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# Something Big!

by M. Theron Rankin

Executive Secretary of Foreign Mission Board

I have been turning through the items we have included in the goal for the 1950 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There are 183 items for funds to be used in about twenty countries. There are salaries for missionaries, scholarships for missionary sons and daughters, current expenses for W.M.U. programs, training schools, seminaries, appropriations for hospital plants, school buildings, churches, missionary homes, publication houses. The vastness of the appeal is tremendous.

But if we are to feel the most compelling appeal, we must stop on the individual items and look behind the figures written on the pages. For instance, an item such as \$9,000 for current expenses, Seinan Jo Gakuin, the girls' school in Kokura, Japan. Try to visualize the girls who attend this school. Think of the homes out of which they come. Put yourselves in the places of the Japanese Baptist teachers and missionaries who are responsible for operating the school. What would this item mean to you if you were in their places?

Take the item of \$12,000 for high school chapel at Port Harcourt in Nigeria. Without this help, this school could not hope to have a chapel building. Are you asking what kind of building can they get for \$12,000? Christians on mission fields have had to learn how to accomplish big things with small resources. This chapel building will mean something big in the life of the school.

Again, look at the items of \$12,500 for operating expenses for the seminary in

Rio, Brazil, and \$10,000 for equipment for the seminary in Zurich. Picture in your minds the students in these schools, the worldwide outreach they will have when they go out as ministers, the churches in which they will serve.

You can go on through the long list, \$10,650 for direct evangelism in Uruguay and Paraguay, \$10,000 for the George W. Truett Home in Nazareth, \$15,000 for a church building in Ibadan, Nigeria, \$8,000 for a missionary home in Chile, and on and on.

But the deepest appeal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is to be found back behind these figures, down in the hearts and lives of the people for whom they have so much personal importance. Reaching these figures determines whether or not boys and girls will be able to go to school. You decide by your gift whether missionaries will have the home for which they have been waiting, whether Baptist churches are to have pastors. You will decide whether sick people are to receive medical treatment and whether people who do not know Christ are to hear the gospel.

Everyone who makes a contribution through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has a share in bringing these things to pass. Surely you want to reach and pass the goal of \$1,600,000!

COVER—Birmingham photographer Jimmy Wilson catches Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, in a pensive mood before a painting of the world.



Methodist Prints

Skilled hands of missionary doctor perform operation at American Methodist Mission hospital, Nadiad, India



—FMB Saunders

Christian doctor in Japan gives lung injection

Dental check-up in Chile



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## THE HEALER

So stood of old the holy Christ  
Amidst the suffering throng;  
With whom his lightest touch sufficed  
To make the weakest strong.

That healing gift he lends to them  
Who use it in his name;  
The power that filled his garment's hem  
Is evermore the same.

The paths of pain are thine. Go forth  
With patience, trust, and hope;  
The sufferings of a sin-sick earth  
Shall give thee ample scope.

So shalt thou be with power endued  
From him who went about  
The Syrian hillsides doing good,  
And casting demons out.

That Good Physician liveth yet  
Thy friend and guide to be;  
The Healer by Gennesaret  
Shall walk the rounds with thee.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, 1807-1892

## Will You Pray?

by Alma Hunt

"Prayer changes things." How often have we quoted these words?

Now as we approach our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is there anything in the world we would like to see changed? This is our opportunity to pray so fervently that our prayers will avail much.

This week is to be a vital time of prayer. It is not intended to be a series of mission programs mainly for information. To observe the Week of Prayer is to meet daily for prayer, having as many women participate as will.

We know the promises in the Bible that God will hear our prayers—"Where two or three are gathered together," "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive," "Pray ye therefore." Let nothing keep your society from setting aside a part of each day during the week of December 4-8 for earnest supplication to God in behalf of our foreign mission responsibilities. It may not be possible for every woman in a large society to be present every day, but even if the society is small, surely two or three can meet and claim these promises of God. These meetings should be times of quiet meditation, of hymn singing, and of realistically looking on the fields. If we make them so, our hearts will be attuned to God and our prayers in accord with his divine will.

Stories of answered prayer have come to us from missionaries since the beginning of the missionary movement. David Livingstone's personal journals record his prayers as he wrote them in his diary. And the answers are there as clearly as the requests.

The China Inland Mission prayed for seventy new missionaries within three years. And when the time had passed seventy-six were under appointment. Boats have waited, property has been erected against difficulties that only God's miraculous hand could have overcome.

Do we really pray? Do we pray believing that the Holy Spirit will help us to

be intercessors? Is it a question of taking time? We take time for food. We take time to provide for clothes. Prayer is as essential to the spirit as food and clothing to the body. "Prayer is the greatest achievement of the human soul."

Missionaries everywhere ask for our prayers. One returning from China writes: "We have done what we can and now they (the Chinese) must carry on, strengthened by our prayers. That is the urgent need—PRAYER and more prayer that their strength may be sufficient to overcome the difficulties and the difficulties be moderated so they can be overcome. Prayer does change things and daily we have evidence of that."

Another in Japan writes: "One of the things that was most difficult for me in coming to the mission field was the fear that the health of our four little girls would be in danger. But, honestly, I don't believe there are four healthier children anywhere. The Lord has certainly blessed us. We feel that it is direct answer to the prayers of our Christian friends. The uncertainty all around makes everybody feel the necessity for something beyond themselves. Now seems to be a time of unusual opportunity here in Japan. Pray that we may all be allowed to stay."

We dare not pass lightly over the observance of this Week of Prayer. Too much is dependent upon it. The missionaries need our petitions to give them power in preaching and teaching and healing. Christian authors, translators, and publishers need our prayers. Young people will volunteer for mission work if we pray. National Christians will be able to witness faithfully if we are loyal to them in prayer.

If we pray earnestly, we will be led to give liberally. Someone has said: "It is always costly to pray. Face to face with Jesus we know we must give more than words to show our love. Our words need to be confirmed by our deeds."

I do not believe we are afraid to pray. Neither do I believe that we are unwilling  
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# Not Afraid To Wait

by Mrs. S. Emmett Ayers

We in medical work in China have promises to keep with those who have gone before.

Dr. T. W. Ayers must be mentioned first, not as a matter of conceit or even of family pride, but because of real fact. He was the first Southern Baptist missionary to establish medical work in China.

Following shortly after Dr. Ayers came Dr. James McFadden Gaston, Dr. J. M. Oxner, Dr. C. A. Hayes, Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, and Dr. Mary L. King and others. I wish I could say "and many others," but must say only a few others, as this has ever been a very thin line.

We have promises to keep with those of our medical missionaries who are still in China. Two doctors are there—Dr. A. W. Yocum in Chengchow (jung-jo) and Dr. William Wallace in Wuchow. There are four nurses—Miss Everley Hayes, Wuchow; Miss Irene Branum, Kweilin (Gwalin); Miss Elisabeth Gray, Shanghai; and Miss Ruby Wheat, Kansu (gan-sue).

We have promises to keep to those Chinese doctors and nurses who are trying to maintain a Christian atmosphere in our hospitals and clinics now. They are under a Communist regime that is as foreign to their natures and teachings as it would be to yours and as it is to mine.

You may recall that of our eight hospitals in China, four were destroyed and four were badly damaged in the Japanese aggression. When we went back to Chengchow in March, 1947, we found the hospital had been partially rehabilitated by the Friends Ambulance Unit—a Quaker organization working in our city at the time of the Sino-Japanese war. It was a pacifist organization and therefore acceptable to the Japanese. The U. S. government authorized the Friends Ambulance Unit to take over all American property from the Japanese. They had begun the reorganization of the hospital when we arrived.

Further rehabilitation of the hospital went on until it became apparent that the Communists could cross the Yellow River, though we had been assured they could

not for two years at least. Some of our staff members felt we should make an effort to save some of our personnel and equipment by taking it into areas farther south where the Communists would be slower in arriving.

Suppose you should hear that the Russians might attack your town any time after a certain date. Would you want to sit there and do nothing for the protection and security of your family and loved ones? Or if the people in New York should know they were liable to an atomic bombing do you think many of them would remain in New York? Our Chinese people had that same feeling. So to save some of our personnel and equipment we airlifted them. Twenty or more doctors, graduate nurses, technicians, pharmacists and their families, went with Dr. Ayers to Kweilin in South China. Our student nurses went to Yangchow to study under Miss Williams and Miss Wheat until we had time to make ready for them. They came to us the next year. Dr. Yocum remained behind with those who either could not or did not want to leave.

Our work in Kweilin was that of repairing and rehabilitating such as could be salvaged and building a beautiful new clinic with money you sent us from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

*Chinese boy gets injection against cholera by member of Friends Ambulance Unit, Quaker group, working in Chengchow*



Some have said to me, "You moved your hospital from Chengchow, Honan to Kweilin, Kwangsi and lost it after all." But I assure you there was no loss. In the two years that we were given before the Communists took Kweilin we graduated a class of Christian nurses, we trained more Christian internes and two classes of nurses' aides. We treated hundreds of inpatients and we treated thousands of clinic patients. We trained twenty or more staff children in our Sunday schools and missionary organizations. Best of all we were able to encourage, restrengthen, and revitalize a staff of Christians that had just about reached the bottom of despair during the Japanese occupation. Can you call these loss?

Our hospital work is conducted over there much as it is over here, with the possible exception of a daily morning prayer service for the staff. Medical work has in it always an element of the spectacular; an element of adventure, but for the most part, it is a picture of hard routine.

We like to think of it all as a work that demonstrates the preachings and teachings of Christ. Dr. Ayers sometimes says to our ministers and teachers, "You do the preaching and we will do the practicing." We like to think of the work of our Christian doctors and our Christian nurses as love in action.

Dr. C. A. Hayes, in Canton, used to say to his very efficient Chinese head nurse who sometimes sacrificed gentleness for efficiency with too much briskness, "Add a little love to that, my dear, add a little love!"

The people come to us, no matter what their creed, for word soon goes around that here they will be kindly treated and honestly dealt with, and you cannot know what kindness and honest dealing means to a Chinese!

One woman in a hospital I know about (not ours) returned to see the head nurse after being cured in that mission hospital. She sat in the office of the nurse and said, "I have come to accept the Jesus way. I heard you talk about him and the words sat upon my heart, but it was your deeds that made them sit."

