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Trophies of Our Christmas Offering

BY MRS. GEORGE R. MARTIN

BEFORE visiting the mission fields of Latin America and Hawaii I had a deep sense of appreciation for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of Woman's Missionary Union. Now, having seen at firsthand some of the church buildings, schools, seminaries, training schools, colleges, mission homes, station wagons, buses, automobiles, motorboats, and airplanes made possible by this offering, my heart wells up with thanksgiving to God for the generous and timely gifts we have made. Would that each one of you could see with your own eyes the glorious trophies of this offering! You would praise God with humbled gratitude that he has given us such a blessed part in this eternal task. Time and again, in these lands, I went from noisy, crowded streets into beautiful and restful buildings made possible by the generosity of Woman's Missionary Union members, where in peace and quiet the gospel is being preached and many are being blessed.

An everlasting joy of those eventful days was the fellowship with those men and women missionaries—who are serving so wondrously. We thank our God upon every remembrance of them. Living with them in their homes I came to learn something of their heartaches, their burdens, their longings and their vision. These soldiers of the cross have something in their lives we have not yet approached. They have left all to follow him. The words at the very top of our Christmas offering list are "Salaries for 125 missionaries." Do those words mean anything to you? Indeed it is an honor and a privilege to have a part in keeping these missionaries at their posts of duty. But alas, the lines are thin in so many places. There is one urgent request from natives and missionaries. Send us more workers! When will Southern Baptists adequately man the fields they have already entered? It is furlough time for many, but none to take their places. Shall we continue to overwork them to the breaking point? Let us give more to that

more workers can be provided!

There is hardly an item on our Christmas list that provokes deeper emotion in the hearts of our women than the Margaret Fund. It was a thrilling experience to see Margaret Fund students serving in these lands, and to know their happy anticipation of this fund for the education of their children. It was a source of great satisfaction to talk with parents and sense their deep gratitude for the blessings of the Margaret Fund scholarship ministry. It is our love lifestream to ambition, consecrated young people whose parents know the power of Christ's love as missionaries.

No part of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is meeting more needs, reaching more lives, and performing more miracles than the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for Woman's Missionary Union work on foreign fields. It was amazing to me to see how much this fund is meaning to the organizations in Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Hawaii. The missionaries eagerly anticipate this gift and plan far in advance how it will be used. I was invited to sit with Executive Committees to help plan the budgets for the wisest and widest use of this money. It is used for office help, travel, field workers, scholarships, institutes, programs, and every phase of Woman's Missionary Union work. Of our 1950 Offering, \$17,450 has been allocated for this purpose. This amount could be doubled and then not be adequate to meet the needs of these our sister unions. One of the most precious evidences we have of God's blessing upon our labors is the growth of these national Woman's Missionary Unions in other lands.

In the spring of 1949 a new "House Beautiful" was dedicated to the glory of God and the establishment of his kingdom in Brazil. This three-story building with chapel, classrooms, infirmary, offices, dining room, and a dormitory for thirty-four young women is located in one of the loveliest sections of Rio de Janeiro. Like their sisters in the Training School in Recife, North Brazil, many young women will go from these halls to serve the needy people in all Brazil. As I stood in these two institutions I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These two schools stand as monuments to the missionary fervor of the Baptist women of the South who gave the money for the building, and who through the Pannic E. B.

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Christmas in Japan

by Floryne Miller

"Oh, wait just a minute please. Wife of the president, please wait a minute!"

Junko Sensei (Mrs. Hara) turned to see what Koji San wanted. She had been to Hirai San's house to deliver a message about the next W.M.S. meeting, and now the small son was calling to her.

"I want to ask you to our family Christmas on the night before the day of Christmas. There will be nothing at all, but if you would come we would be so glad."

"Your own family service?" Junko Sensei looked questioningly at the smiling mother greeting her.

"Yes, the children have been talking about it for weeks, so my husband and I have decided to try to have a simple service."

So it was that Junko Sensei found herself on Saturday evening before Christmas

these neighbors their very first Christmas, for it was only in November that the mother had been baptized to testify of her new faith. Her conversion had come after months of attending at first only the W.M.S. meetings, and then the other church services.

Mrs. Hara glanced at the young husband, who was holding the baby. She knew he worked hard seven days a week (for most in Japan Sunday is no rest day), and she wondered how he, a non-Christian, had reacted to this special celebration, when the Japanese new year—the real time for celebration, would be here so soon. His wife answered the unspoken question:

"The children and I didn't know at first what O-to-chan would say. We were so anxious to have this Christmas—the first one when any of us have really felt its meaning—to be something special, but he agreed and said:

"You remember what I said," interrupted the young father. "I said that I was so thankful and grateful that something had taught you to control your temper, and changed our home into a happy, peaceful place instead of the quarrelsome place it used to be, I would be glad to have you do anything you want to do!"

"That's right," Hirai San turned to their guest. "You know of course what a bad temper and disposition I used to have. But, now God be thanked, I am a believer, and I am different."

"That's true, true, O-ka-chan," this from the children. "We are not afraid of you anymore. It's so wonderful to have a home like this."

Junko Sensei quietly listened becoming more and more grateful and thrilled over the changes that can come to a heart, and the way a home can be made over when Christ is allowed to live there.

The children brought the Bibles and



Missionary Pete Gillespie baptizes Hirai San in small outdoor baptismal

in the living room of the Hirai home sitting with the others at the low supper table. Her eyes turned often to the pretty little tree in the corner. The three children had decorated it themselves, using mostly verses from the Bible written on strips of paper and hung on the tree. She was thrilled at the thought of sharing with

hymnals and the quiet service began. Each favorite carol was sung; the old, old story that becomes ever fresher and fresher, was read, and then there was a season of prayer. The mother and all the children except the baby joined in, and Mrs. Hara was puzzled for a minute as to where these children had learned to pray. Then she remembered — the Sunbeam Band, of course.

The eldest girl, Setsuko San, broke the silence that followed by speaking of the only one beside the baby who had not joined in the prayers.

"At our house everybody except my daddy prays. He is the only one who doesn't know how."

"How times have changed," thought the guest. "I wouldn't have dared to speak so of my father when I was a girl." But as she glanced in his direction Hirai San only smiled and said, "You're right—but I'm glad you all have learned, and some of these days I'm going to service with you. How would you like that?"

"Wonderful—that would be the very best Christmas at all."

Again Mrs. Hara felt a thrill of gratitude. Surely it would be only a question of time until he would join his wife as a believer, and then the children with their weekly training in Sunday school and at the monthly Sunbeam Band, would fol-

low quickly.

Later after eating, there was still another surprise. Hiroko San, the second daughter, and Koji San, shyly brought out two little wooden boxes crudely made by their small hands, but boxes that became very precious to Mrs. Hara when she learned their purpose. The mother explained.

