNESDAY "Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him"—Exodus 34:29

Rev. J. I. Miller and Mrs. Miller, Valparaiso, Miss Ruby Howse, Miss Roberta Ryan, Temuco, Chile, educational evangelism

16 THURSDAY "The heavens declare the glory of God"—Ps. 19:1

Dr. C. G. McDaniel and Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. T. C. Britton, Mrs. W. E. Sallee, China, emeritus missionaries

17 FRIDAY "and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him"—Luke 9:32

Miss Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Rev. R. C. Moore and Mrs. Moore, Rev. H. H. Culpepper and Mrs. Culpepper, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism, Charles, Albert, Betty and Ruth Moore, Margaret Fund students

18 SATURDAY "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live"—Exodus 33:20

Mrs. C. A. Baker, Dr. R. E. Pettigrew, Rev. A. B. and Mrs. Christie, Brazil, emeritus missionaries

19 SUNDAY "the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him"—John 1:18

Miss Pauline White, Jaguapara, Miss Blanche Simpson, Dr. L. M. Bratcher and Mrs. Bratcher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, Edward Bratcher, Margaret Fund student

20 MONDAY "even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like me of these"—Matt. 6:29

Mrs. W. H. Sears, Miss Pearl Caldwell, Miss Annie Sandlin, Dr. A. V. Napier and Mrs. Napier, China, emeritus missionaries

21 TUESDAY "They looked upon him, and were lightened"—Ps. 34:5

Annual meeting of state Woman's Missionary Union, March 21-23, Columbia, South Carolina; Dr. H. H. Muirhead and Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mexico, emeritus missionaries

True Shekinah

22 WEDNESDAY "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee"—Isaiah 60:1

Miss Ethel Harmon, Iwo, Rev. J. C. Powell and Mrs. Powell, Oyo, Rev. I. N. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, Ibadan, Nigeria, evangelism, Billy Patterson, Margaret Fund student

23 THURSDAY "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising"—Isaiah 60:3

Dr. A. B. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, Curitiba, Rev. Alvin Hutton and Mrs. Hutton, Rev. Gleason

Bridges and Mrs. Bridges, San Paulo, Brazil, evangelism, Bruce and Bennie May Oliver, Margaret Fund students

24 FRIDAY "and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light"—Mat. 17:2

*Rev. A. Scott Patterson and *Mrs. Patterson, Lagos, *Miss Mildred Crabtree, Aghor, *Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Nigeria, educational evangelism, Mary Nelle Patterson, Margaret Fund student

25 SATURDAY "And Christ shall give thee light"—Eph. 5:14

Dr. F. T. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward, Hongkong, Mr. S. B. Sears and *Mrs. Sears, *Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, Tsingtau, China, evangelism

26 SUNDAY "take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts"—2 Peter 1:19

Pray for the Home and Foreign Missions Day to be observed in Sunday school and the offering to be divided between these two boards; Mrs. R. E. Elder, Dr. S. M. Sowell, Argentina, emeritus missionaries

27 MONDAY "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"—Luke 2:14

*Rev. M. E. Brantley and *Mrs. Brantley, Port Harcourt, Miss Josephine Stagg, Jinkama, *Miss Neale C. Young, Ede, Nigeria, educational evangelism

28 TUESDAY "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel"—Luke 2:32

Annual meeting of state Woman's Missionary Union, March 28-30, Jackson, Mississippi; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Pineville, Louisiana; Chattanooga, Tennessee

29 WEDNESDAY "for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof"—Rev. 21:23

Annual meeting of state Woman's Missionary Union, March 29-31, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Carmi, Illinois; Miss Mary Bell Taylor, Recife, Miss Edith Rose Weller, Manaus, Brazil, educational evangelism

30 THURSDAY "I am the light of the world"—John 8:12

Pray for the missionaries in China and Chinese Christians that they all may be faithful witnesses for Christ; Miss Lillian Williams, *Rev. H. W. Schweinsberg and *Mrs. Schweinsberg, Barranquilla, Colombia, evangelism

31 FRIDAY "For God hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"—2 Cor. 4:6

The crux of the revelation of God—"He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father"—Rev. F. E. Runyan and Mrs. Runyan, Igole, Miss Ethel Guen, Lagos, Rev. Herman Sandford and Mrs. Sandford, Oghomoshu, Nigeria, evangelism

Could she do anything for the Lord? She had four small children and was expecting a fifth one. But two churches grew out of her efforts; a true story

Two Circles that Grew into Two Churches

by Mrs. Dorothy Smith

THE three-year-old boy was dead—an accident on the highway. Helen Davis had been a cradle roll worker so she felt it her duty to offer her help. She was new in the community and did not know the sad parents.

They had no church affiliations she discovered. Both drank heavily. Worse, she learned they were typical of the people in her new home on the outskirts of the town. "Hell's Corner" was the name of that section.

But she found two Christian women and organized a missionary circle with four members. She took the four small children with her as she walked from home to house, visiting within a two-mile radius of her own home.

Little by little her sincerity won these backslidden sinful women as friends. Some accepted Christ and joined the town church with Mrs. Davis. The circle grew into a weekly prayer meeting.

A year later they rented a vacant store building and met there to pray every week for six months. Then a Sunday school was organized and there was Sunday worship, conducted by the town pastor.

In another six months a trained worker took over the Sunday school and a student pastor preached each Sunday morning. The town church society helped with visiting and with relief when needed. New babies were enrolled and mothers cared for.

After fifteen years there is a large church with Sunday school rooms and a membership of two hundred. The whole community

nity is changed.

One of the first co-workers moved to the opposite side of town and out across the river to the edge of a rural community. In the same way, following Mrs. Davis' example she sought and found a few Christian women and organized a circle. It grew into prayer meetings, into Sunday school, into a church and in twelve years it has become self-supporting.

Mrs. Craven was a neighbor who loved flowers. She worked all day Sunday in her prize winning garden; she did not have time for God. Mrs. Davis visited her twenty-seven times before Mrs. Craven came to the circle. In a revival she accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Now Mrs. Craven keeps a list of names which are the flowers in her garden of prayer. She sows the good seed of the word as she prays names on that prayer list. By prayer God nurtures it and gives spiritual growth. Mrs. Craven loves to watch the blossoming of these souls now.

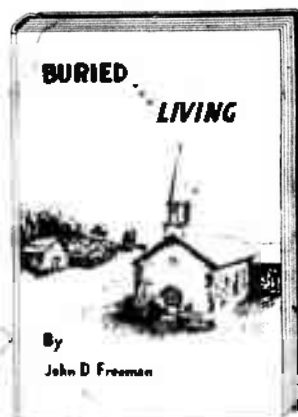
Mrs. Newsome was too busy with her housework to go to circle meeting. She would iron her clothes and iron them again. They had to be immaculately clean though the hearts that beat underneath them were stained with sin. But her children were brought into the Sunday school and in two years those children and Mrs. Davis led her to the Lord. Later Mrs. Newsome led her husband to Christ.

Mrs. Davis had not been beyond the seventh grade in school but she was consecrated, she had a real love for her lost neighbors and she let nothing stand in her way as a witness. She did not neglect her own home, her children, or her husband but she would not neglect the opportunity around her.



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