And now may I have a personal word about personal promises?

Looking back over my life, it seems to be divided into periods of waiting—waiting for God to show me what he wanted me to do; waiting to know where he wanted me to go; waiting to go to China; waiting to learn the language so I could get into the work; waiting for uprisings to be put down; waiting to accomplish our dream of a training hospital. This last period of waiting has not ended.

When we went into medical work we recognized that there would never be enough medical missionaries to take care of all Chinese adequately. We saw also that it is not a wise policy to make Chinese or Japanese or any other nationals dependent upon foreign doctors and nurses. Our largest service and our only constructive service lies in training them for the job themselves.

Our hope of such a service was just on the brink of materializing when the Communists began taking over in China. We

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*"Promises to Keep" was the theme of our August W.M.U. conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. Being the wife of one of our most distinguished doctor missionaries, Mrs. Emmett Ayers spoke representing our Southern Baptist medical work in China.*

# In His Name

by Miriam Willis

Trained nurse Miriam Willis of Arkansas made her missionary decision in Girls' Auxiliary and was appointed in 1943

May I have the pleasure of presenting Dona Louisa, my collaborator at the clinic in Chacarita, friend, and deaconess of the church?

As we have only one trained nurse among our believers in Paraguay, and she was continuing her studies, we were forced to try to find a practical nurse who could help us in the clinic. The Lord sent us Dona Louisa, who has had twenty years experience as a practical nurse.

Dona Louisa was left a widow, when very young, with two children to support, a boy and a girl. Her first husband had become disillusioned with the Catholic faith and prohibited her from attending the church. She had been invited many times to attend an evangelical church, but was not interested in doing so. Later she became very ill and was near death's door for several days. During that time Brother Ermeli, then the pastor of our First Baptist Church in Asuncion, visited her and led her to give her heart to Jesus. The Lord not only saved her soul, but restored her health to her, and served as comforter, friend, and counselor during the days that followed, for shortly afterward her husband died.

She was left in the world to make a living for the two children, but with no means of doing so. One day Brother Ermeli came to her and said that a neighbor of his had tuberculosis. As he was in the last stages of the disease he needed a nurse. No one would take care of him for they knew he would die soon and were afraid to care for a dying person. Dona Louisa agreed to take care of him and so began her career as a practical nurse. She later secured a position in one of the better



Dona Louisa, at left, and Lidia Gonzales, secretary at the clinic

sanatoriums in Asuncion and served there for many years in the operating room. Meanwhile she was faithful to the church, and although she had to leave the children with no one to care for them during the day, she would take them to the house of God on Sunday.

When it was my furlough time, Dona Louisa was employed to help Dr. Fowler, our medical missionary, in the clinic in Chacarita. Upon my return she has continued working in the clinic.

Many of our patients cannot speak Spanish, only the Guarani language, so we turn to Dona Louisa as interpreter. The patients bring her fruit, flowers, and "empanadas" in appreciation of the spiritual help that she has given out along with the medicines that have been prescribed by Dr. Fowler. To the children she is a mother, to the young people a counselor, and to the women a friend—all in the name of Jesus.



# Ogbomosho Medical Work

by Antonina Canzoneri

Ignorance, dirt and superstition are the curse of the people here as in many other countries. There are many medicine men in our town. They make medicine from all kinds of things—feathers, bones, beaks of birds, sticks, seeds, herbs, stones, and many other similar things. Much of the medicine is made effective by certain religious rites which are performed over it. Children and adults in Ogbomosho (Ogbo-mo-show) wear all kinds of charms, blessed by the priests of this god or that god, purported to be efficient in warding off diseases and other physical dangers.

Not only is most of this medicine ineffectual, some of it is poisonous. We have had a number of deaths in the hospital which could have been avoided had the patient not previously taken native medicine.

In order to keep down dust and insects, many people here plaster their dirt floors with cow dung. Little children with sores on their feet, adults with ulcers or cuts, mothers who deliver directly onto such floors, and particularly the babies so delivered are attacked by tetanus. Though some patients with tetanus have been saved, many die.

Living conditions in many compounds are conducive to disease. The sleeping rooms have no windows at all and only a small door, which is usually closed at night. The compounds are crowded. Goats and dogs wander in and out of the rooms, eating from the cooking pots. Food is prepared in unsanitary conditions, sold in the open, and swarming with flies.

All these things, and others, we are trying to combat with our medical work. Babies born at home are brought to the hospital, where they are given tetanus antitoxin, the cord is cared for correctly, and the mother is taught to care for her

baby. This care is continued in Baby Clinic. The babies are inspected for illness; the mothers are taught cleanliness, proper diet, and other methods of prevention of disease and promotion of health in their children.

In Prenatal Clinic the mothers are taught to care for themselves properly so that they and their children will have the proper chance to live. They are urged to deliver in the hospital, but are also taught how to conduct a safe delivery at home. The mother and infant mortality rates are extremely high in this country. It is a joy to see a mother who has lost many children have a live, well baby in the hospital and continue to keep the baby in good health by following the teachings she receives in the clinics.

In the treatment clinics of the hospital in their contacts with the doctor in clinic and on the ward, and in their care on the wards, the people are learning health practices.

Our fifty-five nursing students can be a dynamic force in improving the health of their people. We are also extremely interested in their becoming an even more dynamic force in the leading of their people to Christ.

Mrs. Jester teaches nursing student how to make bed, care for sick at Baptist Hospital  
Scullard





In many instances, a Mohammedan, confronted with the fact that Mohammedans have no hospitals, no places to help people, starts thinking. As the nurses witness to him and live their Christian lives before him, he thinks even harder. We have had a number of conversions among Mohammedans in the hospital. The heathen are more easily reached, too, when something is being done to help them. Many, many people hear the gospel for the first time in our hospital. They will not go to church, but they will come to the hospital for help. When they are lying on the bed, they cannot but listen to what is being told them.

A majority of the nurses are not soul-winners when they come to the hospital for training. We are trying to make training in soul-winning and in Christian living a vital part of our teaching program. Bible classes, Training Unions, and Sunday school are all conducted to this end. There has been an increasing response among the nurses, especially during the last year. For all these things we are thankful, and for all these things we need your prayers.

### Care for Mothers and Babies

by Victoria Okenike Lawale

Student Nurse at Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria

In our hospital we care for both mothers and babies. When they come to the clinic we tell them to take good food and what is a complete diet to make their babies healthy and grow well. We examine them to see if anything is wrong.

All these things help our expectant mothers well, but some, who are not coming to the clinic are those that are having much trouble at home. Some mothers are brought to our hospital with the history of having placenta previa, retained placenta, and they have used plenty of native medicine. Sometimes this causes the mothers to die afterwards. But if they come to our hospital in time, then they may have help from our doctor.

These mothers that we care for are doing well. They deliver in our hospital and we care for both mothers and babies. When they wish to go home we tell them what they will need to feed their babies in order that they may grow healthy and strong. If the mothers practice these things, their babies develop all right.

Little African boy gets a new bandage for sore. Such huge open sores that refuse to heal affect old and young

## Three Friends in Muscat

by Virginia Brown

Mrs. Lorne Brown and her husband are one of the three couples we have recently appointed to Arabia. This hospital in Muscat belongs to the Reformed Church of America.

ed hair, and carrying two knives in his belt and a gun in his hands. He looked none too pleasant and, without speaking, he paced from one side of the room to the other.

When the work was finished, the usual Arab greetings were exchanged with Salim's father and the ice began to melt. But he kept a suspicious eye upon the doctor. He and his wife moved into Salim's room and there they cooked their rice and fish and there they slept.

As the days went by Salim gradually improved. After he had been in the hospital for a month he was well enough to be dismissed. It was then that we knew that we were dismissing three of our best friends, Salim, his mother and his father.

ONE did not need an alarm clock when sleeping on the roof in Muscat in Arabia. A tropical sun making its appearance by five-thirty is enough to send the most reluctant riser scurrying. And so our day in Muscat started early. After a breakfast of porridge made from home ground wheat, eggs and fruit juice we were ready for the morning devotional period.

From ten to twenty worshipers gathered in the doctor's home to begin each day with Bible reading, prayer and songs of praise. We all sat on the floor around the wall in Arab style, and afterward everybody greeted everybody else with a handshake. It was thrilling to know that even here in this Moslem area the Lord Jesus Christ had a witness to himself.

By this time it was seven-thirty and the work began. My husband was off to the hospital not to return until clinics were finished around one-thirty or two o'clock. He saw from two hundred to three hundred patients each day many of whom had come several days journey on camel back.

One day Salim came. He was a boy of sixteen, the son of a Bedouin. He was extremely ill; so much so that we feared he would not live. He was suffering from empyema of the chest and a small operation was necessary. It was decided that the operation should be done in the room to which Salim had first been brought. His mother had come with him and while the operation was in progress his father walked into the room unannounced. He was a typical Bedouin, wearing long braid-

Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Martha Elizabeth and Garet Louise, as they left for their mission post in Arabia. Dr. Brown served in the Army Medical Corps. Mrs. Brown has been a public schoolteacher and has done library work.

## Mississippi

In April of 1949, more than fifty business women representing Business Woman's Circles in Lee and Pontotoc Associations, met at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi. Guided by Miss Edwina Robinson, the Lee-Pontotoc BWC Federation was organized with Mrs. R. M. McCord of Pontotoc, as president.

We meet quarterly and have been privileged to hear Miss Nell Taylor, young people's secretary; Miss Margaret Bruce, convention-wide young people's secretary; Miss Lillie Mae Hundley, missionary to China; and Mrs. George E. Davis, state community missions chairman of South Carolina.

In addition to these speakers, we have had interesting and helpful programs with local speakers on the study of stewardship and foreign mission work.

We feel that we are doing a much greater work since our circles became a larger Federation. We have exchange of ideas, make larger plans and enjoy a genuine fellowship we had not known before. There are at present seven circles repre-

sented in our Federation but we hope to increase that number.

We have recently elected officers. Miss Mary Joe Love of Calvary church, Tupelo, has become our new Federation president. Irene James, secretary

## Kentucky

More new BWCs in Kentucky.

