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# Rush Food to Starving Children from Labor Camp



Phoenix, Mar. 9 (UP) — A rushed emergency food drive today to a farm here 100 children starving in "Grapes" conditions in the camp. un because a freeze living on a authori Thompson hadn't pass ver- id, and in en ny; do-

Thompson said. "Most of the families have sold everything. They have taken their old cars apart and sold them by parts for food.

"Now they have nothing."

There are about 100 one-room tin shacks in the camp, Thompson said, and none of them has any electricity or running water.

"The houses used to have crude furniture, but that's all sold now. Now everybody sleeps on the floor," he said.

"The kids all run around bare-foot although it sometimes gets pretty cold. They don't go to school, because they don't have the clothes to wear.

"To show you how destitute the place is, somebody stole the camp safe, but it only had \$1 in it."

The camp, 14 miles west of Phoenix, originally was built by the federal government. It is

Children Are Real Sufferers

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Firebaugh last week told of at he found.

a road runs by one side and a ton field surrounds it on the other three. A junk heap blocks the end of the small camp. The w of dilapidated cars is between the cabin

FRESNO BEE Fresno, Cal.

## Hunger, Sickness, Misery Are Expected To Reign In Migrant Camps This Winter

(Realizing the increasing seriousness of the migrant farm labor problem in the San Joaquin Valley, The Bee & sister papers in make an effort to make an objective investigation of the situation. The following is the first of a series of articles outlining various factors confronting farm laborers, employers and relief agencies.)

By James McClatchy

Misery as intense as that reflected in the photographs are expected among some of the migrant camps in the San Joaquin Valley this winter.



Hunger hurts the same in Italy, among the migrants and in the Orient

But whose hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 1 John 3:17

# AN ACT OF FAITH

by Louella K. Westlake

I NEVER knew her name but she appeared at our door one hot summer day in St. Louis, when I was about eight years old. My mother had gone to the door and I stood behind her, as children will, peeking around to get a glimpse of this woman of the streets as she talked.

Looking back, I judge her to have been in her early forties. Then, she seemed to me to be on the brink of tottering old age and her straggling hair, her faded blue eyes and general unkempt appearance only served to add to my pity of her. She was begging, one grimy hand outstretched, the other picking nervously at her dirty skirt as she recounted all the unhappy occurrences which had befallen her.

"My husband, ma'am," she said to my mother, "was a painter and fell off a ladder. I have five little ones at home to feed. You have a young one there yourself, ma'am. You understand how it is, their mouths always open, always hungry."

I waited. Surely my mother would help her. But no! I could scarcely credit my ears with what my mother was saying.

"I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I can't help you." She closed the door as the woman turned and started down the steps.

"But Mother!" I cried. "She has little children! Didn't you hear her say they were hungry?"

My mother's face was very stern. "The woman has been drinking," she said. "Any money she got her hands on would carry her only as far as Whalen's saloon."

My mother's words carried conviction but still I could not get the unhappy picture of the woman out of my mind. Suddenly, it seemed I knew what I must do.

Out of my fifteen cents weekly spending allowance, I always managed to save at least five cents which went into a bank atop my dresser. At the moment, I was saving toward a pair of new roller skates. Rushing up stairs, I grabbed my bank and rared down again, out the back door and around the side of the house. Gaining the street, I paused, and frantically looked up and down.

Evidently the woman had gone into every house for when I finally saw her, she was just emerging from the house at the corner. I ran down the street and drew up beside her panting. She turned and looked at me curiously.

There was a hardness about her face which I had not noticed standing there behind my mother but it frightened me now that I was here alone with it. I wanted to turn and run away but I had a task to do and so I said, "My mother wouldn't give you any money because she thought you'd spend it at Whalen's saloon but I just know you wouldn't do that. Here's my bank." I thrust it into her hands. "There isn't much in it but maybe it will buy your children something to eat."

She held it in her grimy fingers and seemed too overcome to speak. I turned and hurried back to the house. As I started up the steps, I looked

back. She was still standing there holding the bank. Her face wore the same puzzled expression.

My mother was waiting for me. "Where have you been?"

"Oh, down the street."

"What were you doing?"

"Nothing."

"What did you go up stairs for?"

I knew there was no use evading further. I burst into tears and told her what I had done.

My mother sat down and drew me to her knee wiping the tears from my face on a corner of her apron.

"Charity," she said, "is a noble thing, if we really really help people. But what you have done is to help this weak woman down instead of up. If she has little children, which I doubt, their mother will return to them a little more drunk than she might otherwise have been. There are deservng people who need the money. Since you have spent it so foolishly, you will not receive your allowance for the next two weeks. These are lessons we must all learn."

I was stunned! I think at that moment my faith in God and human nature was at its lowest ebb.

It was then that a soft knock came at the door. My mother opened it. The woman of the street stood there, my bank in her hand.

"The little one," she said, "came running with it and gave it to me. I couldn't keep it, ma'am. I think we both understand why."

She laid my bank in my mother's hand and the next moment she was gone. But not the memory of her for she has played an important part in my first act of faith. She had restored my belief in the fundamental goodness of God and of people.

In the years since, I have found it is always there if we but have the faith within ourselves to reach and reveal it.

### Witnessing in the Shadow

THE small station hospital overseas was not supposed to take patients for major operations, but this was an emergency. The chaplain had a ruptured appendix. He was placed in the end of a ward behind a temporary partition. The first few days he was so weak the doctor only allowed visitors to stay about thirty seconds. When no doctor or nurse was around, one came and stayed longer than that.

The Lord sent a soldier who stood at the foot of the chaplain's bed and said, "Chaplain, I want to become a Christian." With what strength the chaplain had, he let the Lord use him to explain the plan of salvation. At his invitation, the soldier knelt at the foot of the bed and prayed out loud asking forgiveness. He accepted Jesus as Lord. From all appearances he was in earnest. It took longer than it takes to tell here, but the God who has power to save, had power to give this chaplain the strength he needed.

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COVER—From a handsome drawing sent to us from Japan by Miss Floryne Miller, we have chosen the Japanese translation of our Woman's Missionary Union watchword for our August cover.

## - Enlarge the Tent for China

by Finley Chu

CHINA is now in a period of transition. She is like a silkworm in a cocoon trying to break that cocoon which has bound her for many years. After she breaks it she will become a butterfly enjoying a bigger and better world. She will become a medium among the flowers and carry the pollen everywhere to make them more fruitful.

Yes, what we want in China now are peace, security, and democracy above anything else. But you cannot get all of these things at once; it might take fifty years or more to get them. What China wants to do right now is to get going in the right direction. China used to be a main actor in the future. Whether she becomes an arsenal of the Christian soldiers or a fortress of the devils will depend upon us.

What shall we do for her? Shall we blame her, wait and wait, until the "dust is settled"? No, we cannot wait, because China is going to go somewhere. While we are waiting, she may go in the wrong direction. The longer we wait, the farther she is going to turn away from us.

Shall we say, "You have too much of

confusion and turmoil, we will not help you and we can do just as well without you"? No, that is wrong. In the present situation it is really cheaper and better that we help this friend now. We have to bear in mind that she may be of very little help to us as a friend, but she will surely do us lots of harm when she goes in the wrong direction. Let's not argue "who did sin?" but get up to do something so that the "works of God should be made manifest in her."

China is in hunger now. The people are not only hungry in body but also in soul. When I was in Nanking, then the capital of China, I saw an old woman begging in front of a church. A Christian young lady was telling her about the gospel. She asked, "Will Jesus Christ feed me when I become a Christian?"

The young lady answered, "When you become a Christian, you will be saved and you will go to heaven instead of to hell when you die . . ."

The woman said, "Well, I don't think there is a place for such a poor woman like me. I need food to fill my stomach now more than I need to think about going to heaven." Then she went away. We Christian people like to say something like this, "We preach the gospel. We are concerned for the souls of the people more than the body . . ." Is that the full

meaning of the commandment of our Lord when he said to Peter, "Feed my sheep"? Did not our Lord feed the people's stomachs as well as their souls?

In my village, there was an old man who liked children. When I was a little boy, every night I went to his home with the other children to hear him tell interesting stories. Later on I left my village and went to the city to study in a missionary school. When I went back to his home to see him, he was sick and lying in his bed.

The first thing he said to me was, "Boy, times have changed now. The poor people can no longer live. . . ." Then he asked me, "When will the Communists come?"

I asked him, "Uncle, why do you want them to come?"

He said, "I have heard that I will have enough food to eat when they come here." This is the answer to many of your questions about China.

Our people are not only hungry for food but also for a modern education and thorough knowledge of the gospel. Any missionary will tell you that many boys and girls wanted to come to our Baptist missionary schools to study but we did not have room in which to keep them. Most of these boys and girls were not Christians. When they wanted to come to our schools, it meant that their hearts were already open for the gospel. When we refused to accept them, it meant that we closed the door for them to come into the kingdom of God. Let us enlarge our existing schools and build more new schools and receive them and win them to the Lord.

Here in this country, I see that the pastors, teachers, and other workers of the Vacation Bible schools and Sunday schools go out everywhere to hunt for pupils.

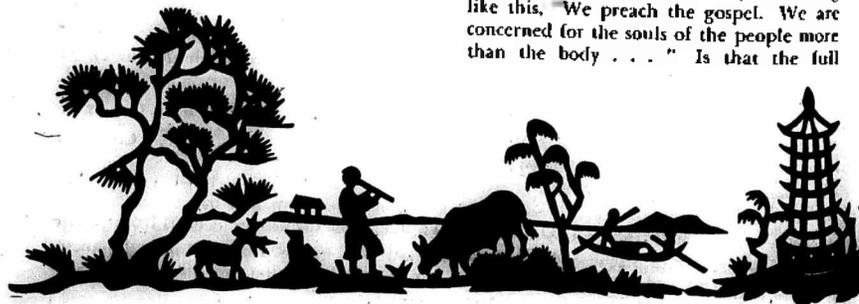


That is a strange thing to me. When I was in college in Western China, several times we students organized a Bible class and tried to get a missionary to teach us but we could not get one. When I was in Shanghai, I saw the same thing, though there are more missionaries there than anywhere else in China. In China, the pupils hunt for teachers not the teachers for the pupils.