"They made them to keep our World Day of Prayer offerings in. Every day for months they have divided the money I've given them and half has gone into these boxes. On December 4—the day of the services at the church—we opened the boxes and put the money into the special love offering envelopes. All of us had a part in it too, from papa on down. We feel that a little bit of us has gone into the whole world with the story of Jesus that has become so precious to us. I didn't even know they knew about the offering, until one day early in the fall they came home from Sunbeam Band and told me about it and made the boxes. It really did help all of us to remember and to try to make some sacrifice each week."

When Mrs. Hara went on home later, she felt her eyes filling with tears of joy and gratitude. She could see a day in the not too far future when there would be many, many such homes and a transformed neighborhood.

When Jesus Came to Earth

Thoughts by Mrs. J. U. Morris
W.M.S., Selma, Alabama

The circumstances attending the birth of Jesus were the most humble and yet the most elaborate that have ever been recorded. Humble because of the place in which he was born: elaborate because the angels more radiant than the stars filled the skies and earth with wondrous music. The guests in the inn were very much like we are today—so busy with their affairs that they ignored him. We get so busy taking things in our own hands that we too forget God. But there were lowly shepherds on the hillside, ardent followers of God, who heard a voice say, "Fear not, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Who will hear the voice and the angels this Christmas of 1950?

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ilies, in the family chapel to receive the sacraments, and afterwards wine and cake from his mother's beautiful hands.

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LOTTIE MOON

from a picture taken in Tengchow, China

those first months. But before the first year closed his heart was knit to the hearts of his teachers and classmates.

For seven years Alfred was a boarding student there. At home during holidays he said so little about any impressions made by the Bible classes, chapel exercises and the Baptist church nearby, that his parents' anxiety subsided. After graduation he became assistant professor and continued to live on the campus. Then came four years of law school and full professorship.

Through the years his associates who were believers in the Lord Jesus had prayed earnestly for him. His parents were rather upset when he announced his intentions of marrying one of the primary school teachers who was a devout daughter of a pioneer Baptist pastor. Later the lovely daughter-in-law captivated their hearts, although they continued to warn their son against her religion.

Miss Onis Vineyard, one of our missionaries to Brazil, was asked by Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil to translate Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence's *Lottie Moon* into Portuguese in order that the Brazilian women might know this dynamic Christian personality whose name is given to the Christmas offering in Brazil too.

After Miss Vineyard had done the basic translation, it was necessary that an authority in Portuguese grammar correct the manuscript. She timidly approached Dr. Meneses, heavily burdened with administrative duties in the college, and asked

him to help her. Reluctantly he consented, only to do a favor for his friend and fellow teacher.

From the start it was evident that Dr. Meneses had no intention of doing a superficial job. With the book and Miss Vineyard's manuscript before him, he tried painstakingly to visualize every thought. He literally spent hours on some paragraphs.

As the days passed he came to re-create the personality of Lottie Moon in his own thinking. He continually expressed amazement at this cultured Virginian who turned her back on a comfortable home, renounced marriage, and even gave up a permanent abiding place to become an itinerant missionary, all for love of the Lord Jesus. He teasingly said that he found himself making small personal decisions by saying to himself, "What would Miss Moon have done in similar circumstances?" As he read the last chapter, relating how, in her last moments on earth, Miss Moon greeted the Chinese friends who had preceded her to the Heavenly Gates, tears flowed from the eyes of this tall, handsome Brazilian teacher.

About two months later, one rainy Sunday night, the pastor of the college church signaled for the congregation to rise for the benediction. Then out from the pews came Joseph Meneses, to ask the pastor for a chance to speak. "I'm a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have thought that I could follow him secretly, but I can no longer keep to myself the joy of his presence. I desire to tell the world that I am his." Before that group, mostly made up of students, Dr. Meneses told in graphic detail of the impression received while translating Miss Moon's life story and of how he desired to follow his Lord as she had done.

This wonderful Christian is now president of our American Baptist College, where twelve hundred students are enrolled. A big building program, administrative duties, discipline problems, and financial difficulties beset him on every hand, but the fires of evangelism and personal interest in every student are the main interest in the life of this one, who personally exemplifies the Lord in his living and teaching.

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Wings for the Gospel

by Mrs. R. Elton Johnson



There are times when the doxology swells up spontaneously and overflows one's soul! Such a time it was when we finally got word of the approving and providing means for the first missionary plane under our Board! Another time was when the plane was bought and still another was when it reached us May 13, 1949! With hearts full of joy, we rushed to the airstrip to welcome the pilot, his new bride and the plane. Thank God for the vision and faith of our Mission and Board in taking advantage of this means to speed the cause of Christ! Thank him for the offerings of consecrated givers who made this advance possible.

Mission service here on this frontier, six hundred miles as the crow flies, from our nearest source of supply on the coast, is rather different from what most of us picture. There was no public health service. Dr. Misael is director of our mission high school until someone else comes here to do that work. He is also head of the Public Health Service. He has no headquarters, no equipment, no drugs; in other words, "no tools with which to do the job." This week a nurse who lives four miles away, gave her service in vaccinating over two hundred. The vaccine for smallpox, which is again at our doors, was brought in the missionary plane as it returned from the coast where it had gone for the regular inspection required. At the same time it took our oldest son and second child, Elton, on the first lap of his long trek to enter the academy at Fork Union, Virginia. He left the mouth of the Amazon, Belem (Ba-len'), in the early morning and

Elizabeth Jackson Johnson, daughter of pioneer missionaries to Brazil is herself pioneering now. She writes intimately of life for Christ in interior Brazil where the plane is a vital help.

was due in the States that evening!

In July, the midyear holiday month, our hearts sank as news came from all around that measles and whooping cough were sweeping the region. When school opened, we had a few down during the whole month of August. The sulfa drug and penicillin disappeared the first week and there was no vaccine against the cruel cough. I tried to get wild honey and lemons to help but this is not the season for either.

When the first victims got down in the dormitories, I saw scarlet fever! There was no possibility of isolation. Again the plane brought what was needed. Though the majority are through with these ailments there continue to be stray cases of one or the other but no grave illness, thanks to the plane arriving in time. There have been many casualties all about in the region. Doctor Misael was today out seeking to save the life of a child with penicillin after the parents had lost three others. The opportunity for a missionary nurse is marvelous!