New organizations are now working in Elizabethtown, at First Church, Middlesboro, and Burlington Church in the North Bend Federation. First Church of Middlesboro now has four Business Woman's Circles. And as the Kentucky Exchange-Digest says, that makes for a challenge to search for the unenlisted business girls in your church.

## Missouri

Does your BWC have a bulletin or news-sheet? Lee's Summit BWC in Missouri does! And the members of that circle know what's going on and keep informed of the latest developments in the work of their Woman's Missionary Union.

## North Carolina

Sandy Creek Association in North Carolina has organized a Federation of Baptist business women. Two new Federation chairmen in the Tar Heel state are Mrs. Warren Gamble, Shelby, of King's Mountain Association, and Miss Edna Carver, Winston-Salem, of the Pilot Mountain Association.

Mrs. Y. K. Chang of Shanghai, China, was speaker at a banquet meeting of the Business Woman's Federation of Union Baptist Association at South Main Church, Houston, Texas. More than 260 business women were present



## It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

THE FIRST WOMAN to assume full responsibility for an overseas area of missions is Frances Gray, recently appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (Northern) as secretary for Africa and the Near East.

AND THE FIRST missionary psychiatrist of the Methodist Church is a woman, Dagmar Norell of Stockholm, Sweden. She goes to India this fall, after a year's postgraduate study in the States and an experience in a Christian ashram, or spiritual retreat, at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

THE SENTENCE, "Jesus never lived," has been deleted in the latest editions of a Soviet-written history textbook which is compulsory in the schools of the German Democratic Republic. The removal of the sentence came after the churches took up the matter with government authorities.

THE SENATE of the United States, in voting \$100,000,000 to Franco early in August, acted at the same time President Truman announced that a legal embassy to the Vatican is "under study." Commented *The Christian Century* August 16: "If enough Americans can be aroused by a knowledge of what is in prospect to protest directly to the White House, to the State Department, and to their Senators—who must ratify his nomination—the President will then be able to turn to party leaders and say, 'You see, it will cost us more votes than we will make if, to please one church, we provoke the resentment of the Americans who believe in separation of church and state.'" The elections in November are the crucial time.

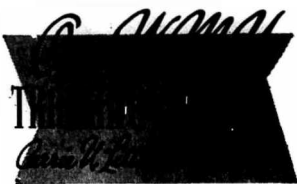
DURING THE LAST four years, the Seventh-Day Adventists have commissioned 1,235 new missionaries for overseas—the largest

number for any previous four-year period. They report a gain in membership of 24.3 per cent over the last four years. They took in 140,166 new members between 1946 and 1949.

PROTESTANT GROUPS were granted permission to broadcast over Radio Israel in Hebrew, according to a spokesman for the Israeli government, provided the content of the message did not "constitute an affront to the religious feeling or sense of propriety of other religious denominations." When their first broadcast was not presented June 11, the announcer reported it was due to "technical difficulties." Investigation revealed it was last-minute censorship.

A PHILIPPINE VERSION of the laymen's organization, "Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State" in the United States, has been formed in the Philippine Islands under the name "Defenders of Democracy." Its purpose is to protest militant Romanism in that area.

WORLDOVER PRESS, a non-commercial news source, declares that the early reverses for American and United Nations forces in Korea are not all explained in terms of the military. Part of the failure was due to name-calling by thoughtless U. S. soldiers. "These American boys," says the reporter, "without the least bad intent in the world, lost us the friendship of many South Koreans because our troops called them by the common name of 'gooks' . . . Koreans consider the word offensive, and . . . those who use it are expressing an unconscious arrogance toward foreigners." Quoting Goethe's statement "There is nothing so terrible as ignorance in action," the news release states a hope that "certain very practical steps may be taken to educate many young people on international questions who might otherwise never be trained to give their countries useful guidance as they mature."



Three young women from last year's student body at the W.M.U. Training School have been appointed for medical mission work. We meet two of them now. Later we will have a report from Miss Mary Frances Page of North Carolina.

## Bound for Arabia

BY RUTH SWANN, NORTH CAROLINA

Few words of Jesus are more familiar to Christians than his commission to those who would follow him, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Yet until recently we Southern Baptists made no effort to enter the part of the world which we know as Arabia. Today, the population of that area exceeds eleven million people. In four towns along the coast, missionaries of the two denominations have some established work. It is a land of religious fanaticism but there are fewer than one hundred Christians in all of that vast peninsula. Five times daily the call to prayer sounds from the minarets and the men bow toward Mecca. In Islam, there is no place for a woman. She is but a creature to be used at the will and pleasure of the man. Social and religious customs make even the limited medical facilities unavailable to thousands of women in the harems unless there are women trained to go to them.

Though declaring that God is merciful and compassionate, the Moslems think of him as an arbitrary, all-powerful Being and have no conception of a loving Heavenly Father who has a personal interest in each individual.

Aware of the call of Jesus to go to all nations of the earth, having felt the challenge of the needs of Arabia, and believing that God has pointed in that direction and said to me, "This is the way, walk ye in it," I go to Arabia.

## Nigeria Needs Me

BY MARY VIRGINIA HILL, WEST VIRGINIA

During college days and upon graduation my innermost desire was to enter training for more effective Christian living. I wanted to prepare that I might be capable and ready should there be a need for a laboratory technician in a hospital on the mission field. Shortly after entering W.M.U. Training School, last fall, I heard about the request for a laboratory worker in Ogbomoso, Nigeria. I wrote to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams in our hospital there. And they replied that they had long been praying for someone to come just to do this type of work and they felt that their prayers were being answered. They also mentioned the many opportunities to witness for Christ aside from the actual work. They told how the patients would either be more firmly against or more friendly toward Christianity after their stay. When I received this letter, I was moved as I thought of it, for I could feel God's guiding power.

When Dr. V. Lavell Seats showed the students some slides of the work in Nigeria, one picture that greatly impressed me was of a young girl with a most dejected and hopeless look on her face. She stood holding up her hands with the fingers all fallen off with leprosy. Where can she find strength except in God through Christ Jesus?

As I think of the pagan worship of these people, their superstitions, lack of sanitation, and all their needs, the words in 1 John 3:17 ring out: "But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

It is a joy to go and truly a great privilege!

### Free Material for You!

Order from the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia, free leaflets telling about our Southern Baptist medical missions throughout the world.



## Presenting the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship Winner

by Mrs. W. J. Cox

The Margaret Fund Committee is happy to announce that the fourteenth annual award of the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship goes to David Jester, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Jester, S.B.C. missionaries to Nigeria. This \$200 cash award is made annually to the senior student who for the three previous years has maintained high scholastic averages and who has been outstanding in Christian character and in extra curricular services.

David sends the following brief history of his life:

A land of promise! A mighty country that held the key to all my aspirations. This was America, and I was an American citizen, but the stark reality hit me that I was a Britisher. I had been reared as an Englishman in East Africa. The dream of living a normal American life was shattered.

In 1945, I enrolled in the large all-boys high school in Louisville. I had not completed my first year of high school when my parents were appointed as missionaries to Nigeria under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. I was informed that I could receive a scholarship from the Margaret Fund for one year of pre-college work. Therefore, I combined the remainder into one year. This ended my days of fun, football, and play. I went to summer school and then bid my parents farewell as they were to fly to Nigeria.

The days ahead were days of trial and struggle. Not only a struggle in a full schedule at day school and night school, but a struggle with God. Hard work, adjustment, and boarding in unfavorable circumstances were trying, but fighting God's will was the greatest problem of all.

At the age of thirteen God asked for my life, my all; but I flatly refused. I knew

what it was to be a "faith missionary" in Tanganyika, and I did not want any part of it. I was very bitter even though I was saved. I had my goals set, and had already presented my selfish contract to God. But God continually reminded me to "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," but to no avail. I was dead set, but I did not have peace. In the late hours of the night I would awaken with a start, and there I would wrestle with God like Jacob. I did not want to give my life to God. A million dollars would not have sufficed.

Then God punished me to awaken me, but still I would not surrender my all. Finally I came to the end of my rope and life was no longer worth living. I thought of doing drastic things, but the Christian teachings of my parents and the Bible I read each night saved my life.

One Friday the crisis struck. There was no pathway ahead. My self-sufficiency had come to an end. I knelt beside my bed and as I prayed, God answered prayer before I said, "Amen." The phone rang. I closed my prayer and answered the phone. A new light came into my heart because of a mere five-cent call by a Christian woman. Then the manifestation of Christian love by another lady helped me to find God's will.

One Sunday night I fought it out on the rear bench of the church. I knew it was then or never. So I walked to the front and gave my life and my all to God to use as he saw fit. It was the greatest day of my life, it was the gift of God. I put my complete trust in the Lord with all my heart and acknowledged him and he directed my paths.

In 1947 I enrolled at Georgetown College which would have been impossible  
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## Our Young People

How many times do you say "Look at Johnny!" Now look at all the boys in their Royal Ambassador chapters

The verse, "And the light shineth in darkness" has been in our thinking a great deal this year. It was the theme for the Baptist World Alliance. The light of the gospel has reached many places yet tremendous areas remain untouched. We think of geographical areas when we enumerate places not changed by Christianity.

There are also other areas where the light of God's will has not penetrated. There are areas of human relationship, where the light of Christian love would drive out hate, greed and prejudice.

One area of darkness that offers great challenge to Woman's Missionary Union is the lack of light of missionary knowledge, zeal and dedication among boys and men in our Southern Baptist Convention territory.

Many boys do not know the lives of outstanding heroes who have faced danger and known how to take care of themselves in trying circumstances to spread the light of Christ. Where boys have the opportunity of the enlightening adventure of Royal Ambassador activities in chapter meetings, mission study classes, camps and conclaves, they have a vision other boys don't have. Many are dedicating their lives as full-time workers and laymen at home to bring light and to drive away the darkness.

Many people are wondering: "What can we do to enlighten our men?" The answer is: "Give the boy the light." It will not go out. It will be there burning bigger and brighter when he becomes a man. Men will continue to be the leaders of our churches. If your church is to be mission-conscious, work on the future leaders of your church today.