Another time, I saw a Chinese preacher surrounded by a large crowd on a street corner. There were several little boys and girls on the outside of the great multitude who wanted to go see and hear the preacher. But they could not. They tried to jump high enough that they might see him. But they still could not see him. Then they organized into groups of four. Three of each group came together and formed a tripod. The fourth one got on their shoulders to see and hear the preacher. They did this in turn so that each one of them could hear him preach.

Recently I have heard several speakers say, "China is gone." No, China is not gone. She is still crying for help. She will not go away unless you kick her out. The present famine may take ten million lives and many others will have tremendous sufferings. What shall we do about this situation? Shall we sit complacently by and let China down? The Lord is speaking to us. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

Now is the time to do something in China for the honor and glory of the Master. You can do much by generosity and prayer. "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



## Have you clipped your COUPONS?

by Mrs. W. J. Cox

WHEN money is invested in stocks and bonds, banks or buildings the owner is intensely concerned with the investment. The daily paper is eagerly scanned for changes in the market. One can invest in a life which bears rich dividends and continually clip the coupons on her interest-bearing investments. Yet sometimes we forget to do that and coupons accumulate.

Perhaps you have some unclipped coupons on your investments if you have had a part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Offering or the Burney Gifts. If you have made such investments in the lives of the young people in the Margaret Fund you have some gilt-edged securities which bear rich yield. It is time you looked at your investment. You will find your current group numbers 123 gold bonds each bearing eternal interest. They come from every major country of the world and each one represents a blending of the cultures of at least two nations. These students who have attended more than fifty colleges and universities are young and eager, alert and intelligent. They are intensely interested in knowing you because you are a benefactor. Too, you are a part of America—the homeland—about which they have heard all their lives. Now they have come to this fabulous land. Their eyes are wide with wonder at the miracles on all sides. It is a drastic change to leave a deeply spiritual missionary home where the family tie is close and beautiful and be plunged into college life in America. Your friendly interest and outstretched hand

mean much to them. One student entering a large university wrote, "I like the college a lot but 23,000 students on one campus is a little overwhelming at times. I have joined the Baptist church close by." Automatically he had turned to the environment he had known—the things of which he had been assured.



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Mrs. Cox is our  
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Of the 123 students this year, forty-two are young women. This is a small percentage of girls for some reason. But very modern young women they are! Two are studying to be doctors—medical missionaries. One is in the medical department of the University of Chile, the other in the medical college of the University of Argentina. Two other young women are taking hospital training in addition to their college work. Four young women are in Southern Baptist training schools for women preparing for special work. Other students expect to specialize in church music, etc. One full blood Cherokee Indian is in Bacone College in Oklahoma. Lovely, dark-eyed Spanish and Mexican girls are training for special work with their parents on home mission fields.

The eighty-one young men in this group of 1950 students are studying to enter various fields. Some will be preachers, teachers, missionaries to almost every land. Some will be authors and writers for radio. A number are studying to enter diplomatic service. International relations is an appealing field for them. Others will be good plain citizens here and abroad.

Did you ever have the thrill of putting

money away and finding it long afterwards when it had been forgotten? Perhaps such a thrill of finding investment returns awaits you as you realize that 634 young people have received Margaret Fund scholarships through the gifts of Southern Baptist women, young women and children. Almost all of them had four years of college and still further preparation—either training in the seminaries, medicine or other fields. They are now scattered over the world. They serve in China, in Japan, in Brazil, in Argentina, in Chile, in Paraguay. One former student writes from Nigeria: "I wish you could see the little nursing home where I am working here in Ogbomosho. It's a lovely little place. The atmosphere created by a young couple out on contract from Tennessee makes nursing care as smooth as pie. My first patient has been an obstetrical patient, and a little new-born baby girl. It surely has been interesting to note the changes since I left Nigeria for school. Some things are the same but many are changed. The seminary, chapel, and some of the houses have certainly grown smaller

in these years (or so it seems) but what could one expect?"

Perhaps you have read the lovely books written by former Margaret Fund students, *Spun by an Angel* by Martha Cheavens or *Where the Sabia Sings* by Henriqueta Ginsburg Chamberlain. There are other writers who have had serial stories in well-known women's magazines. The lives of all these young people read like a romance. Some have opened new mission fields, others have practiced medicine on barren islands with no equipment. Some have been prisoners of war, others killed in action, yet in all these things they have been more than conquerors through Christ. Their achievements and their sacrifices have in a very real sense been yours because you have had a part in their lives, knew them by name and upheld them in daily prayer.

So don't let your coupons stay unclipped. Keep your investments in the Margaret Fund current. Immortality of service is found in having a part in their lives.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

by Otto Nallinger

*We are able to help some through our Baptist World Alliance Relief efforts*

MY secretary announced that a Rumanian refugee family would like to see me. That in itself was not an unusual request. Poles, Latvians, Rumanians, Czechs, Hungarians, and many others come to my office almost every day. They are people without homes, country, food and clothes. There is not much we can do for them. We set the machinery in motion which will eventually place them in a refugee camp. We give them a few clothes and a little food as an emergency measure. Through it we give them a little hope in the future and in a small way replace in them a little faith in mankind. But what the future holds in store for most of them, only God in Heaven knows.

Because of my acquaintance with their suffering, I did not hesitate to see this family. The motto of our office is that no stranger shall be turned away without a hearing and without our giving help, if we can humanly give it. It was a mere coincidence that this family happened to be of the Baptist faith. They had not known that I was the Baptist representative in Germany when they stumbled upon my office in their frantic search for help. But the fact that they were Baptists immediately brought me into close fellowship with them.

They were not a pretty picture. Badly clothed and undernourished, they filed into my office one by one. The father

and mother came first. He was dressed in ragged overalls with an old cap on his head and shoes which were miles too large for him. Soap had apparently not touched him for several weeks. He was haggard. His hands quivered from undernourishment and nervous exhaustion. The mother had on a dress which looked more like an old sack with holes cut in for arms and head. She had no stockings and an old dilapidated pair of house slippers served as shoes. In her arms she carried her youngest baby, one of two-months-old twins, wrapped in an old blanket. Six other children followed them into the office. The eldest, a boy of fourteen, had on an old pair of shoes, a torn shirt and pants which looked more like fancy quilt work from the many patches sewn on them. An old string held them in place. The other children were all girls with thin dresses and bare feet. They hadn't eaten for two days and during the last few

nights they had slept on the hard benches in the Stuttgart railroad station.

All the children were cold and hungry. One becomes hardened in my work. Misery and suffering does not have the emotional effect it does when one first comes into contact with it. But my heart went out to the family and for a moment I had to fight back the moisture that was gathering about my eyes which are accustomed to looking upon such scenes. It was not easy to look upon the two-months-old twins, one of which I was sure could not live many days unless immediate help was given.

These family members were displaced persons in the best sense of the word. For eight years they had been dragged or forced to flee from one country to another. In their forced wanderings they had lived in Rumania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Siberia, and Germany. In Siberia the father had been used as a horse by his mas-

ters. He was hitched to a wagon and whenever the wagon didn't move fast enough to please the driver, a whip would find its mark across the face and body of this man. As an answer to prayer they were delivered from this evil by being shipped to Czechoslovakia. New misery faced the family when the Communists took over this country. In order to escape further suffering, the father took his family and fled. They walked, and hitched rides on oxcarts and trucks. Sleeping out of doors during the nights and picking up a little food here and there, they made their way through Austria to Stuttgart, Germany.

Now that I was face to face with them, I knew that I had to help them, but how? We began burning up the telephone wires, seeking a temporary place of shelter for the family. We finally were able to locate them in the local Red Cross building until we would be able to find a permanent place for them. In the meantime my wife took the family to our relief room where she fitted out the entire family with clothes and gave them a CARE package.

My wife reports:

"You should have seen the glow in their faces as they received the clothes. New hope sprang up in their eyes where a few moments before only despair and hopelessness could be read. The little tots could only utter sounds of exaltation as I held dresses in front of them to see if they would fit."

The mother walked over to the table where we had placed a number of booklets of the gospels and the psalms. They are in the German language. She opened one of the booklets to the twenty-third Psalm and began to read:

"The Lord is my shepherd  
I shall not want . . ."

She read only a few lines. Laying the booklet aside, she directed her eyes toward heaven and repeated the rest of the psalm by heart with warm tears of gratefulness finding their way over worried cheeks. My wife tells me that she had heard the psalm repeated by noted readers and accomplished pastors but she had never and she never again expects to hear this psalm repeated with so much mean-

ing and with such great feeling as this mother uttered it.

Because of rain, my wife piled the whole family of nine and herself into our Baptist World Alliance Relief car. She took them to the local German Red Cross center for the night. Later we took them to what was to become their new home in Crailsheim, Germany.

Due to God's children and their willingness to share with others, we were able to send this family forth, into a cold and unsympathetic world, with new courage to face the future and with a renewed faith in God. We will probably never see this family again. The last we saw was as they were standing in front of the Red Cross building in Stuttgart, their faces wreathed in smiles, their hands waving to us as we drove away, and with a "God bless you" coming from quivering lips. That night when we retired, my wife said: "It feels good to lie down with a good conscience."

We both agreed that we will sleep better knowing that someone else also had a place to sleep.

May God bless all of you who are making such help possible.

### "It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive"

Rev. Manfredo Ronchi, Baptist representative in Italy, delivers a CARE package to an Italian woman as she works in the field. You, too, can give a CARE package or send your own. Either way, people will be blessed by your expression of Christian love. To order a CARE package see page 19. To send your own package of used but good clothes, sweaters, food, a soft toy, or cloth, ask your post office for regulations before you start packing.