When we were urged to consider coming to Corrente, many questions arose. The scope of responsibilities to be assumed were so varied, and several were no specialty of ours. One couple couldn't begin to shoulder them with any degree of efficiency and Christian grace. Not less than three couples should form the team, for much of the time one of these would be on furlough. We heartily agree with Franklin Fowler, "We stand for the best in everything—the best life, the best Saviour, and so we must give these people nothing less than the best..." We honor the memory of my parents and the missionaries who began the task out here, at such personal cost and sacrifice. Their efforts have been blessed and the fruits are one hundred fold. But Corrente continued

to be isolated from the centers of industry and culture. Their transportation is the centuries-old, and in light of present-day knowledge most expensive and least efficient of all systems—the solid wheel oxcart! Even these are far too few in number, owned only by the wealthier people. The trails that are roughly cleared tear up the springless carts and vice versa. The carts grind the clay to talcum-fine dust which easily erodes when the rains come.

For lack of roads connecting with markets, there has been very little incentive to productive effort since the abolishing of slavery in Brazil in 1888. In a land which abounds with game and fruit and which flows at times with wild honey, there is little incentive to effort. The equatorial sun pushes the mercury up to 100° every day and for weeks when it sets the temperature drops down to 50° or even 45° by the middle of the night.

The Lord's command to "subdue the earth" has yet to be tried here. With a small dam making possible hydroelectric power and irrigation, there is a very real possibility of this town becoming a veritable garden of plenty and land of comfort. But at present man is subdued by the earth. In the dry season dust irritates the respiratory system. The majority do not have adequate shelter, clothing or covering. Influenza is practically endemic and pneumonia cases are frequent. There are no vegetables or fresh milk and very little fruit and few eggs available now.

Going to Corrente meant assuming the direction of the Industrial Baptist Institute. This meant the direction of a Primary School of about two hundred students age six to twenty; of a high school which is this year graduating its first class, and which has a total enrollment of one hundred; of the boarding department of eighty boys and thirty girls; of the farm to raise cattle and produce milk for this Institute family; of the farm to grow rice, corn, manioc, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, etc., for them; of co-ordinating all these, and to be trouble shooter for the daily problems of human relations. These last two tasks would take much less time if there could be a better program of Christian education and Bible study.

The adobe buildings have to be repaired before every rain. The winds are strong and shift the crude tiles that cover them and the rains wash ditches down the mud walls or leak through and cause damage. Even so, the auditorium needed to be three or four times larger; the girls' dormitory, gift of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and begun under Mrs. Crouch, needed to be finished. The government gave us a permit for the high school, pending the building of quarters which would meet their requirements. Who would put up the buildings? Lumber would have to be taken out of the distant woods by hand and dragged in by oxcart, prepared by hand! No architect, no constructor to take over.

One human being can go so far and accomplish so much. Our heart was in the "building up of the body of Christ" the work of the church, teaching Bible, training Christian workers. The foregoing responsibilities with the very extensive and complicated bookkeeping had taken a heavy toll of our predecessors. When we had the meeting of the missionaries of North Brazil, we said that if they saw fit to request and the Board to grant two more missionary couples and two single women, also to grant us the small plane, we were ready to invest the rest of our lives in this frontier mission for the glory of God. Our Mission and Board have loyally backed us up with the plane and building fund but so far no helpmates have been sent. We had to open a brickyard and a lime kiln. Thanks to last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we have this wonderful blessing of a Diesel motor-powered electric light system, with small electric saw and plane which are beginning to assist. An adequate missionary residence is under way. The church building foundations are almost ready. It is to seat eight hundred and can care for one thousand by crowding.

It has been a most strenuous three years under the equatorial sun, but truly glorious in many ways. We ask you to earnestly pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up the collaborators that would strengthen the stakes, making possible a strong Christian constituency to carry on in the next generation without us.

What Shall We Say?

by Johnni Johnson

In the two weeks Vivian Hiers and I knew about it I suppose we asked ourselves the question at least six times a day: what shall we say to the W.M.U. in Turin?

Had we been preparing to speak before the W.M.S. in Ashland or Wilmington we would not have been at such a loss. At least we would have known the language. But Turin was different. Our knowledge of Italian was—all told—not more than half a dozen words. Until we arrived for the meeting we had not seen the Lucento Baptist Church, nor any of its members save one; we did not know any of the group to whom we were to speak. But we found out that the fifty ladies who were present at this particular meeting knew us.

In Stockholm—two weeks before Turin—we had met Renzo Turinetti, the assistant pastor at Lucento. Like the rest of us, he was there to attend the third Young Baptist World Congress. He told us about his church and his pastor, Dr. Enrico Paschetto, who had attended Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. He told us about the young people at Lucento and of the plans he was making for our visit to his city and church. Now we know into what good hands we fell when we went to Turin.

When Missionary Ben Lawton got us to the church for the W. M. U. meeting everything was in readiness for us. We were to speak briefly of the Stockholm Congress, of our personal love for Christ and our commitment to missionary service. Renzo had introduced us before we arrived. The people knew that we had come to Europe to attend the Congress and to get to know Baptist young people in strategic cities. They received us—total strangers—into a warm Christian atmosphere of fellowship with a cordiality that overwhelmed us.

The meeting itself was simple. Singing and prayer preceded the transaction of a matter of business and several announcements. Pastor Paschetto, who was organist, interpreter, and presiding officer on this particular afternoon, made an introduction in Italian. Then he spoke in English to tell us that these faithful women, members of his church, were, with few exceptions, women who had left Catholicism—some at terrific cost—to embrace Christianity. He said that they were eager to hear us speak and would stay as long as we would talk though most of them would have to get home after a while to prepare supper for their families.

It was a thrill and a privilege to speak through Pastor Paschetto who put our English words into Italian. I found myself responding immediately to the nodding heads and the audible words of these women. It was easy to tell them what it meant to me to be a Christian, why I wanted to be a missionary all of my life. Vivian and I were not at a loss for something to say to the Baptist women in Turin. We found ourselves wishing for more time to speak.

At the conclusion of the meeting we shook hands with every lady there. Some planted a kiss on each cheek in the Italian manner. Two words they said repeatedly we shall never forget: *gratzia* which means thank you and *arrivederci* which means goodbye and God bless you. The warm handclaps and expressions of interest and appreciation brought tears. How we longed to be able to talk with them!

We knew without doubt that we were in the midst of some of God's saints. We came to see the reality of the language of Zion which transcends national boundaries and mother tongues. We came away singing "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" with a new insight into its meaning and reality.

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Shepherds and Wise Men

Picture story by Pete Gillespie

"Curtain going up!"

A hush fell over the audience as the reader began the familiar story.

"And it came to pass in those days . . ."

Christmas programs are popular with students at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kokura, for Japanese young people are gifted in dramatics. They do many things that American students would probably not attempt. Much work is put into every program. Plans are usually made at least six weeks ahead of time, and practice for the program takes precedence over almost everything else.

In addition to the school program, a Christmas program is held at Mt. Zion church. The church program always attracts a large crowd of outsiders. It is a good opportunity to tell the story of Jesus, and the program does just that.