## Light in the Darkness

BY J. I. BISHOP

Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Secretary

How can Woman's Missionary Union bring in the light of mission knowledge to drive out the darkness in the lives of Southern Baptist boys? That's where Royal Ambassador Focus Week comes in. This year the dates are November 5-11. The purpose of this week is to focus on the existing or needed organizations in your church. Make the Royal Ambassador adventure so attractive to the boy that every one will want the experience. Present it so interestingly to the men they will want to help in this undertaking. Show your church RA values so convincingly that it will support the organization. If you do not have a chapter, Focus Week is an ideal time to get underway. Free material that will give you an introduction to the work and outline steps for organizing a chapter may be secured through your state W.M.U. office.

If you already have a chapter, make a real effort to do more than you have ever done for your chapter this year. *Ambassador Life* for October will give you lots of hints on things to do. You will be especially interested in the suggested Father-Son banquet plans. The theme for the week is "Light for the World's Darkness" applying this to the light of Christ in a world of darkness without him.

Here are some hints for Focus Week focusing. (1) Work with your counselors. (2) Plan with your pastor. (3) Don't be afraid of hard work, it will take lots of it for a good program. (4) Keep in mind you are planning for boys and men by making everything masculine. (5) Don't try to work on too small amount of money. It is not necessary to be extravagant but don't be stingy. (6) Remember world missions is the theme.

The light of mission knowledge made effectual by the spirit of the living God will drive out the darkness of unconcern for a world lost in sin. You can be a lightbearer. Will you do it?

## Why, Mommy?

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

### Those Old Mad People

"If that were my child I would apply a good sound spanking to the part of his anatomy best suited for such emergencies."

This has been my frequent reaction to what I considered misbehavior in some small child—but not since the arrival of one, two, three little Harrises. Have you sensed this attitude in people at times? Those who feel like this either have no children or had them so long ago they only remember the excellent job they did in rearing them. Do even those of us who are parents set too high standards for our youngsters? A kindergarten teacher told the mother of one little boy that she felt his parents expected too much from him.

If adults measured up to a standard comparable to that which we set for the child, society would be "well-nigh" perfect. Rather than make pious generalities about this, why not look at some instances that show something of the thinking of both the child and adults.

The three-year-old sitting in the car with his mother accidentally touched the horn. People standing nearby at a groundbreaking ceremony naturally turned in the direction of the sound. The little boy seeing the big face of the crowd said, "Wish those old mad people would turn around." Despite his mother's words to the contrary he insisted that they were mad.

Another child of three who had not been eating well at the evening meal asked to have his dinner in the kitchen. After several successful meals eaten alone there, the parents discovered why he had made such an odd request. The boy said, "Everybody talks and everybody gets mixed up and Daddy says 'Eat, John, eat!' and I get all mixed up." The mother and father and the two school age daughters would talk so loud and, to John's mind, argue so in their discussion of the day's

happenings that the boy had become too "mixed-up" to eat with them.

One two-year-old on a bus became fretful. To a number of people she seemed to be misbehaving. A few made some unkind criticisms. Yet some of these individuals were laying down a smoke screen that hid the "No Smoking" sign and nauseated those who did not choose to smoke.

A landlord advertised a five-room apartment for rent with one condition, "no children." One reason for ruling out children was the noise they would make. A couple moved in and because they had no little ones there was no need to walk and speak softly, nor to turn the radio volume down to one-room size, nor was there any need to have the apartment quiet at a decent hour in the evening. The neighbors were glad when the couple moved out and a quiet family with two small children rented the place. Now everybody in the neighborhood gets eight hours sleep each night and listens to only one radio at a time.

It is not necessary to enlarge on the above cases. What I am trying to say boils down to this: Too many adults do not want to be bothered with children. They do not like them. They are afraid of them. Something within these people cannot face up to the scrutiny of the child. The small child has a way of stating things as they are, because he has not lived long enough to know any better. Can this too-prevalent attitude toward children be a tragic comment on our life today?

### The Sand Pile Set

The kitchen has a fascination for children. Even the smallest ones crowd up as close as possible to the rolling-pin or the batter when mother is baking. With a cloth or paper placed on the table the child will sit and work with a bit of dough without endangering mother's operations. A glass can serve as rolling-pin, and if there are no various-shaped cookie cutters, small cans or lids will do as well. The little one under two will sit in the high chair and work like this for a long time. Arranging this takes only a few minutes preparation and the time consumed is made up in the uninterrupted work mother can get done.

# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## Stewardship Chairmen . . .

A state stewardship chairman writing to stewardship chairmen in the churches of her state said, "Let me urge your attendance at denominational meetings near you." Good advice that is!

Denominational meetings are held for information and inspiration. Stewardship chairmen need this information and inspiration. They need to know about the Lord's work as it is carried on in their denomination. They need to see the relationship of stewardship to all the work of the denomination. They need inspiration that will lead them to a constant devotion to their task as leaders in stewardship.

A stewardship chairman should be faithful in attending the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society in her own church. She needs the inspiration of these program meetings. She should take advantage of stewardship enlistment opportunities offered by circle meetings. She must be in business meetings to make her report and hear the reports of others. She should look on meetings as opportunities for the promotion of stewardship and should never miss one if she can help it.

Then, the good stewardship chairman will go as often as possible to W.M.U. meetings outside of her church—in the association, in the district or division, to her state W.M.U. meetings, to the annual meeting of our general W.M.U. and to the W.M.U. conference at Ridgecrest. Usually some part of the program at these meetings will be devoted to stewardship. There will be speakers and conferences especially helpful to her in her stewardship work.

All of the programs of these meetings dealing with all phases of missions will lead the stewardship chairman to see her work as a vital part of the cause of world missions. Her outlook will be broadened, her vision will be enlarged, her zeal for activity will be aroused. Because of at-

tendance at these meetings she will know more, do more, and will be a better stewardship chairman.

So to each chairman who reads these words, I say, "Let me urge your attendance at all denominational meetings near you."  
—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

## Community Missions Chairmen

Whether you are community missions chairman of a rural society or a society of a town or city church, a permanent and underlying part of your community missions plans should be a constant program of visiting. This is a basic activity that should be going on at all times, in addition to the other projects planned by your committee.

Here is a plan that many societies are finding effective. The community missions chairman with her committee makes a map of the community and marks off the residential areas by roads, or streets, or blocks. With a list of the members and their addresses before them, the committee assigns to each woman a particular block or portion of a road or street in her general neighborhood. Sometimes two women are assigned a section as their joint responsibility.

At the general meeting or the circle meeting, these assignments are given to the women with a thorough explanation of what their responsibility is. Any members who are absent are contacted personally by the community missions committee. The block assignment is kept by the individual member over a period of time—perhaps a year, but at least one quarter.

The first responsibility of each woman toward her particular section is to visit in each home, find out who lives there and the church affiliation, and seek to express sincere interest and friendliness. She should be alert to detect any special need in the home and to minister to these needs

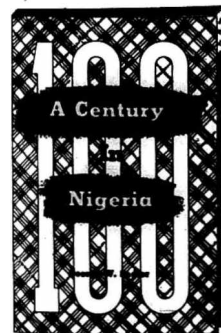
herself or by calling in the help of the community missions committee. Her assignment does not end with the initial visit. It is her responsibility to keep up with the events in that section week by week, such as sickness, death, new babies, and new families. Of course, she will not be able to do this unless she becomes accepted as a frequent and welcome visitor in the neighborhood. Then she is no longer a stranger, but a Christian friend who is trusted. She will have many opportunities to render spiritual help personally as well as supplying the community missions committee and the church with names of unchurched families and children not in Sunday school. Then she will have aid in enlisting these new friends for Christ.

Where such a plan has been used and the women have been faithful to their assignments, the members of the W.M.S. have become more conscious of the needs of the community as a whole. More than that, they have had the opportunity of leading new friends to Christ and to a life of service through the church.

—Edith Stokely

## Mission Study Chairmen . . .

No, women are not too old to learn. You can lead them in knowing new facts about missions. Columbia University psychologists find that even after 45, one is able to learn more than she could before she was 14 years old. So rally your women for mission study.



The books on Nigeria are all ready as are the ones on the Moslem world. Study them all no matter which one you are teaching. You need to know more than those in your class who will also have the selected textbook. See what other books on Nigeria

or Arabia and the Near East you can find in personal, church or public library. Look for magazine articles on the field you are studying. The more you know, the more interesting your class discussion will be.

Write to our Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia, for helps on whichever of these books you are teaching.

## W.M.S. and Y.W.A.

### Africa

*A Century in Nigeria*, George W. Sadler, 60¢

*Exploring Africa*, Henry Cornell Goerner, 60¢

*So This Is Africa*, Susan Anderson, 60¢

### Near East

*Highways in the Desert*, Ida Paterson Storm, 60¢

*Assignment: Near East*, James Batal, paper, \$1, cloth, \$1.75

*Introducing Islam*, J. Christy Wilson, paper, 60¢

*Near East Panorama*, Gloria M. Wysner, paper, \$1, cloth, \$1.50

## Intermediate G.A. and R.A.

*Listen to the Drums*, C. F. Eaglesfield, 40¢  
*Pearls Are Made*, Ann M. Harrison, cloth, \$1.75, paper, \$1.

## Junior G.A. and R.A.

*Zombo*, Nan F. Weeks, 40¢  
*The Camel Bell (Revised)*, Doreen Hosford Owens, 50¢

*They Live in Bible Lands*, Grace W. McGavran, cloth, \$1.75, paper, \$1.