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### Visual Aids For August

**HOME OF THE HOMELESS**—authentic film about lives of Displaced Persons in Europe, narrated by Henry Fonda and produced by the International Refugee Organization of the UN. 16 mm., 10 minutes, now available free from Southern Baptist Displaced Persons office, 2960 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans 15, La.; but transportation costs both ways must be paid by the user. Give first and second choices of dates when ordering.

**ANSWER FOR ANNE**—Anne works on a civics assignment by questioning fellow townsmen on what they think about taking in Displaced Persons.

Anne is disappointed in their selfish reaction and seeks the advice of her pastor. He shows an authentic film of life in a German DP camp and explains who the DPs are, what they need, and what should be done for them. 40 minutes; sound; rental, \$10. Order from your state Baptist Book Store.

*One of our own missionaries shows us the Arab situation in Lebanon*

## Are You on a Diet?

*by Mabel Summers*

ARE YOU on a diet? Nobody needs to ask this question of thousands of Arabs here in the Middle East who live and die, hungry and undernourished.

Lebanon, the size of one of our smaller states, with a population of more than one million two hundred thousands of people, produces an abundance of fruits and vegetables. Yet the diet of thousands of Lebanese is inadequate and unbalanced, due to the poor and unequalized economy and low standard of living of the country.

Do you remember how Jesus so often illustrated his teachings with parables and figures of speech about bread? Now, as in his day, bread is the staff of life here. Sad is the fact that thousands, yes, even millions, are still living by bread alone and without a knowledge of the Bread of Life.

Every day in Beirut, a city of 400,000 people, men and boys are seen standing or walking through the streets, selling bread from trays set on a frame or from boards carried on their heads. The Arabic loaf is round, about the size of an American dinner plate, its double crusts puffed out with air. All baking is done in public ovens for no home has an oven. Bread is carried to these ovens on large round mats or on long narrow boards balanced on the head. It is laid on a flat surface, inside the oven near the fire, and cooks very quickly.

People in the mountain villages make another type of bread. After kneading it into round balls, the woman or girl flattens it out on a board, places it on her right hand, and with a swinging motion

tosses the dough back and forth across her hands and wrists until it becomes a large, very thin and elastic piece of dough. This is laid on top of a cushion and swiftly turned off on top of a big, round concave piece of tin, placed on a circle of stones between which a wood or charcoal fire is built. By the time another loaf is prepared, the first one has become cooked.

For lunch, most vendors, porters, carpenters and similar workmen eat only bread and olives, or a loaf stuffed with bits of meat, onion and tomato or green vegetables. Only those Arabs greatly influenced by French, American or British customs eat with knives, forks and spoons. Food is dipped up between a small piece of bread and the whole thing eaten. Nor do many sit down at tables to eat.

One day we noticed a family eating lunch. On a wooden box outside the front door, the mother stacked a pile of Arab bread, some radishes, sausages in a skillet, a bowl of tomato salad and a huge wooden bowl of olives. The family sat on boxes or stood around. Each took a loaf of bread, broke off a small bit and began to dip up a bite of salad or some of the other food, putting it between the bread, and eating it.

Arabic loaves are used as tables, and even as napkins, for the Arab will not only lay other food on it but will wipe his mouth with the last piece of bread and then eat it. The poorer people eat much "bourghal," which is wheat, boiled, dried, cracked and combined with lentils. This dish is supposed to have been the pottage for which Esau sold his birthright to Jacob.

Arabic cooking utensils and kitchens amaze Americans who have so much equipment. Arab women cook on small pots of charcoal or on a primus or two. A primus is a kerosene-burning, pressure stove, about a foot tall and almost like one burner of the American kerosene stoves. Cooking is done in a few copper or aluminum pots.

In the majority of homes, the woman squats on the floor before these small burners and cooks, putting the food on the round mats beside her. Dishes are washed

in shallow pans of water, often not very clean or sanitary, and then turned out on mats to dry or piled on a mat or box in a dark and dingy corner. Of course, there is more cleanliness in the better homes.

Arabs are most hospitable and enjoy sitting and talking over small cups of strong coffee. A visitor is never supposed to leave an Arab home until he is served a small cup of the strong sweet coffee. The Bedouin drink bitter coffee.



Hays-Monkmeier

*Beside the 20 children who live at our George W. Truett Home in Nazareth, 500 children and some nursing mothers receive thick hot soup and bread. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund distributes rations daily to 1,050 refugee children there.*

Life for thousands of poor Arabs is a survival of the fittest. Among the poorer class, woman's existence is that of a bearer of many children and as a servant who does all the work, carrying water, wood, etc., on her head and shoulders. The majority of the children in these homes grow up without medical and dental care and with little or no education. Simplest rules of hygiene are unknown among many. Christian doctors, nurses and hospitals, as well as traveling medical units, are desperately needed in strategic areas in Trans-Jordan, especially.

Everyday on the streets of Beirut, one sees crippled, blind, poor, begging people, exactly like the description of those who moved Jesus with compassion.

Since the war, the already poor economy of Lebanon has been burdened with the presence of several thousands of refugees. Many of these stay in tents, in caves, in hovels, under trees—anywhere even a partial shelter can be found. On the streets, one is beset by many boys and men, selling small articles of various sorts, even trying to force the sale of them, so desperate are many for a means of living.

Pray that the millions of Arabs may come to drink at the Fount of Life and partake of the Bread of Life, their only source of complete satisfaction.

## EARLY CHRISTMAS PLANNING



*Over in Japan our Good Will Center—Tobata Baptist Rinkosha it is there—wants to plan for Christmas. Miss Elizabeth Watkins, director, writes "We could use quantities of warm clothes and lots of food. I want scores of bottles of vitamin tablets. I want to put color into pale faces and strength into weakened bodies (beriberi and TB). We have opened Baptist Korean work in the city and a new Sunday school down beyond the river for Japanese and Koreans who*

*are very poor so we shall need many more Christmas presents. Mothers need children's coats. It is all the average Japanese can do to buy food so that does not leave him anything for clothes."*

*You can help by sending packages. They should be started by October 1. Ask your post office about regulations before packing. Address Tobata Baptist Rinkosha, Meyi Machi, 2 Chome, Tobata, Japan.*

## It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER sponsored by the Protestant churches of the United States will be launched next fall, under the direction of Robert W. Searle, now executive secretary of the Greater New York council of churches. The chief editorial writer of the old *New York Sun* will be managing editor. The weekly, to be entitled *Protestant World*, will be tabloid size with about a fifth of its space given to pictures.

THE FOREIGN BOARD of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., will celebrate the 115th anniversary of the beginning of evangelical work in Chile in 1960 by turning its missionary activities over entirely to Chileans. The plan is to sell the Instituto Ingles, a mission school, and invest the funds in the distinctly evangelistic efforts of the national Presbyterian church.

THE BUDDHISTS of Hawaii have become increasingly active since the war. A rally was staged Easter Sunday to celebrate the birthday of Buddha. The crowd was estimated at 2,500. More than 5,000 attended the Christian sunrise service the same day at Punchbowl crater, a national memorial cemetery. Hawaii confidently expects to become one of the United States of America.

AMERICAN METHODISTS in co-operation with other Christian groups at work in Alaska expect to open a Christian college in that territory of the U.S.A. It will require \$2,000,000.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS have missionaries on duty in 228 of the 282 political or geographical areas listed in the *World Almanac*. They teach in 705 different languages and dialects. In 1949 they sent out a total of 354 missionaries, 239 of them new workers.

THE AMERICAN Mother of the Year is Mrs. Elizabeth Bender Cloud, daughter of a Chippewa Indian mother and a German homesteader—the first half-Indian mother to be so honored. She is Presbyterian and the widow of a Winnebago Indian pastor.

BOLIVIA, where Canadian Baptists have a strong mission, has outlawed the Communist party and all its activities and subsidiary organizations.

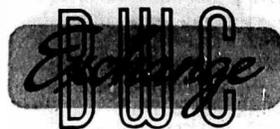
KOREANS are no longer compelled to bow in salute of the national flag. This regulation was resented by the Christians, who felt that it was too closely akin to worship.

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION has taken over the operation of a hospital in the international zone on the Mount of Olives in Palestine. Until May 1 it was under the control of the League of Red Cross Societies, operated with United Nations funds.

ARMY SURPLUS intercommunication short-wave sets have been put to work in the Belgian Congo by the Northern Baptist Missions of Kikongo, Vanga, and Moanza. Mail between these stations often takes weeks for delivery; now missionaries can talk with each other for fifteen minutes at a time.

PACIFISTS from eleven denominations and fifteen groups met in Detroit in May for their first large postwar conference. They called on all Christians and all churches to renounce war and seek reconciliation. Prominent among the 300 delegates were many Mennonites, Brethren, and Quakers.

AT THE END of four years, shipments by the Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operation in Germany (CRALOG) reached a total of 143,182,016 pounds. During the first six weeks of 1950 the quantity of goods received indicated that the total for this year will not be less than 1949. Church World Service, one of the sixteen agencies, shipped 24 per cent of the total in 1949.



## Kentucky

The Elkham Federation of BWCs has added four new circles to its membership since January. Kentucky BWCers know how to organize and get things going. At the Walnut Street Church there were two BWCs, one had 78 members and the other had ten. To build up the smaller group, the suggestion was made that volunteers from those under 35 years of age join the smaller group. Ten members responded and a new circle was made stronger. The Kentucky theme is "Divide to Multiply."

## Oklahoma

Dr. Roberta Cox Edwards, doctor in charge of the clinic at Joinkrama, Nigeria, Mrs. Homer L. Grimmett, missionary among the Indians, and Miss Nicy Murphy, who visited Hawaiian work of Southern Baptists, and Mrs. Dan M. Reed, president of Oklahoma W.M.U., were featured on the program of the Oklahoma

state BWC meeting this year.

A total of 139 business women and advisers representing 41 circles attended the two-day session.