At top right, a high school student, one of the Sunday school teachers, is calling the roll and giving last minute cues to participants. Young people in high school and college make up the majority of our Christians in Japan, and they take over the places of leadership eagerly and effectively.

In an English play staged by the college girls, lowly shepherds at the left are witnessing convincingly to a proud Pharisee (center) about the angel's chorus and announcement. The Pharisee is at length convinced and in a grand climax falls down to worship Jesus.

It is easy for these young people to imitate "Wise Men from the East." In the last picture, "Junior" Wise Men wear elaborate costumes of the East.



Last-minute cues before going on stage



Shepherds (above) and Wise Men (below) share story spotlight as they tell of the angels and the Star.



Christmas in Formosa

by Lila Watson

My first Christmas in Formosa was most interesting and sweet because fellow Christians among the former head-hunters, among the Formosans of Chinese ancestry, and among Chinese Christians, shared the meaning of Christmas with me. Christmas in Formosa is a church celebration. One does not see pretty trees and Christmas decorations in the homes except those of Western-born people and Oriental Christian leaders. But in every group of Christians, in every church I heard of on the island, there was a definitely planned and joyfully carried-out Christmas program.

Although Christians are few among the former head-hunters, the aborigines, Christmas is probably the happiest time of the year for them. Weeks before, they begin Christmas plans. Dramatizing Bible stories and practicing their gospel choruses are the chief items of preparation.

On Sunday before Christmas I was in a tiny church of the Ami tribe on the East coast, at Taitung. I saw the joy of Christ shining out of the windows of their souls as children, youth, and their elders sang, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," then a lovely melody of their own, and after that a variation of the "Hallelujah Chorus" in their aborigine tongue (Japanese which they learned from their pres-

ent faithful Formosan missionary). I felt their responsive interest as I told them a Christmas story, "The Elder Brother," written by Mrs. Carter Wright and interpreted by the Formosan missionary.

The round eyes of these aborigines who are of Malayan origin seemed filled with the wonder and expectation of Christmas. They were planning on the following Sunday to act out the story of Christ's coming to earth. The Formosan missionary-pastor was hoping to be able to give a notebook and pencil to every Christian family and to have sweets for the children on Christmas day.

I wish you could have felt the spirit of those children! Mrs. Wang had lovingly taught and led in preparation of the presentation of "The First Christmas." The women, also, took part on the program. Dressed as Christians from all nations, they formed a processional, singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." My English Bible class used their English on the program, singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," reciting meaningfully John 3:16, and then singing "He Lives, He Lives." The College of Technology of the Navy has a handsome group of Christians who were on hand, singing well. Captain Chow, the layman who is the leader of the Mandarin-



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Japan

Mrs. Junko Hara is explaining the poster. It was also reproduced on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes in Japan. The upper left characters read "Baptist World Day of Prayer" with the date. Below the cross it says "Christ, the Saviour of the world, the Saviour of Japan. What will I do? Japan W.M.S."

speaking group at the navy base, told the meaning of Christmas. Gifts were distributed in the navy hospital. I was glad we had nicely covered Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to go into the gift package of each patient.

Mrs. Wang had written a Christmas message in Chinese on old Christmas cards. The children were happy when they were given a bag of sweets and a Christmas card and a gospel on Christmas morning at Sunday school.

Returning to the capital, Taipeh, in the northeastern part of the island the week after Christmas, I heard the choir of the Taipeh Baptist Church present the Christmas story in song, reading and

drama. The choir is made up of most of the young people of the church, college graduates from the University of Shanghai, students from the University of Taiwan and from the National Defense Medical School, high school pupils and young people in business. Their presentation was 100 per cent more finished than Christmas celebrations I had witnessed in other parts of the island. It was beautiful. It was like getting home and finding the folks you know the best are the sweetest in the world. Even so it was only the climax, for me, of Christmas throughout the beautiful isle. The most important part of Christmas is Christ. Christmas is the happiest time in Formosa.

Is this your question?

Send in your questions and help someone else

What literature is there to help an enlistment chairman?

From state W.M.U. office you can request free copies of *Eight Reasons and an Invitation*, "Hello" Mrs. Prospect, or "How Do You Do?" Each of these explains what the W.M.S. does and shows why a woman should become a member.

We would like to know where the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money goes. Is there a list?

Yes. The cover of November ROYAL SERVICE showed it summarized pictorially. It is in the W.M.S. program folder of the Week of Prayer material. Making a poster of this list of objectives would no doubt add to your interest in the offering.

We want to plan 1951 Community Missions for the whole year. Where can we get help on this?

Many places. Have you studied the *Guide for Community Missions*? Order it from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, price 25c. There are leaflets free from your state W.M.U. office, which will help. The *Manual for Sunbeam Band Leaders*, price 15c, from Birmingham headquarters, shows an outline of com-

munity missions activities for Sunbeam Bands. Look at your community; see what the Lord wants you to do; plan and do it. In twelve months there will be emergencies and new opportunities, of course, that you will add on to your standing plans.

How can we get every officer and committee chairman to function so there is no weak spot in the Woman's Missionary Union program in our church?

Study the *Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*, price \$1., the 1951 W.M.U. Year Book, price 15c, and the handbook or guidebook published by your state W.M.U. Officers and committee chairmen need to know what they should do before they can begin to do it. A pleasant all-day conference meeting learning, planning, encouraging will be most valuable.

Will there be a new stewardship devotional book for 1951 like "We Have a Treasure"?

No, the 1951 pamphlet will be a series of community missions devotionals. You can still order copies of *We Have a Treasure* from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, for 10c each.

Letter-ettes

Up the Hill in Nazareth

by Dr. W. D. Bathgate

Edinburg Medical Mission Society
Hospital, Nazareth, Israel

It was a week when there was a beautiful, clear moon so that we all got to the church safely. We have very tortuous lanes and alleys in old Nazareth but the moonlight gave safety of travel for both old and young and all our nurses did enjoy the night's outing. Truly Nazareth, as probably all your home towns, does look lovely in the moonlight. Christ, when on earth, no doubt marveled at his Heavenly Father's world on such nights.

Rev. Dwight Baker, one of your missionaries, is wise, though new to this land. He knew that knowledge must come before conviction, so he set out to teach. A hymn with a bright tune attracted all the young folks. A short, simple prayer asking for blessing and giving thanks for mercies received. Then the special passages of Scripture which told of the subject for the evening, then straight on to the sermon. The subjects were Sin, Forgiveness, Judgment, The Cross, and The Holy Spirit. The addresses were given in simple language in a spirit of devotion and earnestness which attracted the audience.

The interpreter gave a perfect rendering of both the teaching and the spirit of the message, in Arabic.