## Sunbeams

*Fentola—A Little Girl of Africa*, Margaret Marchman, 50¢

*The Thirsty Village*, Dorothy Blatter, paper, \$1, cloth, \$1.75

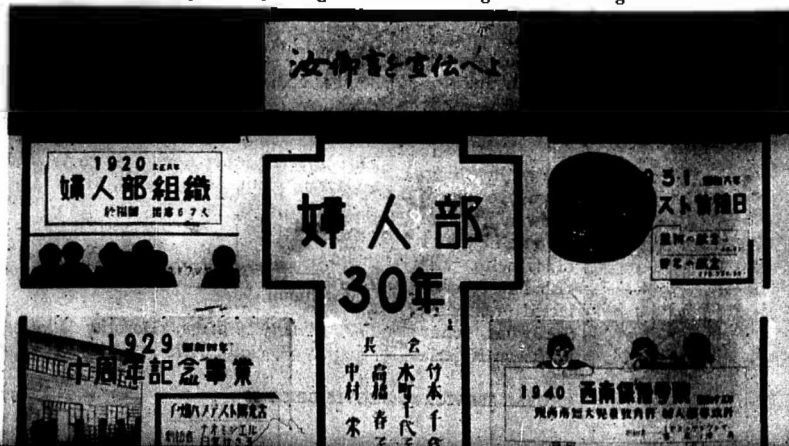
# Letter-ettes

## Japanese W.M.U. Annual Meeting

by Mrs. Kiyoko Shirabe

We had our third W.M.U. convention July 19-21 on the beautiful hill at Seinan Jo Gakuin in Kokura. There were only five churches not represented in the fifty delegates from W.M.S. societies. There were eighteen Y.W.A.'s, eight missionaries and many visitors. Also present were seven young women who have been taking the short W.M.U. course at the Kindergarten Training School at Fukuoka. They expressed their appreciation for the wonderful opportunity they are having. We are most hopeful for what these young women will mean to the W.M.U. work of their churches. At one night session there were about 150 present. The typhoon came the same day the visitors came, and it brought cool wind but no rain.

*This is a reproduction of the four-color poster which tells of the thirty years history of the Japan W.M.U. The center section presents the names of past presidents; 1920, the first organizational meeting; 1929, Good Will Center opened; 1931, World Day of Prayer begun; 1940, Kindergarten Training School started.*



One day before the convention, we had a district leaders' meeting, when we talked about the problems to be brought up, and helped to make the plans for next year. This meeting made the business session of the convention much easier.

After the inspiring address of Mrs. Junko Hara, W.M.U. president, Mrs. Shirabe led a discussion of young people's work. She presented a group from the Kokura church who with the pastor gave a demonstration promotion service including all the organizations from Sunbeam Band to W.M.S.

Japan W.M.U. is thirty years old this year, and Mrs. Mizumachi who was president for a number of years, gave an interesting resume of the highlights of the thirty years history. At the back of the auditorium a beautiful poster in four colors gave in picture form the most important events of the thirty years. Other pictures and posters all over the room added a great deal, and in one room a pretty mission display made it easy for us to see and understand other people in the world. On the platform a huge lighted globe kept us constantly reminded of our debt to a lost world. The convention pastor, Mr. Miyaji, brought us each morning and evening challenging messages stirring missionary zeal and interest.



Mrs. Shirabe, at right in front, presides at promotion service in which Japanese Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, and W.M.S. members take part. Notice emblems at right

During conferences and business sessions many new plans and ideas were adopted, with the spiritual emphasis for next year on tithing and better developments of the districts. The goal for the mission offering at Christmas was set at double the goal for last year, and we expect to get much more than our goal. Beautiful silver W.M.U. rings just like the ones used in America except for the Japanese wording, were available and the women bought them with joy after the meaning was explained to them. For our thirty years anniversary it was voted to make a picture folder of our work, and to try to get a more adequate office room. Y.W.A.'s voted to contribute to the W.M.U. yearly expenses as the women do, in addition to their offering to missions.

It was voted to give the love offering taken at the last service, which was held in beautiful Mallory Hall, toward the building of the W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. Although we knew it would be very little, we wanted it to be a token of our love and appreciation for W.M.U. of the United States, and we wanted to feel we had a very small part in this building which will be headquarters not only for the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, but for all the woman's work in countries where there are Southern Baptist churches.

I cannot express the beauty of Mallory Hall. It is wonderful. In the worship hall there is a beautiful painting of Miss Mallory and we felt she was with us. I must not fail to mention the wonderful Hammond organ; for many women it was the first time to hear such music. With that beautiful music and after hearing Mr.

Miyaji's closing missionary message, and Mrs. Junko Hara's closing words, it was easy for us all to rededicate ourselves to missionary work, and to give our children to the Lord. We can do nothing without prayer, so please pray for us. Our W.M.U. is still very small; we have twenty-seven Woman's Missionary Societies, seventeen Young Woman's Auxiliaries, thirteen Girls' Auxiliaries, five Royal Ambassador Chapters, and six Sunbeam Bands. We are very thankful for them and we all want just to follow Jesus' last command to "go and teach."

## Visual Aids For November

by Mildred Williams

The motion pictures recommended show some of the work being done through medical missions, and will challenge the members to be more concerned about the healing of the nations.

GO FORTH presents the need for medical missionaries in the Orient. 22 minutes; sound; color; rental \$6.

BEYOND OUR OWN centers around a young lawyer who loses himself in business affairs. After the death of his little child, he discovers he has overlooked a personal stewardship in life and substance which he owes God and man. 40 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$10.

ADVANCE IN AFRICA is a story from our own Baptist work. It shows a missionary doctor from his arrival in Lagos through his first six months in the mission. 22 minutes; sound; rental, color, \$5; black and white, \$3.

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# Devotional Thoughts

## Go! Heal!

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Hymn: "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart"

*Comment:* In a day when there was great spiritual darkness, when political oppression and social immorality had brought the people down to the lowest ebb, Malachi the prophet could still point the faithful to the absolute assurance of the coming of their King. He thought of the most sublime description his own yearning could produce of this One. In him would be met the ever acute "hopes and fears of all the years." So Malachi said, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

It was an exact representation. When the Christ-King came, four centuries later, it was to heal, to comfort, to relieve, to restore, to renew. Often we read such records of him as: "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel" (Matt. 15:30-31).

Is it astonishing that in seeking to convince John the Baptist of his Messiahship, Jesus should have chosen simply to tell him: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them?" (Matt. 11:5).

That was a radical change from the usual methods of religious leaders. Their authority was largely shown in lofty discourses and learned orations; their simplest services were often expected to bring too high payments.

So we need not be surprised that Jesus chose so unique a commission for his followers as that found in Matthew 10:1-8. (Read from the Bible.)

There were three steps in this first commissioning of the Twelve:

1. *He called them to him.* God is love. This is the central truth; this is what Jesus came, not to tell us, but to show us. Even the Twelve, in whom the Master saw such significant possibilities, were not accustomed to concerning themselves particularly with other people's suffering. But in the warmth of the Master's personality, as they came to him in response to his call, they found themselves absorbing a measure of the love they saw him demonstrate, as day by day, he healed the repulsive maladies of unlovely humanity.

2. *He gave them power.* One of the most amazing facts of Christianity is, not that Christ can heal the many distresses of the human race, but that he can make healers of those whom he heals: not that he can give life, but that he can make life-givers of those who will appropriate his personality in themselves, through the Holy Spirit.

3. *He commanded them.* Christ's commission to the Twelve was clear and specific. (a) They were to go to a specified people only. It is tragic to waste our energies by attempting to minister to too many people over too big an area, among groups and conditions we are not prepared to reach! (b) They were to preach—but their preaching must be shown positively by the practical deeds of kindness and mercy, of healing and helping they would do by the power of Christ. In fact, their entire ministry was to be one of healing—the physically sick and leprous and the demon-possessed; and those who were caught in spiritual affliction. (c) They were to use their powers freely. When Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give," he meant, you have received the power to heal and bless and help in the name of God. You are to lavish this gift upon all who need you without any thought of being paid for it, do it simply because you love.

Does it seem strange that the Twelve

could have taken Jesus literally? It does not seem to have occurred to them that they could carry out this command by telling the needy where to find a welfare agency or by sending a check to the charity fund of the synagogue or by merely sitting by the sick and reading a portion of the Scriptures—as helpful as any of these might have been. They seem not to have thought about how nice it would be—how much more professional—simply to set up an elegant office for people to come to by appointment, if they had problems! They took for granted that they were personally to serve people with their hands.

Science has discovered remarkable cures for many diseases. But the one force more healing than any medicine, more soothing than any sedative, more life-giving than any medical stimulant, is the compassionate love of Christ, expressing itself through the warm personal service of human beings.

God has never given up his ability to work physical miracles, even, in response to the faithful, fervent prayer of practical Christians. And the world has not progressed beyond responding to practical works of healing—physical diseases, social plagues, or spiritual maladies—in the name of Christ. Of a truth, there is "healing in his wings"—soul-healing, mind-healing, even body-healing. But Christ has given to us the responsibility of translating his love into the language of service which all the world can understand. We must apply his healing power to the hurt of the world.

Is the Master saying to you this moment, in confidence that you will know exactly the persons he is sending you to, "Go! Heal! Freely you have received, freely give!"

Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

## Is this your question?

Your question may be someone else's, too, why not send it in?

*How can we get the 1951 W.M.U. Year Book?*

One copy goes to each W.M.U. president free. Free copies are also sent to each young people's director, each associational president or superintendent and young people's leader, and each district or divisional president or superintendent and young people's leader.

Others buy them from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, for 15¢ per copy. Every member needs a Year Book to do her best work, and no circle chairman can manage at all successfully without her own copy for ready reference. Send your order promptly.

*Are there changes in the W.M.U. Standard of Excellence for 1951?*

Yes, there are two changes. They are in points three and eight. The new reading is (3) At least 75 per cent of the members contributing regularly through the

Cooperative Program (8) At least two mission study classes: two-thirds of the membership of the society reading a missionary book. Your state handbook will no doubt give any detailed explanation about these necessary for your state.

*Are the young people's standards changed also?*

Yes, the fourth point in all the young people's Standards of Excellence reads (4) At least 75 per cent of the members giving regularly through the Cooperative Program.

*How do we get the programs for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions?*

Each state distributes to each organization following its usual plan of mailing out supplies and communications. The material reaches you at least a month before the observance of the Week of Prayer. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering comes December 4-8 this year.

# Is There a Doctor in the House?

## Program Outline

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"

Devotion "Goi Heall", page 20

Prayer

Is There a Doctor in the House?  
The Challenge of Medical Missions  
In Africa?  
Cleanse the Lepers  
A "Top" Appendix

Hymn "The Great Physician"  
In Latin America?  
In China?

Medical Missions Advance  
Prevention as Well as Cure  
There is a Physician

Solo "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Season of Prayer

## Program Plans

This program could be adapted well for dramatic presentation. After the introduction "Is There a Doctor in the House?" is given, the leader should ask the women to indulge in a bit of fantasy by pretending that the "house" we are in is the "House of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions." A big house it is, sheltering a Baptist ministry of teaching, preaching and healing in twenty-seven nations with more than seven hundred men and women under appointment of our Foreign Mission Board. The need for a doctor in this "house" is evident. After the talk "The Challenge of Medical Missions," the leader should ask the question in an earnest voice, "Is there a doctor in the house?—the House of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions?"