## North Carolina

Amid the atmosphere of flying flags representing the nations of the world, the North Carolina Business Woman's Circles organized into a state federation at their third annual meeting.



Mrs. Simmons

third annual meeting.

Mrs. Virginia G. Simmons, Charlotte, was elected state chairman. Mrs. Simmons spoke briefly and urged each business woman to support the Federation and

broaden her Christian endeavor through world missions. Miniature flags of the nations, in keeping with a background display of large flags, marked the places at the tables.

## Your Circle Program

### "How Christian Can I Afford to Be?"

The August topic for your circle meeting is a challenge to highest Christian living. Begin your meeting with the prayerful chorus, "Fall Fresh On Me." Other hymns which may be used include "Jesus Calls Us," "Christ for the World We Sing," "Rescue the Perishing."

Scripture reading is Acts 10:1-16. The topic question is especially slanted toward our attitudes and feelings about those of other races. Much helpful material can be found in our

missionary magazines for this month. *World Comrades* presents this month a feature, "There Were Two Cowboys."

"When You Are a Tourist in Mexico," in *The Window of YWA*, is packed with information.

*Southern Baptist Home Missions* offers an article on the same topic, "How Christian Can I Afford To Be?" In *Ambassador Life*, read "Out West in Mato Grosso."

Plan some new witnessing project.

# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## Community Missions Chairmen . . .

You will notice that your missionary program for August is concerned with the physical and spiritual hunger in today's world. Every community has within it those who feel such hunger, and it is our responsibility as Christians to satisfy that hunger. You can capitalize on the interest aroused by the program to present your plans for community missions activities.

If you do not already do so, now is a good time to begin including in every month's assignments the visiting of the lost and unchurched. The church office through its records can supply you with names. Members will be able to add other names. Assignments are made in different ways. Two or three names may be given to each circle for its members to visit. Names may be assigned to specific individuals to be visited at their convenience. Or you may set one day for visitation and ask all who will visit to meet at the church, and make the assignments at that time.

As the occasion arises in the community, ministering to the physically needy is a part of every society's community missions program. But meeting physical needs is not enough. Lead the women who minister to these families in need to follow through until the spiritual needs are also met.

In one community a home burned. Everything was lost. The women secured clothes, bedding, and food for the family of five. When they delivered these gifts, including a Bible, they learned that neither the father nor the mother was a Christian. After much prayer, reading of the Bible, and witnessing, the women won both to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

In another community, the women discovered a family where the father was in jail and the wife and children in need. Each month the W.M.S. members brought them food and clothing as needed. They did not stop there, but invited the mother to the W.M.S. meeting. She came, heard

the plan of salvation, began to attend the church services, and accepted Christ as her Saviour. Satisfying physical hunger often opens the way to introduce the Master who can satisfy spiritual hunger.

August is the time for picnics. Have picnics for others, rather than for your own members and their families. Particularly in our towns and cities there are groups who need to know the joys of Christian fellowship. There are children and adults in institutions who need to feel that someone cares. And in our rural communities there are young people and adults who have never known any real Christian fun and fellowship. Many members can be used in taking care of the invitations, transportation, food, games and entertainment, and closing devotional moments. At such a picnic, the members should get acquainted with as many people as possible. By showing a sincere interest in each person, they open the way for Christian witnessing. Follow-through visits should be made to all who attend. Expressing Christian fellowship can break down barriers and soften hearts. It can open the way for Christ to become Lord and Master of many lives.

—Edith Stokely

## Stewardship Chairmen . . .

Three words were seen tacked around everywhere in the Chicago Coliseum when the Southern Baptist Convention was there. They were "TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION." On the walls, on posts, on packets of literature—everywhere were the words, "TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION." Dr. Merrill Moore, director of promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, wanted all to know about a plan for enlisting new tithers which he is promoting this year. As the three words imply, our churches are asked to have definite visitation campaigns, to enlist new

tithers. For this work splendid literature has been prepared including a very beautiful and impressive "Turnover Chart," (price, 95c). This literature is on sale in the Baptist Book Stores. It is hoped that many churches will take part in this effort and that the results will be thousands of new tithers enlisted.

While this is to be an activity of the whole church, the stewardship chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union in each church will be interested and will co-operate in promoting it. Even where churches are not entering into the plan of this campaign, the three words, "TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION," suggest wonderful possibilities for the W.M.U. stewardship committee.

We have learned the value of personal work in winning souls to Christ. We believe that such work will be equally effective in winning tithers. Of course, only those who are already tithers can win others to become tithers. Why not call all of the tithers of your society together and lay on their hearts the possibility and responsibility of winning other tithers? Pray earnestly about it. Make definite plans for visitation and other contacts. Urge the use of Scripture passages, personal testimonies, and stewardship leaflets. See that those engaging in this work have \*Stewardship Covenant Cards ready, that new tithers may be led to make definite commitments. Adopt a new slogan, "EVERY TITHER WIN A TITHER" and see what your society can do in stewardship enlistment.

\*Inv. from state headquarters.

## Mission Study Chairmen . . .

Did you know that our wonderful U.S.A. has the lowest proportion of book readers to our total population? The poll was conducted by George Gallup among several nations. England is highest, then Norway, Canada, Australia and Sweden.

What has this to do with mission study? The more you encourage women to study and read a book, the more you lift our proportionate reading rating. That isn't the high motive of mission study but it can be a good by-product. Study for the sake of advancing Christ's kingdom, of course.

When have you had a stewardship study? Hot summer days will be cooler if you have a delightful discussion of a fine stewardship text. Select a different teacher for each chapter so no one person gets too hot with the effort. Encourage reading before the class periods so all can talk over these important principles. Secure stewardship and tithing tracts and literature on Cooperative Program from your state headquarters.

Texts? There are splendid ones listed in your 1950 *W.M.U. Year Book*. Just open it to page 58. See them? Lower left side.

If you have recently won one hundred per cent of your membership as tithers following a stewardship course, study, "Manual of Woman's Missionary Union." It will lift you over any summer slump to be stirred by all the things you should and could be doing as presented there. Afraid to study it? Of course, you want to know how to do better for the Lord in missionary education. You want to read and study about his kingdom.

**NEW PRICES** Yes, we had to go up a little on prices. Here are the new ones. Use these when ordering now. Thank you!

<b>W.M.U. Pins:</b>	
Large 10K Gold Pin . . . . .	\$8.25
Large Gold Filled Pin . . . . .	3.25
Small 14K Pin . . . . .	5.25
Small 10K Pin . . . . .	4.25
Small Gold Filled Pin . . . . .	1.75
V. W. A. Small Gummed Seal: 40c for 100	

**Pennants:** The wool pennants with sewed-on felt letters giving organization name now sell for \$5 each.

Pin for Ambassador Extraordinary: \$1.95  
Key Guard, Ambassador Plenipotentiary: \$1

Orders for these two high ranking R. A. emblems must be accompanied by a statement of merit from state R.A. leader.

Order priced supplies from  
**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**  
1111 Comer Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama

# Why, Mommy?

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

## ONE DAY

Daddy finished reading from Proverbs, "Trust in the Lord . . . and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths." He put the Bible beside his plate. Before mother could begin a prayer the three-year-old son at the breakfast table closed his eyes tightly and began in a loud voice, "Ouah favah, we scrank you foah the food, an' lovin' cauh, and Sunday school, and Jesus in ouah hearts, and Jesus in heaven, and we scrank you foah Mollie's white wabbit and . . . mmm . . . mmm . . . and foah ALL dose odah things. Jesus name! Amen!"

Another day had begun for the family. The shade under the maple tree in the front yard would soon be filled with the three children. The year old baby daughter would be in her play pen, and other small fry with a dog or two and a pet rabbit would surely be coming to play. Shall mother follow the little ones until the last amen at bedtime, and try to get some housework done on the side? Perhaps we ought to sit down for another cup of strong black coffee before we start out.

"Mother! The baby's eating Mollie's rabbit and pullin' his ears off!" Out the door and to the rescue of the suffering animal in the play pen! Teeth need to be cut but not at the expense of the bedraggled pet. In place of the live rabbit we offer a small stuffed one which daughter will not notice. Instead she reaches for a nice stick to eat. Oh well, it looks pretty clean. Didn't the pediatrician say that children seem to thrive on a certain amount of dirt?

All is quiet again. The housework is coming along fairly well, considering the trips to the window to check on the playground, time out to get drinks for everybody, and to point the way to the bathroom occasionally.

Oh no, false security. What are those yells? The two smaller boys have put some caterpillars in with the baby and she is loudly resenting interference from the older children. That is not all. She has pulled out the teddy bear's left eye and is chewing on it. This is tragic since the toy is the loved possession of the three-year-old. Now comes the inevitable tug to get the bear, the cries from little sister, and "Muvver, look what Paula did! Teddy bear can't look now."

Mother straightens the abused eye stem, pokes it back in place to restore teddy's vision and all is serene. So with the noon hour near, now is the time to wash dirty hands and faces, serve a picnic lunch under the tree, feed the youngest member of the troupe and get her and the younger boy to bed for naps. For some reason mother is slightly weary and feels somewhat like the "chewed-on" rabbit looked. Now she can rest a little and catch up on her reading or correspondence, she hopes.

But somehow the afternoon is filled with more activity than the morning. Disputes to settle, tempers to calm, and accidents to repair with band aid and Mercurochrome.

By evening after baths and supper the two older children were ready for quiet time and then bed. As usual they wanted several stories and songs together. There were questions to answer as mother and the boys talked. "Muvver, where did we get baby Paula?" the smaller boy asked.

"God gave her to us, son."

"Oh boy, I sing it!" was his response.

While there was a spirit of thanksgiving in the air the boys were tucked in. With the last goodnight mother reflected upon the truth of the passage read at the breakfast table hours ago, "Trust in the Lord . . . acknowledge him . . . he will direct thy paths."