The church was well-filled from the first night and every evening showed an increase. It was a great delight to those of us who have been here a long time to see eager attention given by old and young. Among these were sixteen of our own nurses for whom we longed for blessing from the Lord through the preacher. We were not disappointed. Many stated that

they had received help.

Another feature of the meetings was the fact that Mr. Baker kept the service within an hour and thus even the youngest did not weary. Our nurses were able to get back to duty, also. Then each night Mr. Baker said, "We extend to all the visitors here tonight our warmest welcome." Now this just suited those from other churches. Here was your minister with true Eastern courtesy welcoming guests into the house of the Lord, and how they appreciate this homely touch. He thanked them for coming and helping. How folks like to feel they are helping. We praise God for blessings received.

The babies have gone up the hill to the George W. Truett Home. "Jack and Jill went up the hill," and the rest of the twenty. The air is cooler, the house spacious, and there is a good playground. Elizabeth Lee, Kate Gruver and Anne Cowan are making new cupboards, and securing linen presses, pantry, garage, and other equipment. One wishes that all these improvements could have been on a house that was mission-owned but with the uncertain state of the new administration we have to be patient until things settle.

We can praise God also for the new secondary school started in Nazareth. Many pupils were turned away before the school even started.

Eight Women of Ruschlikon

by Pauline Willingham Moore

Away at Zurich in our Baptist Theological Seminary we shared in the Day of Prayer around the World. There are eight women connected with the seminary and all of us prayed together.

Mrs. Watts dressed up our programs by rolling them to make white candles. With scotch tape she fastened a green base on as candle holder and inserted an orange-red "flame" in the top of the white roll. What thrilled me was the fact that the "foreign" ladies gave their parts in English. Mrs. Jorgensen knew no English when she came to school with her husband a year ago. She told about the Danish Baptist Mission in the Congo



Missionary appointees in language school at Medellin were left to right standing Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Oates, Chile, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hickerson, Colombia, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shelton, Argentina, Miss Helen Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson, Chile, Mrs. Jack Matthews, Argentina, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Eudaly (back), Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. William Haverfield, Ecuador. Sitting is Jack Matthews, Argentina.

which seems to be her heartbeat. When my English class had to write a theme on an imaginary trip, she wrote about a trip to this mission.

Mrs. Crabtree who is Swiss and Miss Shetter, also Swiss, led our prayers for China and Japan. Mrs. Hodonaha, French, led us in prayer for Hawaii. Miss Parker from the U.S. prayed for our United States. Mrs. Watts of the States directed our prayers for Israel and Arabia. Mrs. Sadler of the United States had once been a missionary in Nigeria. She and Mrs. Jorgensen, Danish, prayed for Africa. I had been missionary to Yugoslavia and led the prayer for Europe.

So for an hour and a half we prayed around the world and then sang together "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Colombia Week of Prayer

by Helen Nixon

The Baptist women of the language school in Medellin, Colombia, gathered during the Christmas holidays to observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The meeting was held in the patio of the Egyptian House, just two blocks from the language center. The Egyptian House is owned by an internationally known Doctor

Estrada, a citizen of Medellin, who because of his love for Egyptian architecture, built his home here after the Egyptian style. Since the family wished to spend a few weeks in their country home at Christmas time, and since it is not customary to leave the house vacant, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson, of our missionary group, were invited to occupy the house. In turn, they invited us to meet in their new "home" for our program.

Mrs. M. D. Oates used the section on Latin America, and asked each woman to study about the country in which she planned to serve, and bring additional information. Maps, snapshots, and letters from missionaries were interesting helps to the program. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering amounted to \$200.

A "potluck" luncheon was enjoyed by the women and their husbands who joined them for lunch.

These women organized a missionary society in December, to keep informed on world missions while in language study.

We came to Medellin in August, 1949, to study in the language school for missionaries, sponsored by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. After completing the study in June or July we will go to six or eight of the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America.



It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG



"BREAKFAST GROUPS" like the one in Washington, D. C., for government and other leaders may soon be formed in Germany, France, Holland, and Great Britain, as the result of the work of Abraham Vereide, director of the International Christian Leadership Group. Organizer of these regular prayer meetings, Vereide's purpose is to discover men "on the government level" who practice the Christian faith as a means of international cooperation.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY has sent a large shipment of Korean-language Scriptures to that stricken country. There were 50,000 copies of the four Gospels and the book of Acts, plus a hundred thousand copies of the Sermon on the Mount.

A FORMER YOUNG-BAPTIST leader of Germany, an exile of the Hitler regime, who found a home among Southern Baptists in 1937, is the new president of Andover Newton Theological Seminary near Boston. Dr. Herbert Gezork went to Andover Newton from Furman University in 1939. During World War II, he had a special assignment under the United States government in Berlin.

IN JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, racial strife is even greater than in the United States. Eight years ago a police sergeant became so concerned about juvenile delinquency that he established a Sunday school for African children. Today the school has 500 regular attendants. Not one of the several thousand who have passed through the classes has ever been arrested!

THE CHINA Christian Universities' Association is facing a real emergency in its support of thirteen universities and colleges in China. Income from British business interests has dropped sharply.

SEVENTEEN Christian work camps in twenty-six countries last summer engaged a total of 850 young volunteers who paid their own expenses to take part in this practical construction effort and enjoy international fellowship. The projects were in Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, and the United States.

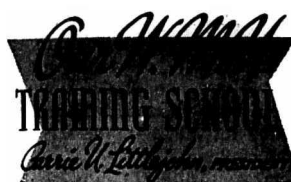
TOURISTS applying for permits to visit Mexico now have to state their religious affiliation—an experiment of the Mexican government.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA has outlawed the Salvation Army as "subversive," confiscated its property, and imprisoned some of its officials. The prisoners, according to a report to the international headquarters of the Army, carry on their work among fellow inmates.

THE FIVE YEAR task of translating the Hebrew Bible into Braille is the recent accomplishment of the Jewish Braille Institute. Funds are being solicited in New York to publish it.

YOSHIKO YAMAMURO, editor of Japan's largest woman's magazine, is one of twenty-eight Japanese students engaged in graduate study on Protestant scholarships in this country this year. She is majoring in journalism and religion at Princeton University.

AT DJOUREIL, Lebanon, in the Near East, there is a children's home known as the "Birds' Nest." It was founded thirty years ago by the Danish Women's Missionary Society for Armenian refugees driven out by the Turks. These refugees now form eight per cent of Lebanon's population. The home has a hospital, a kindergarten, and a nursery.



Beginning a New Year

This mid-century year we are entering marks the forty-fourth session of the organized life of our school. Every year is a new beginning, with new members of our official family, a new group of students, opportunities for service now as well as training for service in the future, a constantly changing and sometimes terrifying world that provides the framework for our lives.