From out in the audience someone stands up and says, "Yes, there is a doctor in Africa"—and gives the information about Africa. Use a map to point out places mentioned. From another part of the audience "Latin America" and so on.

You have met Mrs. Burton in ROYAL SERVICE before—in an article on the home and in January program material. We are grateful for these excellent contributions from the wife of the editor of *Home Life*. She is a brilliant woman and a loyal, devoted Christian leader.

Someone with a real zeal for missions should give the closing part.

Mark and call attention to a poster advertising books on medical missions available in your church library. Follow up this program with discussion of books on medical missions.

Close with a season of prayer for medical missionaries and for more medical volunteers. Pray for young people in your church who are seeking God's will for their life task.

## Is There a Doctor in the House?

We know what would happen some Sunday morning in hot summer if someone toppled over in a dead faint. There would be a shudder through the congregation, the ushers would step up quickly, and the organist would play louder. Then the minister would ask, "Is there a doctor in the house?"

And the familiar figure of the family doctor would make its way to the front. He would quietly take charge; everyone would breathe a sigh of relief, and the service would go on.

It is a good feeling to have a doctor in the house, or where he can be reached by nearby telephone. A sick child can keep a mother awake all night, but in the morning, when the doctor comes, everything seems better. The doctor's presence is reassuring, and amazingly enough the child's temperature does not register as high on the doctor's thermometer as it had in the earlier morning hours.

There is a close human relationship between the Christian doctor and his patients. He gives us more than professional care for he touches our needs at so

by Mrs. Joe W. Burton

many points. He is called into the home during the crises of life—birth, sickness, death. The Christian doctor gets down to the very fundamentals of human life.

## The Challenge of Medical Missions

The crises of life and the doctor's ability to meet them are even more pronounced if the doctor goes to the mission field. Many of these doctors have been pioneers. They have studied sympathetically the life of the people they have touched. They have learned the language and have adjusted to inconveniences and lack of equipment and medicines. They have proved how powerful modern scientific medicine can be in missionary endeavor. A close relationship springs up between the nationals and the doctor.

In Asia or Africa, families that have clung to fetishes, temple worship and mysterious "cures" reach out for this new magic, the white man's medicine. So the missionary doctor becomes a bridge between old and new attitudes, and smooths the way for the gospel message.

Medical missionaries have a singular status in heathen lands. Their service is appreciated everywhere as they relieve pain and postpone death. They are not concerned about money for, like all other missionaries, their salaries are comparatively small. Competition does not bother them. Rather they are eager for more doctors to work with them and they teach medicine as they practice it.

They have proved themselves effective to both science and religion in all parts of the world. Governments respect their work and beg them to continue.

## In Africa?

From Nigeria comes the word, "Yes, there is a doctor but we need more." Our first Southern Baptist missionary reached Nigeria in 1849, twenty-two years before Stanley went to Africa in search of Livingstone. Doctor George Green was our



*Instead of scarring their babies faces, Christian African mothers bring them to the Baby Clinic every year*

first doctor and he went out fifty-five years later. He started his work in one room of the mission home at Ogbomosho (Og-bomo-show).

In 1911 a dispensary was opened there, and in 1922 a hospital was built. This has had steady growth and its influence has gone into all Nigeria. Much medical work is done in outstation clinics that major in pre-natal and baby care.

Working closely with our hospital in Ogbomosho is the Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home for missionaries, housing also a dental office. The Ogbomosho Nursing School helps to train nurses for the new medical stations we are opening in Nigeria.

Now there are thirty young men and nine young women in training. Each of these students is a Christian; all receive special instruction in soul-winning. Their curriculum includes Bible, Sunday school and Training Union methods. This medical center has two doctors, three missionary nurses, seven African graduate nurses, one midwife and one pharmacist.

Patients are often brought to the hospital after their families have given up hope of help from juju and their medicine men. Far too often they are beyond hope of cure. But the doctors and nurses do their best and God often grants healing. This fifty-bed hospital is full to overflowing always.

On the edge of the village of Eku (e-koo), surrounded by tall palm trees another Baptist hospital is being built. The people are justly proud of this project.



Most of the sand to make the concrete blocks was carried in pails balanced on the heads of small children. They trudged the two and a half miles to Kokori River and back. After they carried their baskets of fruit and yams to market, the women would go by the river bank for a load of sand.

So a hospital is growing in the African bush. When completed, there will be eight large buildings and seven small ones; including a kitchen and laundry. There are two buildings for out-patients; one for general use and one for child care and maternity. The hospital will have a capacity of eighty beds. A full-time chaplain conducts services daily for the staff, workmen and patients.

Besides these hospitals in Nigeria, Southern Baptists have dispensaries at Shaki (shah-key), Joinkrama (jo-in-krah-ma), Iwo (ee-woe), and Ire (i-ree). There are clinics at Oyo (o-yo) and Igede (I-ge-dee).

### "Cleanse the Lepers"

We have thirteen hundred leper patients under our care in ten different colonies. The largest is near Ogbomoshio and has six hundred patients. The others are scattered throughout Oyo province and have from twenty-two to one hundred forty patients each. There are four well-organized Baptist churches among the leper settlements. They follow the same pattern of work that we find in any Southern Baptist church with active Sunday schools, Training Unions and Woman's Missionary Union organizations. The patients respond readily to the gospel. There were sixty conversions in one colony last year.

Missionary doctors spend themselves for these sufferers, and train native doctors and nurses to give the injections of chaulmoogra oil, and other medications which are effective for leprosy.

In *Doctors Courageous* by Edward H. Hume, M.D., there is a quotation from Julia Lake Kellersberger's book, *Congo Crosses*, which gives a vivid picture of a leper colony:

"For weeks the lepers had been camping in the corn and cassava back of the hospital. Even the other sick patients, covered with sores, drew their dirty rags about



Dr. Martha Gilliland, staff doctor, performs operation at Ogbomoshio Baptist Hospital, Nigeria, West Africa

their dirty bodies, unwilling to associate with these social outcasts. Many of them had hobbled on stumps of feet as many as a hundred miles. Each morning we would find others waiting at the door of the hospital, soaked by the chilling rains, their small possessions tied in grass baskets. Half-starved children would be asleep on the bare ground, exhausted in their attempt to follow their leprosy parents over the long, long trail. They were the lowliest of the lowly...

"Their day came at last. Sunrise shone on an African road like a white ribbon, up and over the hills. A cloud of white dust made by sore feet in the soft sand showed that the procession had started... The tropical sun was beating down mercilessly upon the hot sands, blistering their sores and the road was long and weary for their maimed feet. There was a smile on every face, however, and gratitude in every heart. This was their emancipation day. They were going home; the first home most of them had ever known. The leper camp was finished, and at the end of the trail was a Christian village prepared by God's people."

### A "Top" Appendix

There was a G.I. from Ohio who became ill in Africa during World II. This is a copy of the letter he wrote to his mother enclosing a sketch of himself:

"Dear Mom: Where x is I had a pain. Simply terrific. No surgeon in our outfit so they flew me over the jungle to a mission hospital. Imagine my feelings when I found the only surgeon was a young fellow about my age but black as ink. And the only nurse was even blacker. Kitchen table was his only operating table. I thought, 'Good night! And me so young and handsome!' So they put me to sleep. And when I woke up I felt swell. There was my appendix in a bottle, looking kinda cute so I thought I'd try to mail it to you. Thought it might be a comfort to have that much of me home safe in Ohio. But no can do in wartime it seems; Sorry.

"How come you never told your son and heir about this mission stuff? It's simply terrific. Take this place: no running water, no electric lights. One nurse. One M.D. But everything as clean as a whistle. And this M.D. has a smile straight out of the Bible. Before he operates he closes his eyes. I guess to ask God to please stand by. And he sure does. It's terrific.

"Folks get sicker here than they do in Ohio. Sleeping sickness flies bite your toes. Elephants gore your back. Enemies poison your food. So this fellow mends all these broken people back to good as new again. He just loves you into getting better. His voice booms like a church bell. He just gets you. He makes you believe in something you can't talk about. So when I left I gave him all the money I had in my pants. But of course it wasn't nearly enough. So now I wish you'd get Pop to go to the top hospital in our town and ask the top surgeon what is his top price for taking the top appendix out of the top millionaire. And then I wish you'd make Pop send it to this black saint here. For, Mom, he's tops!"

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Needless to add, Pop did! From a native doctor, trained by a missionary doctor, an American family learned about missions. From this story we too can learn about the importance of medical missions to our African field. "Folks get sicker here"—than in Ohio or Tennessee or Arizona. That in itself should be reason enough for medical missions in Africa. Christianity has been the leavening agent in our part of the world, that has given us better health, better life; for Christianity is more than an experience. It is a way of life.

### In Latin America?

There are relatively few medical missionaries in Latin America. This does not indicate that medical care is not needed south of the border. In Brazil, for example, there is only one doctor to every 20,000 people. Often people travel 200 miles to a doctor. In most Latin American countries the governments will not let foreign doctors and nurses practice unless they have studied in their own medical schools. Our government does not recognize Latin American doctors readily. Therefore, until very recently we have had no real medical mission program in these countries.

In Paraguay, Dr. Franklin Fowler has received his license to practice. He is the son of pioneer missionaries to Argentina and is himself our medical pioneer. He has found countless opportunities to witness for Christ in poverty-stricken homes and in homes of wealth. In 1949, property for a hospital was purchased in Asuncion, Paraguay. With Cooperative Program and

Primitive oxcart is useful in hauling for Paraguayan hospital





*Hospital construction calls for bricks*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, actual construction started in January, 1950 on the \$100,000 plant. In a letter to friends in the States the Fowlers write: "We were able to move into our new home on hospital property just two days before Christmas. Imagine a ranch type house set on the edge of a three block square piece of property that is covered with flowering trees and fruit trees. We can see the hospital going up in full sight of our house."