## For the Sand Pile Set

Summertime is playstore time for the little ones. They will be delighted with small empty cartons and cans. These can be labelled as to the contents and placed in order on orange crate counters. Such things as pebbles and sticks make good play candy for the "storekeeper." For

# Our Young People

It is Time BY MARGARET BRUCE

"Do you have the time?" or "What time is it?" are among the most frequent questions asked. It is August and that means it is time for Sunbeam Focus Week, August 6-12.

The August number of *World Comrades* gives suggestions for observing this special week. Your missionary society will want to co-operate with your Sunbeam Band leader and help her in making the week mean much to your church and to the children.

It is time for you to help with preparation for the Sunday morning worship service. Perhaps you will help with the flower arrangements. Yellow and white flowers would make the place of worship more beautiful and would remind people of Sunbeams. You may be needed to write or call or visit the parents of some children so that they will bring the Sunbeams to the worship service.

It is time for you to stress the reading of *World Comrades* and to have a subscription campaign. Regular missionary meetings for Sunbeam Bands require much planning, then effort to carry out the plans. Many leaders need help with the music, the handbook and other phases of the activities.

It is time for you to visit parents and to explain our missionary education plans. Surely there are many children in your church who are not enlisted in the Sunbeam Band, the Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter or Young Woman's Auxiliary. You can help enlist young peo-

ple money they can use cardboard to make the change and color paper green to make bills. The wagon or tricycle makes a good delivery truck. The store idea can be developed into a whole community idea with homes, other businesses, garages, etc. Such play is constructive as well as time-consuming.

ple in these organizations and give them a vision of the world and its need for the gospel.

It is time to teach children to tithe and to be good stewards of their possessions. The "Stewardship Stories for 1950" and activities suggested for Sunbeams are excellent. You could help your Sunbeam leader use these materials.

It is time for Sunbeams to study mission study books. August picnics make mission study more attractive. You could help Sunbeams and their leaders with the study of missions by playing the piano, leading the singing, preparing handwork, gathering pictures and curios, fixing costumes, etc.

It is time for you and your Sunbeams to enjoy Community Missions activities. Ask your W.M.U. Community Missions Chairman what you can help the Sunbeam Band leader and children do to make Christ known in their homes and communities.

It is time for the Sunbeam summer Christmas tree. Read *World Comrades* for suggestions and help the children share with the Indians in our own land and with the children of Japan.

Last Christmas a missionary in Africa received a box of hard candy from her church in America. There were not enough pieces to go around. She melted the candy into a syrup and asked all her Africans to come to her home, each bringing a big green leaf. As they filed past her she poured a few drops of the sweet syrup onto the leaf.

Months later, in the hut of an old man, she noticed a jar with an old brown leaf in it. When she asked him what it was, she was astonished at the beauty of his answer, "It is the Christmas leaf! And every month, at the full of the moon, I take it out and lick it, remembering how very sweet Christmas tasted to me then!"

The only bit of beauty which a certain little girl in Germany has is the pink ribbon which came in a Christmas package from Sunbeams in America. Your summer Christmas tree can surely be a blessing.

It is time for you to help your Sunbeams make their Focus Week glow for Christ—August 6-12.

# Letter-ettes

We thought you would like to see the program of the Nigeria W.M.U. annual meeting this centennial year. It is surprising like an associational, district, state or southern W.M.U. program, isn't it? You will gain some good ideas from it. Notice "Teaching new song" and watchword item, that would be good anywhere, wouldn't it?

## Nigerian W.M.U. Convention

Abeokuta, August 14-15, 1950  
Theme: Forward With Christ—He Lives

- Monday morning, August 14**
- 9:00 Meditation music  
Opening hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers," Yoruba hymnal, No. 346  
Devotion—"Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth"—Psalm 96:10a  
Mrs. J. A. Ajani
- Greetings—Mrs. Awero Lawoyin  
Response—Mrs. I. N. Batubo  
Appointment of committees:
- (1) Obituary—Mrs. Shentan, Mrs. Aiki, Mrs. Ominiyi and Mrs. Dina
  - (2) Appreciation—Mrs. Oguniyi, Mrs. Falusi, Mrs. Adegbite and Mrs. Tade
  - (3) New officers
- Teaching new song—"Christ for the World We Sing"  
Teaching new watchword—Luke 1:79, Mrs. Eyiusemitan
- Treasurer's report—Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield  
10:00 Report of business meeting—Presenting plans for 1951, Mrs. J. M. Ayarinde  
Business arising from report  
Choruses
- 11:00 Superintendents report of Centennial goals attained
- 12:00 Closing hymn—"Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices," Yoruba hymnal, No. 137  
Closing prayer—Mrs. Okunade

- Monday afternoon**
- 3:00 Chorus—"Jesus Loves the Little Children"  
Devotion—Mrs. Farinde  
Nigerian Baptist Convention presents her prize babies to Health.  
Presentation of Motherless Children  
1. Present babies (program by smallest able to sing)

2. As they grow—words from:
  - a. School child still in the Kersey Baby Home
  - b. School child now returned to father
  - c. One now grown and teaching
  - d. One now married and showing her own child

Hymn  
Special prayer for children of the convention

5:00 Benediction—Mrs. Fatunla

**Tuesday morning, August 15, 1950**

Young People's Program

Theme: He Lives in Our Young People

9:00 Meditation music

Opening Hymn

Devotion—"Christ liveth in me"—Hannah Orukari

Prayer—by G.A. from Elam Memorial School, Shaki

Reading and adoption of minutes

Program by Ijaiye Sunbeams

Special music by Yaba Girls' School

G.A. Camp report—by a G.A. who attended "He Lives"—playlet by Idi-Aba G.As.

Announcements

Hymn

12:00 Special prayer that God will help Nigerian young people let him live in them—by Mrs. Ebo (Ibadan-Iwo associational young people's leader).

**Tuesday afternoon**

Business session

5:00 Meditation music

Devotion—"Our Aims and Hopes for the Coming Century"—Phil. 3:14

Mrs. C. A. Adekannbi

Hymn—"We're Marching to Zion"

Reading and adoption of minutes

Reports of committees

(1) Obituary—Mrs. Shentan

(2) Appreciation—Mrs. Oguniyi

(3) Report blanks—Mrs. Adedeji

Presentation of awards—Mrs. George Green  
Closing hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Benediction—Mrs. Hannah Williams

**Tuesday night**

Theme: Forward with Christ

7:00 Meditation music

Opening hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Devotion—"Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward"—Exodus 14:15  
—Mrs. Segi Idowu

Special music—African Choir

Playlet

Presentation of Reading Campaign Awards—Miss Young

Special music—Missionary Ladies' Choir

Message—Mrs. George Sadler

Benediction—Rev. Agbolola

# Is this your question?

Our program chairman was sick one month and we didn't have any program. Can we make that up and be A-1?

Notice what your standard of excellence says: At least twelve regular meetings of the society (not circles) during the year, one each month. . . . When a month goes by without a missionary meeting, it is gone. You can't move June into July or August, can you?

If there is an epidemic which makes it necessary for the Board of Health to cancel all public meetings, take the matter up with your state headquarters right away as an exception to the rule.

We have great difficulty in keeping accurate records of the membership of our society. Many women join circles, but never attend the meetings of the society. How may we overcome this difficulty?

Any woman who belongs to a circle should certainly be a member of the missionary society. Why not join the missionary society first, and then be as-

signed to a circle? Membership in a circle is impossible without membership in the society.

How can we keep our programs within one hour?  
Carefully plan songs, devotional period and talks. Let each one who has any part on the program know exactly how much time she has. Cultivate honor or good sportsmanship so that each speaker does not take what belongs to another—even time!

"I have just moved to your state from . . . . . We didn't carry out the work there as you do it here. How can I learn the way it is done in this state?"

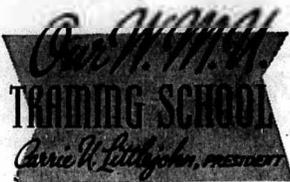
Actually the work of the W.M.U. in every state is basically the same: same aims, same ideals, same purposes. These are clearly set forth in the W.M.U. Year Book. But as even different churches and different Sunday schools use different methods, so states and even societies differ. Secure a copy of the handbook of the state you have entered. Learn the plans of your new state and society and cooperate heartily with them.

# CARE

One way of helping our friends overseas is to send a box through CARE. Different priced packages may be sent through CARE by way of the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Send as many packages as possible. See page 8 for other suggestions about how you, too, may help to care for the needs of hungering persons throughout the world.



CARE



### Training School Alumnae in Africa

As we celebrate the centennial of our mission work in Nigeria, we are grateful for all that our former students have done there for the Lord. Forty-three alumnae are active missionaries in Africa today, thirty-seven under our Foreign Mission Board and six under other Boards. Six others whose service there was ended by death or ill health bring the total to forty-nine.

The first of our alumnae to be appointed to Nigeria was Olive Edens of Tennessee in 1915. After fifteen years of selfless service to her beloved black people she was called to her eternal home.

The most recent recruits were appointed in May, Mary Frances Page of North Carolina and Mary Virginia Hill of West Virginia. These new missionaries will be valuable additions to the medical staff, Miss Page as a nurse and Miss Hill as a laboratory technician.

In 1920 shortly after the first world war, five outstanding Training School graduates began their work in Nigeria. Susan Anderson of Georgia went to the Girls' School at Abeokuta; Mrs. W. H. Carson of Alabama became principal of our school at Ogbomosho; May Perry of Georgia began her work as principal of the Girls' School at Abeokuta; Neale Young of South Carolina started her W.M.U. activities. Ruth Kersey of Virginia was appointed in 1920 but did not begin her work until the following year. She has made a notable contribution as a medical missionary in the Ogbomosho hospital and founder of the Home for Motherless Children.

Three years elapsed before another of our alumnae was appointed. In 1925 Mrs. I. N. Patterson of South Carolina began work in the Boys' School at Abeokuta where her husband was principal.