As we started the current session we added another new friend to our official family, Mrs. Peter Kittles, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. Mrs. Kittles is serving this year as our house director and doing it with artistry and charm as well as efficiency.

A student body of 178 (87 boarding students, 91 day students) enrolled at the beginning of the session. The boarding group is smaller than last year and the day student group is correspondingly larger. The dormitory was crowded until the summer was well advanced, when cancellations began coming in with distressing rapidity. Marriage changed the plans of several and the uncertainty that goes with war conditions undoubtedly had its effect. The enrollment by states is as follows: Alabama, four boarding and four day students; Arkansas, three day students; Florida, seven boarding and six day; Georgia, seven boarding and nine day; Illinois, two boarding and six day; Kentucky, seven boarding and seventeen day; Mississippi, three boarding and four day; Louisiana, six boarding; Missouri, eight boarding and four day; North Carolina, fourteen boarding and ten day; South Carolina, nine boarding and ten day; Tennessee, two boarding and three day; Virginia, eleven boarding and four day;

Texas, one boarding and three day; Maryland and New Mexico one boarding student each; Kansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma, New Jersey, three boarding and three day; China, one boarding; Canada and Norway, one day student each.

With this session we are opening a Good Will Center in a thickly populated area in the western part of our city. In resuming this work, so vital a part of our program from 1912 to 1938, we are hoping not only to train Good Will Center directors but to make all our students more aware of the opportunity and need for community missions. If "beginning at Jerusalem" can be made vital, perhaps the "utmost parts of the world" can be more real.

To bring world missions into an added relationship one of our missionary education classes is making a special study of two of our major mission fields, Nigeria and China. Assisting in the Nigeria study during the first term is Miss Cora Ney Hardy (class of '47) who has spent one term in Nigeria. Later in the session Miss Emily Lansdell, also a former student, from the University of Shanghai will lead the group in a study of communism and the youth of China.

Among the interesting visitors during the opening weeks was Mr. Joel Sorensen, secretary of youth work for the Baptist World Alliance. After lunch Mr. Sorensen talked freely and frankly in an informal group. He expressed the conviction that the greatest need of American students today is to become aware of the forces at work in our world. Our young people, he suggested, must struggle constantly against the temptation to settle down complacently to enjoy the overabundance of their blessings, with an almost detached attitude toward the somber trends in the world today. As an antidote he urged an active interest in the laboring class and underprivileged groups.

Through our field work program we strive to keep our students close to the heartbeat and heart break of the world.

BY CARRIE U. LITTLEJOHN

Why, Mommy?

Christmas and the Family

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

- Have your children started talking about the things they want to "get for Christmas?" Parents who would do something about this spirit of getting meet opposition in the very existing order of things. Even before Thanksgiving most stores are all decked out for the Christmas rush. Signs over merchandise plead that we hurry and buy. Long before it is necessary, if it ever is, papers begin counting the number of shopping days until Christmas. The calculated effect is produced in many people, but some are sickened by the increasing commercialization of this season. This is no attempt to campaign for Christmas without Santa Claus, the stocking hung by the chimney, and the tree with its presents. But Christian parents can refuse to allow commercial interests to dictate how their family spends the holiday.

The small child will enter into the spirit manifested in the home and if we are honest with ourselves we will admit that the parents determine what spirit shall prevail. We can make this season a time our children will always remember for its special flavor. Even the little ones can help decorate the house and everybody big enough to walk can go with daddy out in the country to get the tree. Children can make many of the ornaments and help arrange some on the lower branches. This kind of tree has a warmth that the correctly dressed evergreen does not have however brilliantly it shines.

Simple gifts can be made with left-over material, coping saw, scraps of wood and a little paint. The very smallest children, with some help, can use paper, scissors, and crayolas to make love gifts for others.

The family will enjoy singing Christmas carols together and together reading Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. One evening the children, with some guidance, will de-light in acting out this scene as recorded in

the Bible. Those old enough to sit and listen can go with the family to church pageant or program of Christmas music. Plans can be made and carried out to do something for others in the way of food, toys and clothing.

There is a different way to observe Christmas. I know one couple who has pioneered toward it. Before children were born into the home they had decided to make Christmas for Christ. The day would be one set apart. There would be no tree, no exchange of presents. Relatives were asked to respect this request. The story of the birth of Jesus and the reason for his coming would be the center of all their activities.

This idea has been carried out even as the family has grown. They do many things for other people and at home all decorations are built around the fact of Jesus' birthday. During the year as each person in the family has a birthday this is regarded as an important day and special presents come at this time.

We may not decide to spend Christmas in this last manner described, but we certainly can admire those who have such courage. And we can do a lot to improve the spirit of this wonderful season. Will we?

For the Sand Pile Set

Eggs make attractive tree ornaments. One year we took cardboard and with a needle and thread sewed together a simple small end of the egg and a larger in the middle, cutting doors and windows with scissors. Then we mixed flour, salt, and water to spreading consistency. For the rouge to draw a face on the egg if you want a Santa Claus take some cotton and shape whiskers, using paste to fasten on. When the material dried the walls had a lovely color and the roof top glistened like snow. We completed the work by placing the house on a small table and arranged cotton for snow around it. We put up sprigs of evergreen for trees. In-capt will improve the looks of Santa. We placed a small light.

A well-made nativity scene of cardboard can be bought at your Baptist Store, or one can be made from materials at hand. Entire villages can be constructed and satisfying than anything we might have bought. The children thoroughly enjoyed the work and the house.

Our Young People

Ring the Bells

BY MARGARET BRUCE

There was great excitement in the Indian village one day when a swinging bell from America arrived. The bell was to be hung on the Impur mission compound to summon students to classes. For months it was an object of curiosity.

One day a group of deacons from a nearby village came to the missionary asking him to secure a bell for them to use in calling worshippers to the church services. The bell was secured and they were proud of it. Their big log drums had announced danger and summoned them to battle but the new bell rang out a message of peace, faith, love and salvation. It was a sharp contrast to the Hindu temple bells rung each evening to put the gods and idols to sleep, and again each morning to awaken them. The church bell joyously told over and over again the good news that God loves and cares for all people.

Around the world at this Christmas time there will be village after village, town

after town, with no bell ringing out the glad message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Concern for the people of this earth means praying for them and sharing all one has with them. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 4-8, is a week when we must "ring the bells" and call women and young people to prayer . . . prayer for world missions. We must "ring the bells" and remind ourselves to bring our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every boy and girl, every young man and young woman in our churches, the young women in our college and hospital Y.W.A.'s must be given this extra opportunity to learn of our foreign mission work, to pray for it and our missionaries, and to make sacrificial offerings through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This can be done by presenting the Week of Prayer program and encouraging young people to bring self-denial offerings.