"Being right on the building site has enabled us to save money and materials. The hospital buildings are well under way. On January 9, while Dr. Merrill Moore of Nashville was visiting us, we broke ground. Since then we have moved right along, not having to stop once for lack of materials. That in itself is a miracle in this country. Of the six buildings there are two being roofed, two are at roof level, and two are above the foundation."

*Architect's drawing of the new Baptist Hospital at Asuncion, Paraguay. Plans call for a 40-bed hospital, with the possibilities of expanding to 100 if the need and finances are adequate. The plant is to consist of six buildings, all connected to each other by means of a ramp*



A glow of pride and a prayer of thanksgiving should be in every Southern Baptist heart as we learn of the progress of this, our first hospital in Latin America.

Yet, our mission work has helped provide doctors and nurses in several of our good neighbor countries. Some young men and women receive their basic training in our Baptist college and go on into medical work. Several such students are now among the best doctors and nurses in Brazil. One young woman from our school at Recife is directing a small hospital in the far interior of Brazil. For twenty years hers has been a life of witnessing and healing to many people far from any city.

Some girls from our training schools in Brazil receive nurses' training before they go back into the country to teach. One tells the story of a priest's attempt to destroy her work by threatening the parents who send their children to her school. One father had withdrawn his child from her school. Then he had a serious accident in the factory where he was working. There was not a doctor within a hundred miles of the village, so the child took his father to his former teacher who was also a nurse. So skillfully did she dress the wounded hand and care for it until it was healed that she won a victory for the school. Many others came to her for first aid and she was able to continue her mission work.

Two teachers, traveling up the Amazon River one summer conducting Vacation Bible schools used their nurses' training



*Young Brazilian nurse makes her way over lonely countryside of far interior Brazil bringing medical treatment and the story of Christ to those who need them most*

to give much needed injections to people along the way. Another Baptist girl, a nurse in a Catholic hospital, witnesses for Christ and dreams of establishing a small hospital of her own far in the interior.

Are we surprised to learn that many of our missionaries to Latin America are praying a twofold prayer? First, they would like to see schools for nurses established where more girls could receive adequate training. Then they pray earnestly for more missionary nurses to help the native doctors and nurses.

### *In China?*

The All-China Baptist Convention was organized in 1948 before civil strife had reached full momentum. Their first publication was a calendar of prayer and activities for 1949. Their theme "One in Christ" has been kept before the people as

they have prayed for every phase of their work, including medical missions.

Next to Africa China is our biggest field for medical missions. Edward Bliss, Jr., visiting for *The Christian Herald* refers to the work of missionary doctors as "America's Trojan horse in China." He prophesies that this "fifth column" will be a strong factor in communism's defeat.

Dr. Baker Cauthen says that reports from all sections of China tell of the wonderful protecting care of the Lord during the fighting preceding "liberation." The Lord's power has kept some doors open or ajar for witnessing in his name. The difficulties in China must not be minimized. They are many, ever-present and ever-changing. The missionaries who felt led to stay in China and the Chinese Christians are trying to overcome their difficulties rather than being overcome by them.

The reports from our hospitals are meager now. In Central and Interior China the Kunshan Baptist Clinic and small hospital has had a loyal staff. A surgeon from Soochow comes down each week to perform major operations. So many, many cases of tuberculosis have developed from lack of nourishment that a chest clinic has been opened in connection with the out-patient department. This hospital reaches out into surrounding areas of the city as people come in from distant places for treatment.

In the Shanghai Baptist Compound a new clinic has grown up. It can serve the people living in the compound, those attending the middle schools and the seminary and many from nearby villages. Aside from routine vaccinations and inoculations more than 2000 treatments were given in a six-month period.

The Yangchow Hospital has been operating on a reduced scale with a Chinese staff.

Before Chengchow fell, personnel and valuable equipment of the Chinese American hospital was moved by plane to Kweilin in West China. (See "Not Afraid to Wait" by Mrs. Ayers, page 4.) This clinic proved a great blessing to many sick and needy including wounded soldiers from both Nationalist and Communist armies.

Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow has reorganized so that the responsibility

is placed more definitely upon Chinese personnel. Two preachers and one Bible woman work in the hospital giving much time to music and the worship services in the church and in the wards.

Kweilin Hospital almost destroyed in the Sino-Japanese war was reopened in March, 1949, in the old, partially repaired building. A large modern clinic building has been completed. Staff quarters, water tower, walls and gatehouse are included in the building plans. Meanwhile the forty beds are usually in use and about 100 patients come into the clinic each day. Everyday four or five babies are born in the hospital. All the patients and many of their families hear the gospel through the ministry of the evangelist and Bible woman.

So the hospitals of China will radiantly do their best under great difficulties.

### Medical Missions Advance

The advance movement of Southern Baptists is evident in our medical missions. Dr. Roy C. McGlamery has received his

Dr. Bathgate examines 10 months old baby at Nazareth hospital before he is taken to Geo. W. Truett Home. Baby weighed 10 lbs.

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license and has plans made for establishing a hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia. A clinic is already giving much needed help there.

Young Dr. Skinner and his wife have been appointed to join Dr. Fowler in the work at Asuncion, Paraguay. After their period of language study they expect to reach the field about the time the hospital is completed. Moreover among the recent converts on this field were a native doctor and his wife. Two more young Baptists of Paraguay are studying medicine in the National University. Dr. Fowler looks forward to the day when the hospital will be adequately staffed with Christian doctors.

Plans for a Baptist hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico, are awaiting a license for Dr. Lamar Cole who is working with a Mexican doctor meanwhile. Dr. Lorne Brown is already in Arabia and Dr. James T. McRae and Miss Ruth Swann, R.N., have been appointed to that land where more healing missions are greatly needed. Mrs. McRae is recognized as author of our Sunbeam Band manual and of Sunbeam programs.

A Baptist hospital will be established as soon as possible in Hiroshima, Japan.

### Prevention As Well As Cure

Medical missions must be more than a healing effort. There is a program of prevention to be carried on as well as cure. Masses of people need to learn the values of cleanliness and sanitary precautions.

China has been drinking hot tea for generations but she needs to learn that flies carry germs. Missionaries have used charts and slides to show the danger of disease carried by flies. These projects of teaching not only must be continued in China but carried on in Mexico, in Arabia and other places.

In Africa there is a proverb, "A shadow never falls but a spirit stands." Why does a man walking along in the sunlight suddenly crumple up and perhaps die? We would diagnose "sunstroke" but the African sees no cause for this illness. It must be that someone has worked evil magic, an enemy has a stronger charm or fetish than this victim. Medical missions

must help teach what we would call "sensible precautions."

Strangely we have a growing responsibility because "white man's diseases" have moved in with the benefits of commerce and trade. Tuberculosis was not known in certain lands, nor cancer, nor the diseases resultant from the liquor traffic, until they entered with the white man.

As more people learn to read, as missionaries set examples of clean homes, and promote housecleaning campaigns, as sanitary systems are set up, medical missions will be able to advance in preventive measures.

### There Is a Physician

Faced with the world's illnesses and sin we in our thinking always flee to the Son of God, the Great Physician. In him our hearts rest but these countless millions of others do not know him. They do not know the scientific approaches his spirit has made possible to the Christian doctor and nurse.

If we could individually rejoice with the brave Arabian woman who dared enter the hospital to be delivered of her sixteenth child, the first to live, we would do so. If we could individually bind up the torn body of the little girl barely rescued from the crocodile we would do so. We would give gentle ministry to the mother in travail. We would move the bamboo pole laid across her abdomen with a heavy assistant bearing down at each end to hasten a tardy labor. We would move the all but prostrate woman quickly from the fire kept hot constantly for many days no more than eighteen inches from her body. We are not heartless. When need is at our door we act with strength beyond our own.

But these multitudes are faraway and too often we do not see them. Knowing, we can open our eyes and look. Knowing, we can open our purses and give. The Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and in a few instances the Annie Armstrong Offering all promote healing in the name of Christ. As long as there are too few hospitals, as long as those hospitals we do have need more beds, need decent equipment, we must keep on giv-

ing. As long as we hear the cry for more doctors and nurses we can offer our sons and daughters and encourage and aid them in preparation when God's voice speaks to them. David Livingstone's words ring still, "God had an only Son, and he was a missionary and a physician."

Medical missions demonstrates the healing power of Christ. He who is the Great Physician can heal the body, as being the Saviour, he can redeem the sin-sick soul. Again and again the medical missionary has heard such expressions as this: "If the Jesus doctrine makes folks treat others as you have treated me, I want to follow the Jesus way."

"The medical missionary is a missionary and a half." Here investment of life and money and prayer brings multiplied returns to our Master.

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to give that which is our part in bringing about the answer to our prayers. How many times we have thought we would give anything to have world peace. I know of no investment which would contribute more toward world peace than the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, all of which goes for bringing the glad tidings of Jesus, the Prince of peace, to the nations of this chaotic world.

We must unite our hearts and our hands during this Week of Prayer—our hearts in prayer and our hands in giving.

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soon knew the dream would not come true for us. Did you ever dream of sitting down to a delicious looking meal and then wake up just as you are getting ready to taste? It was impossible to carry on such a work as we hope for in China in this transition period. So we entered into another period here in the States of waiting for a visa to go into India, to go there with medical work for Southern Baptists.

But we are not afraid to wait, for we know God has his own time for fulfilling man's dreams which surely are his also. We shall wait upon the Lord.

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had it not been for the Margaret Fund Scholarship. My first year I spent trying to find God's place of service for my life. A leader in the W.M.U. led me to find a place of service with Royal Ambassadors. There I found true joy in serving others and God. Such opportunities as R.A. field worker, R.A. association leader, Indian work, speaking, preaching, and R.A. work in camps are blessings beyond all my expectations.

Then religious offices on the campus came to me, extra-curricular activities, the debate team. I was Mr. Georgetownian, third vice-president of the Baptist Student Union, president of the student body. And now the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship makes me realize that, though unfaithfully, I have sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things have been added unto me, and I am unworthy of them. It also compels me to thank the members of Woman's Missionary Union for all they have done for me.

I am indebted to God and you and I thank God and you for the great work you are doing. From the bottom of my heart, I say "Thank you" for giving me the great opportunities you have. I feel

it is God's will for me to go to Africa and that is what I am preparing for. "To me to live is Christ"—"Christ, my life." Thanks through him.