There followed more lean years when few missionaries were appointed because

of debt. Eva Sanders of Virginia has been doing medical-evangelistic work since 1931. Ruth Walden of Virginia was appointed in 1934 for educational work. Mrs. L. R. Brothers of Georgia was appointed in 1936 to serve with her husband in the Baptist college at Iwo. Since 1938 Ethel Harmon of Kentucky has been doing Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work. Vivian Nowell of North Carolina has been an evangelistic worker.

In spite of war and rumors of war two of our graduates were sent to Nigeria in 1941: Mrs. M. E. Brantley of Florida for educational work at Port Harcourt and Margaret Marchman of Georgia for educational work. In 1943 Ada Jackson of Kentucky went to Shaki for educational work. In 1944 Dr. Margaret Sampson Richardson of South Carolina was appointed for medical work at Shaki and Annie Rines of Tennessee for the clinic at Iwo.

In 1945 Mrs. J. S. McGee of North Carolina began her work with her husband in the Baptist College at Iwo. In 1946 four recruits were sent out: Mildred Crabtree of Texas to the new Girls' School at Agbor; Mrs. W. L. Jester of Kentucky to the Baptist Hospital at Ogbomosho; Martha Tanner of Georgia to Abeokuta for office work; Mary-Ellen Wooten of Kentucky to the Woman's College at Abeokuta.

In 1947 our largest group for one year was appointed. Mrs. A. G. Dumaway of Tennessee to medical work at Shaki; Cora Ney Hardy of Kentucky to the Girls' School at Lagos; Mrs. C. W. Knight of Florida to evangelistic work at Kaduna; Hazel Moon of Virginia to medical work at Iwo; Mrs. C. F. Whirley of Alabama to educational work at Oyo; Mary Ellen Yancey of Alabama to the Girls' School at Agbor.

In 1948 another large group was appointed: Mary Catherine Adams of Florida, Jean Bach of Kentucky, Ethel Guest of South Carolina, Mrs. J. E. Humphrey of North Carolina, and Bonnie Moore of Georgia for educational work. In 1949 Stella Austin of North Carolina, Mrs. W. C. Gavenater of Florida and Mrs. P. H. Hill of Florida were added to this list.

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 Massey Hill  
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 Mt. Vernon  
 New Bethel  
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 Olive Grove  
 Pine Level  
 Powelville  
 Raleigh, Forest Hills  
 Red Hill  
 Reedy Creek  
 Robersonville  
 Salem  
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 White Oak  
 Woodland  
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# Devotional Thoughts

## Graven on the Hand of God

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Have Bibles ready with the following Scripture passages marked to be read as called for: Isaiah 49:14; Isaiah 49:15-16; Isaiah 48:10; Isaiah 49:8-13, 17-19.

Quartet: "I Will Not Forget Thee" (Broadman hymnal, No. 438)

Israel was in the midst of the long years of her captivity in Babylon. Her sufferings were intense. She had been humiliated and had suffered the tearing grief of separation from home and of the death of many loved ones. She had felt the brutality of some of her captors.

God had promised to come to the rescue of his people, especially those who had faith in him and were striving to live righteously and keep his statutes. But the years passed and the promise was not fulfilled. The suffering continued and even the faithful began to doubt.

Read Isaiah 49:14.

Read Isaiah 49:15-16.

Long continued suffering is sometimes spiritually as well as physically fatiguing. Even the Christ, in the intensity of his agony, cried out, "My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me!" Yet it was for that very suffering that he came into the world. Even so with the Israelites of Isaiah's day.

Read Isaiah 48:10.

God chose those particular people for the very suffering they were enduring! He created them for the faithfulness they could show in the midst of hunger and thirst, of cold and heat, and the indignities of slavery! But he had not forgotten nor forsaken them.

Read Isaiah 49:8-13, 17-19.

There have been godly people of all ages, chosen in the midst of ungodliness, to serve the Almighty God by a ministry of great suffering. They may be comforted in the assurance that "graven upon the palms of his hands," they are continually in his heart. They are an important part in the "ultimate plan of the eternal God."

It is also in the plan of God that their sufferings be relieved.

To the deeply-tested Simon Peter, whose love the Christ wanted to probe to its depths, the Master said simply, "Feed my sheep."

To the disciples, confronted by a sea of hungry people, Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat."

The hunger of the world was and is two-fold—heart hunger and physical hunger. Christ cares about the satisfaction of both. In order to fulfill his love for all his suffering ones they must be graven upon the palms of our hands. Their needs must be written upon the tablets of our hearts. Then we will make known by what we do for them, the eternal compassion and concern of a loving, providing God.

Quartet: "Be Still, My Soul" (Broadman, No. 479)

## Thinking About Food

Most people think a lot about food—some because they have too much, some because they have too little, some because their minds do not stretch far beyond "three meals a day and a snack." Nobody could have food were it not for the productive soil, the sun and rain, the toil of those who work with "Mother Earth."

Southern Baptists are a rural people. As we think about this month's topic, let city people be grateful for rural friends who feed us. Let rural people be glad for their life-sustaining service. "This Land of Ours" is a new Public Affairs pamphlet, price 30c (order from Baptist Book Store), which shows the importance of our good rich soil. Read it and show its pictures in your society and auxiliary meetings.

Rural churches will find other especially helpful bulletins from the Rural Church Department, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. Bulletins available include "The Home of the Rural Pastor," price 40c; "The Church and the Land," price 25c; "One Foot on the Land," price 50c; "A Hundred Games for Rural Communities," price 50c; "Men Working," price 50c. Our study book, "Bured-Living," is on rural life.

# Are You On A Diet? Planned by Sibyl Brame Townsend

## Program Plans

Tinkling tea glasses and dainty sandwiches served in a cool room at the church or at some home will make good background for your program.

Attractive invitations or posters are ready made in the colored pictures of foods in many magazines. Cut out and paste on poster or postcard, print: *Hungry? Know anybody who is? Introductions at W.M.S. meeting.* Add time, day and place.

You will readily think of ways to present your program this time.

1. You might use the umbrella stunt. In "Are You Reducing?" and "Diagnosis," an opened umbrella could be used with a sheet draped around to hide the person holding it. She speaks for the overfed people. Another "thin" umbrella could be held just slightly open, with the sheet draped to hide the person who speaks for the starving. Have three of these thin people, one for Germany, one for Italy, and one for Japan. Use blackboard or have actual foods to show the ration for a month in the Russian zone.

2. For "Are You Suffering from 'Acidosis?'" why not have one person ready to represent Dr. Franks and reply to the four questions? If you serve refreshments before the program let these questions be passed with them. Or hand them to four women who will read them at the proper time.

3. In presenting "Are You Anemic?" ask someone to take part who will be interested in the DP question. If she could stir your society to start your church into receiving a DP family, think how wonderful that would be! Let her write Mr. Gage for literature in preparation for her talk, and read other material also.

4. Have a nurse in white uniform to begin this diagnosis. Three women will speak for our regional secretaries using maps to point out the sections mentioned. Then the nurse can ask the "What About Your Heart?" question.

The president or program chairman an-

nounces the hymn and leads the closing prayer after discussing plans for your society to help in the needs presented.

You can send money to the Baptist World Alliance for CARE packages, see page 19. You can send individual packages to Japan or Europe, see page 8. You can bring to this country a DP person or family. You can send the gospel. You can live the gospel. You can pray.

## Program Outline

Hymn "Lift Him Up"

Devotion "Graven on the Hand of God," page 23

Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

### STYLISH DIETING

#### ARE YOU REDUCING?

1. B.W.A. Relief
2. Needs in Italy
3. Blessed Boxes in Japan

#### DIAGNOSIS

Duet "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart"

#### ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM "ACIDOSIS"?

Four questions and answers

#### ARE YOU ANEMIC?

Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

#### ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM A HEART DISEASE?

1. Dr. George W. Sadler
2. Dr. Everett Gill, Jr.
3. Dr. Baker James Cauthen

#### WHAT ABOUT YOUR HEART?

Hymn "To the Work, To the Work"

# Your Program

## Stylish dieting

Are you afraid of your bathroom scales? So many "reducing diets" are popular that we think at least some members of W.M.U. have tried dieting.

Diet in our grandmother's day may

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have been only leaving off something during a brief period of dyspepsia—but today it often means real effort. When women all over our country do without sugar and cream or bread and butter for the sake of a smaller waistline, a call for real denial with a higher motive is not out of place. It is not the figures "145 lb." on a scale bar before which we stand judged, but the words of Christ in Matthew 25:42—"I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat." It is not the mere matter of a waistline, but a lifetime—temporal and eternal—is at stake.

Suppose we seriously undertake to diagnose some cases, then in the days ahead follow carefully the "diets" prescribed by the experts consulted.

## Are you reducing?

The most common diet and the first one we shall consider is the diet for "obesity"—the presence of excessive fatty tissue in the body.

Back in 1943 most of us in America thought the diet was pretty slim with sugar and meat rationed and butter and fats so scarce. But when some of us heard Dr. Rankin describe the "starvation diet" of a Japanese internment camp, we began to realize how fortunate we were. He told of how some people schemed and worked to get an extra portion of the weak gruel made of discarded lettuce leaves stewed with scraps of meat and poured over wormy rice. Then he said, "I never sit down before a table of good American food without very sincerely thanking God for it and praying that he will keep me conscious of the privilege and responsibility of having enough food to eat."

During the war when we so much longed for an end to fighting we pledged ourselves to a program of "peace-rationing" that would feed the world. Have too many of us forgotten?

The record shows that many Americans including many Baptists have responded

remarkably to the call for relief. The Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans, in its three years of operation, received, processed and shipped more than five million pounds valued at above four million dollars. Many gifts were made through other agencies and such worthy channels as CROP and CARE. But the world is not yet fed.

### 1. From our Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee in Stuttgart, Germany comes this word:

"Conditions in Germany have already changed for the better. But there is still much hunger and distress, especially among the refugees, expelled, the old, the sick, and the widows with children.