Keep the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions free from any engagements which would conflict and cause the young people to miss this important meeting. Help to enlarge their vision of a worthy offering. The Week of Prayer program is a good supplement to the missionary information which goes out regularly through our young people's magazines, *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* Many parents, grandparents and friends subscribe for the magazines as Christmas gifts for the young people. Do you? Attractive cards will be sent to notify them of this year-long worldwide gift.

It is almost time "to ring out the old year and ring in the new." Did each of the young people's organizations in your church attain the Standard of Excellence for 1950? There are yet a few more days in the old year. Check with the counselors and young people's director and discover the progress which your organizations have made. With a little effort you may be able to catch up some loose ends and achieve the goal of an A-1 Full-Graded Union.

You ring out the false, ring in the true as you help ring the bells of Christmas around the world.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

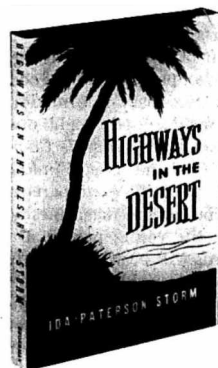
Mission Study . . .

If you used one of the books on the Near East as basic text you have a new understanding of the background of the first Christmas, don't you?

And if you used one of the books on Nigeria you remembered that Joseph "took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt," across the continent from Nigeria. Mission study is always teaching us new aspects of Christianity as we see the progress of the gospel through its two good eyes—missions.

There is so much for us to see in the Near East and Africa if we are to keep an accurate world picture in our minds and hearts.

Highways in the Desert, price 60c, and *Near East Panorama*, paper, \$1; cloth, \$1.50;



will show you "trouble spots" where we still have time to speak the word of peace through our missionaries.

A Century in Africa, price 60c, and *Exploring Africa*, price 60c, shows us what has been done in one section of this awakening continent.

Be sure to use these books before the year turns into 1951 and you turn to the fine new home mission books ready to show you our mission fields nearby.

Stewardship Chairmen . . .

December! This year designated by Southern Baptists for advancing stewardship will soon be gone. It is a good time for you to check up a bit and see just what advance in stewardship has been

made by the Woman's Missionary Union of your church.

This will remind you that you need to keep stewardship records. You need to have a list of all the women of your society by circles. This list should actually be divided into two lists: one with names of tithers, the other with names of those who do not tithe yet. If at the end of the year many names have been moved from the list of non-tithers to the list of tithers you can feel that real advance in stewardship has been made and your joy will be great.

Your records should show what you and others have done this year in stewardship education. Have there been study classes using stewardship books? Has the stewardship devotional leaflet, "We Have a Treasure" been used in circles or general W.M.U. meetings? (If you would like to have more of these they can still be bought from your W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham at ten cents a copy.) Have stewardship education plans been carried out in the young people's organizations? Was Church Night of Stewardship observed? Have the stewardship reports been made at the W.M.U. business meetings each month in an attractive and impressive way? The answer to these questions will show how faithful you have been to the stewardship task and will probably mark the degree of advance which has been made in stewardship in your W.M.U.

A new year is coming—bringing new stewardship opportunities! No matter how great the advance has been in 1950, there is need for still greater advance in 1951. As you study your record for this year, rejoice in the good things which have been accomplished. Note where you have failed. Then resolve to pray more, study more, plan more and work more that next year may be one of still greater advance in stewardship.

Why not display a seasonal poster when giving your December report? In the center could be a picture of the Wise Men offering gifts to the Christ Child. Scat-

tered all over the poster could be star seals of different sizes. Across the bottom print the words: "Wise Men Brought Gifts to Jesus. Have We Brought to Him Our Tithes and Offerings?"

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

Community Missions Chairmen . . .

Do you remember the first time that you could not go home for Christmas? If you do, then you know the pangs of loneliness and self-pity that are almost more than one can bear in this holiday season. Are there some in your community who will spend Christmas away from those they love best?

There may be a young couple who just bought a farm and moved to your community and cannot afford to visit their parents this Christmas. There may be young people who work in your town and cannot make the trip home and back in the few days vacation. There may be students from other lands studying in the college in your community. Of course, they cannot go home for Christmas. Or there may be older couples who are accustomed to having a house full of family during the holidays, but none of the children can be at home this year. As your Community Missions committee plans to make Christmas happy for every one in your community, do not forget these

whose hearts are touched with loneliness.

Plan with tact and understanding for each special need. Some of your members will want to invite one or two guests for Christmas dinner or for Christmas Eve. Others with a small family of their own may want to include a visitor at their Christmas tree. Perhaps someone would open her home on Christmas afternoon for carol singing and a snack supper. Certainly Christian women will be anxious to share the joyful Christmas atmosphere of their homes with those who are longing for a taste of home. With careful planning, everyone can be included.

Showering attention on some at this first Christmas away from their loved ones may make their sense of loneliness even greater. It might mean more for them to lose themselves in service to others. So use them in making Christmas a joyous season for others in the community. Help is needed for Christmas programs and parties in the church organizations. There are families to be provided for, children who should have toys, and baskets to be delivered. Those who are busy on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day visiting and bringing comfort, cheer, and the spirit of Christmas into less fortunate homes do not have time to be lonely. Rather they will discover that they have experienced the true meaning of Christmas!

—Edith Stokely

Trophies of Our Christmas Offering

(Continued from inside front cover)

Heck Training School Fund of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will provide their current expenses.

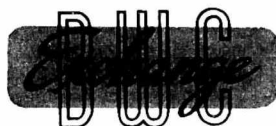
The story of our Baptist work in Hawaii could not be told apart from our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In 1948 we provided \$78,000; in 1949, \$75,500; and in 1950 we will give \$67,500. Our work on the islands is comparatively new, but is growing and prospering on every hand. Two outstanding projects during the recent months have been the opening of the Baptist Academy, and the opening of the new Assembly grounds. These together with the Bible School, will help Hawaiian Baptists to meet the untold possibilities of

reaching six nationalities, representing as many religious faiths. Truly, "the isles wait for his law."

War with its unspeakable horror and wasteful destruction continues to sweep over our world. Our work has been greatly hindered in some places. Yet we know that Christ our risen and enthroned Lord still lives and rules and guides in the affairs of men. Let us thank God that we can have a part in missions, the greatest and most Christlike enterprise on earth. Let us give to our Christmas Offering this year remembering that everywhere around the world new trophies will come out of this glorious gift of Woman's Missionary Union!



Florida BWCers met at Camp O'Leno, near High Springs, for their third annual Business Woman's Retreat



North Carolina

Miss Hannah Plowden, missionary to Hawaii, was the speaker at the fall meeting of the Federation of Roanoke Baptist Business Women when it met at Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The business women of Arlington Street Baptist Church were hostesses for the Federation meeting.