### More Visual Aids

The following 2" x 2" Kodachrome slides may be used during the devotional period, and are available in cardboard readymounts for 50 cents each. Order slides and the film from your Baptist Book Store.

N 171 Casting Out the Dumb Spirit (Matt. 12:22; Mark 9:25; Luke 11:14)

N 165 Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind (The man born blind) (John 9:6)  
Ha 734 Jesus Cures Peter's Mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31)

THY WILL BE DONE—In a vain effort to halt a cholera epidemic, a young missionary in China exhausts his meager supply of medicine and is unable to save the life of "Mother" Jones, wife of the senior missionary. The young doctor decides to spend his furlough in America, telling the people about these problems. He returns to China with a supply of medicine. As the film closes, he and "Dad" Jones kneel in the mission to give thanks. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.

## Your Circle Program

Saved to Serve

Making a study of the shameful record of Southern Baptists in enlistment and suggestions concerning enlistment methods this month should make each of us more conscious that we are saved to serve!

Open your meeting by singing the prayerful hymn, "Breathe On Me." You also might use the hymns "Let Others See Jesus in You," "Open My Eyes, That I May See," and as a solo or duet, "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

Scripture reading is Ephesians 3:14-19.

One of the most challenging articles you could use for background material for this program is "After Baptism, What?" by Dr. C. E. Mat-

thews which appears in the November issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* magazine. Also check *The Commission* for material.

In W.M.U. magazines, you will find these November articles helpful: *World Comrades*, "The Doctor Looked So Good and Kind," by Franklin T. Fowler, page 6, and in *The Window of YWA*, "I'll Be a Nurse in Arabia Soon!" by Ruth Swann, page 4. Prayer, as a part of our service, is brought to our attention by our executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, in her article, "Will You Pray?", page 2, in this issue of *ROYAL SERVICE*.

## Prayer Life

### Christ: The Forerunner

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS, TEXAS



#### He Is the Way

1 WEDNESDAY "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast"—Hebrews 6:19a

Rev. M. A. Calleiro, Sr., and Mrs. Calleiro, Mari-  
anao. Miss Elva Chavez, Placetas, Cuba, evangelism. Laura and Abner Calleiro, Margaret Fund students. Pray for Christian Stewardship Week, October 30-November 5

2 THURSDAY "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus"—Hebrews 6:20

Miss Hattie Stallings, Dr. R. E. Beddoe and Mrs. Beddoe, China, emeritus missionaries. Pray for the success of the annual meeting of the California W.M.U., which closes today at Bakersfield

3 FRIDAY "I go to prepare a place for you"—John 14:2

Rev. P. Molina and Mrs. Molina, Pearmell, Rev. Carlos Ramirez and Mrs. Ramirez, San Angelo. Rev. S. R. Rivera and Mrs. Rivera, Brownsville, Texas. Mexican evangelism

4 SATURDAY "It is expedient for you that I go away"—John 16:7

Rev. Chester R. Young and Mrs. Young, Honolulu. Miss Gladys Farmer, Waimea, evangelism. Miss Cornelia Leavell, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism

5 SUNDAY "... if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself"—John 14:3

Rev. Daniel Gomez and Mrs. Gomez, Anthony, New Mexico, Mexican evangelism. Pray for Royal Ambassador Focus Week, November 5-11

6 MONDAY "... be not grieved nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life"—Genesis 45:5

Miss Virginia Miles, Baguio, Philippine Islands, medical evangelism. Pray for the New Mexico W.M.U. annual meeting at Albuquerque, November 6-8

7 TUESDAY "Jesus saith, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"—John 14:6

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Musgrave, Sao Paulo, Rev. B. A. O'Neal and Mrs. O'Neal, Campinas, Brazil, evangelism. Pray for the Texas W.M.U. annual meeting at Fort Worth, November 6-7

#### Appearances After Appearances

8 WEDNESDAY "... Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God"—Acts 7:56

Rev. Rogelio Paret and Mrs. Paret, Santo Domingo, Rev. Manuel Quintana and Mrs. Quintana, Mariel, Cuba, evangelism. Pray for Oregon-Washington W.M.U. annual meeting at Springfield, Oregon, today

9 THURSDAY "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge..."—Acts 7:60

Rev. Gerald Riddell and Mrs. Riddell, Bogota, Rev. C. W. McCullough and Mrs. McCullough, San Andres, Miss Helen Meredith, Cartagena, Colombia, evangelism

10 FRIDAY "... he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying..."—Acts 9:4

Rev. C. K. Cobb and Mrs. Cobb, Red Rock, Rev. Gabe Paxton and Mrs. Paxton, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

11 SATURDAY "... And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks"—Acts 9:5

\*Dr. S. G. Rankin and \*Mrs. Rankin, medical evangelism. Miss Cleo Morrison, educational evangelism, Macao, China; Miss Frances Hudgins, Bangkok, Thailand, evangelism

12 SUNDAY "... he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel"—Acts 9:15

Rev. Jose Lujan and Mrs. Lujan, Pleasanton, Rev. Ernesto Leon and Mrs. Leon, Laredo, Texas, Mexican evangelism. Pray for successful completion of every-member canvass in Southern Baptist churches

13 MONDAY "And he said unto me. Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles"—Acts 22:21

Miss Martha Knox, Tokyo, language school, Rev. D. C. Askew and Mrs. Askew, Hiroshima, Rev. S. P. Howard, Jr., and Mrs. Howard, Tokyo, Japan, evangelism

14 TUESDAY "... Come up hither... I will shew thee things which must be hereafter"—Revelation 4:1

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boggan, Sulphur, Rev. D. D.

Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

#### Up Through Conflict

15 WEDNESDAY "... I am he that came out of the army ..."—1 Samuel 4:16  
Dr. J. E. Low and Mrs. Low, Ogbomoshio, Miss Annie Rines, Iwo, medical evangelism, Rev. J. A. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, contract workers, Ibadan, Nigeria, evangelism

16 THURSDAY "... Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee"—John 17:1  
Miss Irene Chambers, Memphis, Tennessee, Miss Bertha Wallis, Birmingham, Alabama, Mrs. N. Y. Beall, Atlanta, Georgia, field workers for the Home Mission Board

17 FRIDAY "... I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do"—John 17:4  
Miss Grace Wells, \*Miss Virginia Mathis, Shanghai, educational evangelism, Miss Ruth Everley Hayes, Wuchow, \*Dr. E. K. Bryan and \*Mrs. Bryan, Kweiilin, China, medical evangelism

18 SATURDAY "I have manifested thy name unto the men ... thou gavest me out of the world ..."—John 17:6  
Rev. M. A. Calheiro, Jr., and Mrs. Calheiro, Yaguajay, Rev. Antonio Ramos and Mrs. Ramos, Arroyo Apolo, Miss Silvia Silva and Miss Josefina Rodriguez, Aguacate, Cuba, evangelism

19 SUNDAY "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but ... keep them from the evil"—John 17:15  
Rev. A. T. Bequer and Mrs. Bequer, Cienfuegos, Rev. Bartolome Burquet and Mrs. Burquet, Sagua la Grande, evangelism, Miss Jewell Smith, Guana-  
barco, Cuba, educational evangelism

20 MONDAY "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"—John 17:17  
Rev. Ewell Payne and Mrs. Payne, Cherokee, North Carolina, Indian evangelism; Rev. J. P. Carter, field secretary for city missions; William Ewell and Tommy Payne, Margaret Fund students

21 TUESDAY "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world"—John 17:18  
Rev. Loyd Corder, secretary of direct missions, and Mrs. Corder, Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Bernice Tipton, New Orleans, Louisiana, evangelism

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22 WEDNESDAY "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness ... the power ... the glory ... the victory ... the majesty ... thine is the kingdom, O Lord ..."—1 Chronicles 29:11  
Rev. Robert Buess and Mrs. Buess, Miami, Miss Winnie Morgan, Tucson, Arizona, educational evangelism, Rev. Isaias Galarza and Mrs. Galarza, El Paso, Texas, evangelism

23 THURSDAY "... whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world"—1 John 5:4a  
Rev. Anibal Espinosa and Mrs. Espinosa, Jovellanos, Cuba, evangelism; Rev. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Cuban missions, and Mrs. Caudill, Havana

24 FRIDAY "... this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"—1 John 5:4b  
Rev. G. M. Fujita and Mrs. Fujita, Los Angeles, Miss Helen Ige, Richmond, Rev. Thomas Lowe, Berkeley, California, evangelism among Orientals

25 SATURDAY "... These ... come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"—Revelation 7:14  
Rev. Charlie Brumbeloe and Mrs. Brumbeloe, Miss Mary Hines, Mrs. Ellis H. Shuflin, New Orleans, Louisiana, evangelism to language groups

26 SUNDAY "... they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony ... they loved not their lives unto death"—Revelation 12:11  
Rev. Darrell Tapley and Mrs. Tapley, Coleman, Rev. P. A. Hernandez and Mrs. Hernandez, Houston, Texas, Mexican evangelism

27 MONDAY "He that overcometh shall inherit all things ..."—Revelation 21:7  
Miss Vena Aguillard, Eunice, Louisiana, Rev. C. K. Rand, Atlanta, Georgia, field workers for Home Mission Board

28 TUESDAY "... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"—John 16:33  
Rev. Raymond Spence and Mrs. Spence, Tokyo, Rev. George Hays and Mrs. Hays, Fukuoka, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sherer, Tokyo, Japan, evangelism

29 WEDNESDAY "... they sing the song of Moses ... and the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty ..."—Revelation 15:3a  
Rev. J. C. Ledbetter and Mrs. Ledbetter, Cumberland, Maryland, rural missions, Rev. C. A. Brantley and Mrs. Brantley, New Orleans, Louisiana, Rescue Mission and evangelism

30 THURSDAY "... just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints"—Revelation 15:3b  
Rev. L. G. Markwood and Mrs. Markwood, San Antonio, Miss Nina Gillespie, El Paso, Texas, evangelism

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By THEMA BROWN BURLAND

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**DOCTOR OF THE HAPPY LANDINGS**, by Julia Lake and Eugene Kellersberger, Knopf, \$2. A missionary doctor and his wife describe graphically their visits to leper camps in forty countries. (Men will like this too.)

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