"Conditions in the Russian Zone are still alarming. People are hungry and in bad need of clothing. Their food is still rationed, and the rations are very small. Here is what they get per month:

	about
750 g of sugar	1 lb. 11 ounces
9000 g of bread	20 lbs.
750 g of cereals	1 lb. 11 ounces
400 g of meat	14 ounces
125 g of beverage	4 ounces
300 g of fat	10 ounces

### 2. Our missionaries in Italy write:

"As to the Italian diet: You no doubt know the continental breakfast—a cup of coffee and milk and a roll or bun, if you're fortunate. There are still those who cannot afford milk in the morning, or buy enough to color their coffee. Spaghetti and greens—with meat very rarely—is the midday meal for most people. Many cannot buy meat at all.

"For supper the usual meal is some sort of soup with noodles—'pasta' to us—greens, or a green salad, and cheese. This is the diet of those who are well off. Those who are not so well off have coffee and milk and bread again—but many do not eat this meal at all.

"Near us is a family with a seven-months-old baby. We are almost sure that the baby is blind. If he is, it is lack of proper nutrition. In the south of Italy there are families who go blind, or almost so, because of the lack of proper vitamins in the diet.

"Never a day goes by that someone does not come to our gate (usually three, four, or more a day) asking for 'anything you want to give me.' It is a trying thing to know what is wrong with folks and not be able to meet their need.

"True we are all everlastingly grateful to Southern Baptists for what they have done in relief—but the need is still with us!"

3. Miss Floryne Miller, Kokura, Japan, writes:

Gradually living is becoming easier for the average Japanese family. Thanks to American economic aid, supplies are becoming more plentiful and the never ceasing struggle for a bare existence is easing a bit. Sometimes there can be a few of the extras.

With the work that the Welfare and Medical division of SCAP has done the nation's health is far better than it was two years ago. Vaccines, injections and training classes have all helped in relieving the desperate condition here at the war's end. Literally hundreds and hundreds of boxes have come from individuals in the States through our Southern Baptists and through agencies. It is not possible to estimate the benefit they have been."

Among the many who received them is Nakano San, a newly baptized Christian. She is no longer grumbling and complaining but humbly grateful for what they have. This morning she smiles as she remembers something that happened a few evenings ago.

The two older children had been going to Sunday school and Sunbeam Band. There, and from their mother, they had learned to pray. As they sat at the evening meal that day they bowed to pray as usual. The little boy began, "God, you know we can't do with much less than we have now. Please give my father some more money." Then in an undertone "There, that's settled."

Then, the little girl—"O God, give us some more food and make mama and papa smile again."

Even the little baby sister prayed—"God, I hope you'll let us have some more so I can still have a piece of candy sometimes."

Then brother—"Now, we don't have to worry any more about that, we can all be glad again." The mother and father smiled at each other and somehow knew that they would get along.

Nakano San brings her thoughts back to the meal she is preparing. She carries the small wooden tub of rice in and places it beside the low table on the floor and covers it. If they all take only one bowl there will be some left for the lunch boxes for her husband and two school children. After she calls the others, she scoops the rice out with a small wooden paddle and serves the hot soup. It is called "O-miso" and made from a mashed bean paste. Usually it contains a few bits of vegetables or bean curd and sometimes very small dried fish. Also, there is the inevitable pickled radish and tea. It doesn't occur to them to miss milk, eggs and cereals.

For their lunch boxes, if there is not any rice left over, there will be dark bread with pickle and vegetable, and in the spring when eggs are

cheaper, a small bit of scrambled fried egg. When sweet potatoes are plentiful, the lunch may be only that.

But tonight Nakano San has a surprise. Today a box came from a W.M.S. in the States. Proudly Nakano San serves her family a cup of hot chocolate, "Made just by adding hot water, imagine!" she exclaims. Such magic!

Again there is the railroad ticket agent, whose wife began to work for a missionary. He did not object when she went to the W.M.S. and the morning church service, if she got home in time to prepare his meal. But he was not going to get into any such nonsense.

Then the little extras began to appear. There were things for the children, things for all of them.

One day he asked "What time did you say this service begins? Are there men there, or is it only for women?"

These hundreds of boxes that have come to us have helped to feed and clothe many, but more than that, they have opened many a heart to hear the gospel.

## Diagnosis

In the face of such "reduced diets" in other parts of the world, do you find that you as a church are suffering from obesity—"excessive intake and limited output"? Topheavy local expenses and negligent mission gifts?

Are you as a Christian suffering from obesity? Do you continually receive and then spend what you receive on yourself? Are you ashamed of the record of your gifts to your church and its missionary program as compared with your living expenses?

The prescribed diet is a reducing diet—reduce selfishness, covetousness and greed at home and you will begin to reduce the physical and spiritual hunger of the world.

## Are you suffering from "Acidosis"?

We are told that "acidosis refers to a shift of the reaction of the body fluids toward the acid side." The test for determining an acid condition is most unpleasant. Can you swallow your pride and submit to these test questions?

Have you been prejudiced against any

of the plans or programs used for distributing relief supplies? Have you been doubtful about the possibility of your gift ever reaching a worthy person? Have you felt that government or social agencies should accept the full responsibility? Has your usually generous nature been "sour" by these prejudices, criticisms and doubts?

Dr. J. D. Franks, a representative of our Relief Committee and for a time general Baptist relief supervisor of Europe, can counteract your "acid condition" with his straight-forward answers to four questions.

*Is there any assurance that articles sent through our Baptist agencies reach the members of our Baptist churches?*

"At the close of the war and for about two years following, the urgent relief need in Europe was for the essentials to physical existence—food, clothing, medicaments, etc. Great masses of Europe's stricken people were starving, naked and sick. The big problem facing all relief agencies was how most quickly to get essential relief supplies to the suffering millions. Southern Baptist Relief Committee used the best means available at the time for the purpose.

"Wherever possible the committee used Baptist organizations. Like other Christians, Southern Baptists could not draw denominational lines in their ministry to dying people. They were under obligations to God and to suffering humanity to use the most effective and efficient channels available for administering the relief funds and supplies contributed by our people. Thousands of dollars and much contributed goods were, therefore, distributed through non-Baptist agencies.

"But all Christians realize that man does not live by bread alone. The peoples of war-torn Europe were as badly demoralized and distressed in their religious and spiritual lives as they were in their physical and material lives. They were equally in need of spiritual encouragement and of material assistance. In the realm of the spiritual it is easy to understand that they could best be served by their own nearest of kin in the faith, their own sister churches. For this reason the Southern Baptist Relief Committee has for the last two years transferred the major responsibility for

"It is a great thing when Christians share bread; it is greater when they share spiritual riches."—N. B. Harmon

administering its relief program, to Baptist organizations within the relief areas being served, directed by its own Southern Baptist personnel."

*Do relief supplies actually reach the people who need them most?*

"They do—especially when given through bona fide relief agencies—and I would put at the head of the list those agencies sponsored by the churches.

"So far as my observation and knowledge goes, church-sponsored relief work, as conducted in Europe, is as free from waste and poor management as any church work with which I have had acquaintance. It has not been perfect but it has been and is a superb Christian program conducted on a very high level with a low minimum of faults and failures. You can safely trust your Southern Baptist Relief Committee to make your contributions to relief go farthest in this beautiful and Christian ministry to the hungry, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned and the homeless, helpless millions in Europe who still suffer from the dire lack of human necessities."

*Is there still real need for relief work in Europe?*

"The need is not as great as it was. Conditions are getting better. But that does not mean that there is no longer large scale suffering from a lack of food, clothing, medicines, and other necessities. In the Western Zone of Germany alone there are today 9,400,000 refugees. Hundreds come every day. In that part of Germany the density of the population has increased 50 per cent above the pre-war level. Even a healthy nation could not cope with that without outside assistance. It is easy to see that we must continue to give relief."

*Cannot our government or social agencies more effectively handle the relief job?*

"The Marshal Aid Plan is no substitute for the church relief program. Indirectly, through the rehabilitation of the industrial and economic life of the European countries, it will eventually give sound relief. But a long-range program, promoted by a political organization does not and cannot, in the very nature of its objectives and administration, give direct and personal relief to millions of individuals who are now suffering. This sort of relief must continue to be done by the churches.

"The churches themselves need help, and need it badly. Southern Baptists should continue to extend their strong arm of help to their sister Baptist churches in Europe. Even millions of dollars could be wisely invested. In Europe the King's business requires haste."

### Are you anemic?

We all know the anemic patient—usually pale, wan, and lacking in spirit and energy. This type of anemia is usually due to deficiencies in the diet, lack of iron or lack of certain vitamins. Could this ailment remind us of that W.M.S. member who gets "fed up" with missions? To her each program is just "the same old thing"—facts, statistics, another offering—China, Japan, Europe, Africa and South America. Most of us know she is missing the real "iron" that is in each program for her. A change of diet might help.

We have a new feature in our relief program, a new opportunity for Southern Baptists—the sponsoring of Displaced Persons.

Mr. Charles R. Gage, Director of Promotion and Displaced Persons Representative of the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, sends this word to Woman's Missionary Union:

*"You, Too, Can Help!"*

The Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans closed its doors on January 28. But there is still need in many parts of the world to which Southern Baptists should respond. You, too, can help.

First, make a worthy offering on a reg-

ular basis to the relief program of our Foreign Mission Board. Send your money through your church treasurer, designated for world relief. This money is still needed to finance the broad program which the Relief Committee is operating around the world. Feeding stations must be kept open for old people and students, and special medicines, etc., must be provided for those who cannot help themselves.

Then, you can send individual packages to needy persons overseas. Obtain the names and addresses of such persons from the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

You can lead your church to sponsor the resettlement of at least one Displaced Person and his family. This is a Christian obligation and opportunity to help our brothers in Christ who are without homes as a result of the war. You can make a sincere effort to interest all of your friends, their relatives, and other church members in securing sponsors for Baptist Displaced Persons and the other thousands of Protestant Displaced Persons who are now living in replicas of concentration camps in Europe.

Many D.P.s. have already proved to be desirable people. One such family was brought by the First Baptist Church of Lexington, North Carolina. Mr. Virsis is employed by the United Furniture Corporation; two sons, eight and six years old have been enrolled in school. The older members of the family united with the First Church and are eagerly entering into its life. Mrs. Virsis is an able musician. She was also an excellent speaker on work with Displaced Persons.

The church has been blessed through knowing this fine family. Other churches or individuals who sponsor D.P.s. feel the inspiration of contact with them, too.

For further information, write the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons representative at 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pray without ceasing for the Relief Committee of our Foreign Mission Board, and of the Baptist World Alliance. Pray for the agents of these committees as they attempt to relieve the suffering of thou-



Religious News Service

## 150,000th D P

A Displaced Person is simply a present-day immigrant. This country was founded and developed by immigrants. Didn't your forebears come as immigrants at one time or another? This country gave our ancestors a chance and it is still big enough and strong enough to absorb a comparatively few Displaced Persons. Write to Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans 15, Louisiana. Find out how you can help welcome a person or a family.

sands around the world, and pray for the needy persons themselves, who look to Southern Baptists as their only hope.

### Are you suffering from a heart disease?

There is no need for real alarm over obesity, acidosis, or anemia if it is discovered early enough and the proper diet is followed. But if the trouble is a matter of the heart this is alarming.

The test for this is the same one Jesus gave Peter. Three times Christ asked, "Do you love me, Peter?" Three times he answered Peter's reply with a request for proof—"Feed my sheep."

From the proof Peter gave in the days and years that followed we know he realized that the sheep to be fed were "the lost sheep," the spiritually hungry. Our greatest concern as Christ's followers should be for the millions of hungry souls in the world today.

1. Dr. George W. Sadler says of such hunger in Europe and the Near East:

One of the characteristics of the "grand and awful" times in which we live is the heart hunger of the peoples of the world. This hunger expresses itself in the socialism of Great Britain, the communism of Russia, the nationalism of West Africa and the turning to Christianity in many lands.

Recent reports from the Gold Coast show that in services conducted by a visiting Baptist evangelist, 907 persons rededicated themselves to Christian service and 186 professed faith in Christ as Saviour. From Nigeria Dr. W. L. Jester writes that he preached in a series of services in which there were 72 conversions.

Pastor Manfredo Ronchi, of Italy, is using an amplifying system to good advantage.

Overflow crowds listen as he talks about religious liberty and kindred subjects in one of our chapels in Rome.

An outstanding leader in Germany tells us that there have been about 25,000 baptisms in his country since the end of the war. In the Russian Zone where life is hard and uncertain there is evidence of spiritual revival. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

2. Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. says there is hunger in South America:

The shortage in South America is not desperate, unusual hunger as in Europe or the Orient. Always there are the poor and undernourished where modern methods of soil conservation are not known. People, particularly in the interior, need to be taught what to eat, how to prepare food in a sanitary manner. There are the diseases of poverty and lack of sanitation. But South America's greatest hunger is for spiritual truth. Missionaries to heal sick bodies, missionaries to teach, missionaries to preach, with adequate equipment, can satisfy Latin America's hunger by God's grace.

3. Dr. Baker James Cauthen says of spiritual hunger in the Orient:

In China—Christian work in China is continuing under the Communist government. Churches, hospitals, schools and

annual meeting of Venezuela Woman's Missionary Union, second week in August

14—MONDAY "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground"—Luke 22:44

Rev. H. L. Shoemaker and Mrs. Shoemaker, Barranquilla, Miss Anna Frances Todd, Cartagena, Colombia, evangelism; centennial meeting of Nigerian Woman's Missionary Union in Abeokuta, August 14-15

#### A New and Living Way

15—TUESDAY "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith"—Heb. 10:22  
Rev. A. W. Williams, Atlanta, Mrs. Anamae Matthews, Mrs. Gertrude Phillips, Morgan City, Louisiana, evangelism to their own Negro race

16—WEDNESDAY "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith . . . for he is faithful that promised"—Heb. 10:23

Miss Mary Catherine Adams, Iwo, educational evangelism, Miss Mary Hester Powell, Oghomoso, Rev. J. W. H. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, Shaki, Nigeria, medical evangelism

17—THURSDAY "let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works"—Heb. 10:24

Miss Edelmira Robinson, Havana, secretarial evangelism, Rev. Andres Rodriguez and Mrs. Rodriguez, Vueltas, Cuba, evangelism

18—FRIDAY "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another"—Heb. 10:25

Pray for Ridgecrest meetings, state assemblies and camps; Miss Crea Ridenour, Barranquilla, Rev. J. U. Moss and Mrs. Moss, Cali, Colombia, educational evangelism

19—SATURDAY "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward"—Heb. 10:35

Rev. J. L. Galloway and Mrs. Galloway, Dr. J. V. Dawes, China, emeritus missionaries, Mildred and Henry Anderson, Margaret Fund students

20—SUNDAY "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise"—Heb. 10:36

\*Miss Mary-Ellen Wooten, Abeokuta, Rev. R. L. West and Mrs. West, Okeho, Nigeria, educational evangelism

21—MONDAY "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry"—Heb. 10:37

\*Miss Mary Crawford, Tainan, Miss Mary Demarest, Chinkiang, China, educational evangelism

Prayer changes people;  
people change things.

#### Guarantor of the Promises

22—TUESDAY "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God"—Heb. 11:10

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bejarano, Artesia, New Mexico, Rev. E. Chavarria and Mrs. Chavarria, Santa Rosa, Texas, evangelism to the Spanish-speaking

23—WEDNESDAY "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come"—Heb. 13:14

Miss Gladys Hopewell, Miss Inabelle Coleman, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

24—THURSDAY "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem"—Heb. 12:22

Miss Vada Waldron, Mendoza, Miss Sara Frances Taylor, Rosario, Argentina, educational evangelism

25—FRIDAY "receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved"—Heb. 12:28

Rev. Francisco Melendez, Rev. Luis Quilo, Guatemala City, Guatemala, evangelism; annual meeting of Japan Woman's Missionary Union

26—SATURDAY "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth"—Isa. 42:1a

Rev. E. J. Tharpe and Mrs. Tharpe, Maui, evangelism, Miss Hannah Plowden, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism

27—SUNDAY "I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles"—Isa. 42:1b

Rev. J. I. Riffley and Mrs. Riffley, Miss Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, Joan Riffley, Margaret Fund student

28—MONDAY "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law"—Isa. 42:4

Rev. E. S. Swenson and Mrs. Swenson, publication evangelism, Miss Frances Roberts, Buenos Aires, Argentina, educational evangelism

29—TUESDAY "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God"—Heb. 10:12

Dr. D. G. Whittinghill and Mrs. Whittinghill, Dr. Everett Gill and Mrs. Gill, Europe, emeritus missionaries

30—WEDNESDAY "From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool"—Heb. 10:13

Miss Alda Grayson, Maui, Miss Erlene Paulk, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelism

31—THURSDAY "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified"—Heb. 10:14

Dr. W. L. Jester and Mrs. Jester, Oghomoso, educational evangelism, Rev. H. L. Adams and Mrs. Adams, Benin City, evangelism, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cockrum, Jr., Abeokuta, Nigeria, contract workers, David Jester, Margaret Fund student

\*On invitation

## Our World in Books

BY THELMA BROWN BURLAND

Did you have a chance to hear about Arabia through Mrs. Harold Storm? Through the co-operation of Dr. and Mrs. Storm, Southern Baptists have recently been able to extend work into Arabia.

Mrs. Harold Storm told with vivid word pictures and touching experiences how God had used her famous doctor husband and her service as a nurse to open a hospital in another populous village area where Christian medicine had never before been practiced.

Those who saw her dressed in the traditional black veil, the heavy jewelry, and the loose flowing garments of the wealthy Moslem woman and heard her impassioned plea for her adopted people will never forget it. As she spoke in many states literally thousands of our people have had a fresh and intimate glimpse into the lives of our middle eastern neighbors. What a wonderful preparation to our hearts for reading and studying the many books on the Moslem world that are being published this year!

*The Unveiling*, Grace Visser Payne, Westminster, \$3.

This book is worthy to head any list of preferred reading for 1950. The author was a Presbyterian missionary teacher and writer who served about thirty years in Iran. Although this is her first book published in English, she is an accomplished writer. Apart from the deeply moving missionary message, this is a novel of distinction, one that will probably be classed with *My Indian Family* by Wernher and Paton's *Cry, The Beloved Country*.

*The Unveiling* is an eventful story of Esmat, daughter of an orthodox Moslem priest who in her childhood learned to weave beautiful rugs. This sheltered girl,

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reared under old-fashioned customs and fanatical rules of Ancient Islam became a modern courageous business woman, the head of her family and supporter of her children.

It is also the colorful and authentic portrayal of contemporary life in a country that is rapidly losing faith in the old beliefs and traditions yet not sure of the values of modern civilization and ideas. Through Esmat's amazing career, the reader glimpses the changing religious, educational, social, industrial, governmental and family patterns. All through there is a strong thread of Christian influence, yet its impact upon the whole design of Mohammedan life is shown accurately.

This is an intensely interesting romantic novel, skillfully blended with realism, a book to enjoy, to inform and inspire.

*Introducing Islam*, J. Christy Wilson, Friendship, \$1.60.

Either before or after reading *The Unveiling*, it will mean a great deal to read *Introducing Islam*. This graphically illustrated new booklet presents a brief history of Mohammedanism, defining its terms, and describing its doctrines and practices. It throws a bright light upon many of the incidents related in Miss Payne's book. Both of these titles will enrich and stimulate us for the books we plan to study this fall, published by our Foreign Mission Board about Southern Baptist work in Moslem lands.



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