Louisiana

The Business Woman's Circle of the Second Baptist Church of Bogalusa, Louisiana, contributed a total of \$813 as their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift last year. Isn't that a challenge to us to do our best through prayer and sacrificial giving during Foreign Missions Week of Prayer this year!

Tennessee

Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, now has a brand new Business Woman's Circle. The W.M.C. of the church sponsored a fine dinner and Miss Evelyn Oakly, president of Shelby BWC Federation, assisted in the organization's planning.

Florida

Sitting on the front row of the above picture of the Florida BWCers are left to right Miss Elizabeth Provence, state young people's secretary; Miss Ruby Mil-

ner, state BWC Federation President; Mrs. C. B. Creasman, stewardship director for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Mrs. Lois Wells, state W.M.U. field secretary; Miss Josephine Jones, state executive secretary; and Miss Martha Franks, missionary to China.

During the last year Florida has organized forty-three new Business Woman's Circles and three new Federations.

Kentucky

Congratulations to Miss Edna Moody of the St. Matthews, Kentucky, Business Woman's Circle! She was elected president of the Kentucky State Federation at their fall retreat at Clear Creek.

BWC Tidings, edited by Mrs. Evelyn Kerbis of the Mary Sampson Circle of St. Matthews Church, Kentucky, keeps its circle members informed about everything, even the latest in cooking. A recent edition featured "Mrs. Brown's Ice Box Date Loaf" and it sounded so good we decided to pass the recipe on to you. It would make fine serving at a BWC meeting. Mrs. S. B. Brown is adviser of the St. Matthews BWC.

Ice Box Date Loaf

- 1 lb. graham crackers
- 1 lb. dates
- 1 lb. marshmallows (¾ lb. if preferred)
- ¼ lb. pecans
- 2 doz. maraschino cherries

Mash crackers into small bits. Moisten with milk or light cream until they stick together. Add all ingredients (chopped). Form into loaf and wrap in wax paper. Place in refrigerator for 24 hours. Cut in slices. Serve with whipped cream.

Margaret Fund Students 1950-1951

The students listed below have matriculated in the colleges indicated. Others will enter the first of the year. Several young men have not yet requested their checks because of uncertainty as to their call into military service, thus the list is not complete for the scholastic year 1950-51.

ARKANSAS

Berry, Betty, Brazil, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

CALIFORNIA

Rios, Anselmo, California, University of California, 4015 East Sixth Street, Los Angeles.
Rios, Corrine, California, University of California, 4015 East Sixth Street, Los Angeles.

GEORGIA

Candell, Margaret, Cuba, Mercer University, Rome.
Snuggs, John, China, Georgia Tech, Atlanta.
Westbrook, Carol, China, University of Georgia, Athens.

ILLINOIS

Hawkins, Luisa, Argentina, Billings Memorial Hospital, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago 37.
Wright, Richard, Illinois, Bradley University, Peoria.

KENTUCKY

Coughhead, Marianna, Paraguay, University of Louisville, 131 Galt Street, Louisville.
Forte, William, Brazil, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.
Jacobs, Martha, China, Western Kentucky State, Bowling Green.
Jacobs, Lydia, China, Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville.
Jester, David, Nigeria, Georgetown College, Georgetown.
Owens, Rosalind, Palestine, School of Music, Seminary, Louisville.

LOUISIANA

Anderson, Henry Lee, China, New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans.
David, William B., Argentina, Acadia Baptist College, Acadia.
Strother, Joyce, China, Louisiana College, Pineville.

MARYLAND

Baismum, Howard, China, High School, Baltimore, 5608 Tranmore Road.

MISSISSIPPI

Simpson, Herbert, Mississippi, Mississippi College, Clinton.
Woolforth, Charles, Louisiana, Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg.

MISSOURI

Jones, Eileen, Panama, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar.

NEW MEXICO

Taylor, James, New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico College, Portales.

NORTH CAROLINA

Gillespie, Arthur, China, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.
Gillespie, James, China, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.
Lide, Frank P., China, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.
Lide, Mary, China, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.
Tumblin, Ann, Brazil, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.
Baismum, George, China, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.
Owens, Robert, Palestine, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.
Payne, Tommy, North Carolina, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.
York, Alice Carolyn, Florida, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.
Patterson, Billy, Nigeria, Campbell College, Buie's Creek.
Payne, William, North Carolina, Western North Carolina Teachers College, Cullowee.
Calreiro, Abner, Cuba, Wingate Junior College, Wingate.

OKLAHOMA

Berry, Thomas O., Brazil, Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Oliver, Bruce, China, Furman University, Greenville.
Patterson, Mary Nelle, Nigeria, Anderson College, Anderson.
Snuggs, Anne, China, High School, Greenville, 106 Parkwood Drive.

TEXAS

Bell, Carolyn, Canal Zone, Baylor University, Waco.
Cooper, William F., Argentina, Baylor University, 905 South Fourth, Waco.
Craighead, David, Paraguay, Baylor University, Waco.
Crouch, Edward, Brazil, Baylor University, Waco.
Fielder, Florence Ann, China, Baylor University, Waco.
Garcia, Samuel, Texas, Baylor University, Waco.
Hardy, Jo Ann, Brazil, Baylor University, Waco.
Koon, Dorothy Jo, Hawaii, Baylor University, Waco.
Littleton, Mary, Nigeria, Baylor University, Waco.
Melancon, Charles, Texas, Baylor University, Waco.
Moore, Betty, Chile, Baylor University, Waco.
Nichols, Buford, China, Baylor University, Waco.
Parker, John, Texas, Baylor University, Waco.
Parker, Robert, Texas, Baylor University, Waco.
Porter, Nathan, Brazil, Baylor University, Waco.
Porter, Paul C., Brazil, Baylor University, Waco.
Ray, Lois, China, Baylor University, Waco.

TEXAS continued

Ray, Mary Dee, China, Baylor University, Waco.
Rifley, Joan Larie, Brazil, Baylor University, Waco.
Simpson, Mary Ellen, Mississippi, Baylor University, Waco.
Ware, James, China, Baylor University, Waco.
Bell, Paul C., Canal Zone, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Cowser, George, Brazil, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Oliver, Bennie May, Brazil, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Parker, Wendell, Texas, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Ray, Daniel, China, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Leach, Milton S., New Mexico, Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill.
Bagby, Anne Luther, Brazil, Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton.
Worthington, Geneva, Oklahoma, Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton.
Bagby, James, Brazil, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Hernandez, Humberto, Texas, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Hernandez, Carlos, Texas, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Hernandez, Reuben, Texas, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Leach, Grace, New Mexico, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Saez, George, Texas, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Saez, Josephine, Texas, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.
Muller, Daniel, Mexico, San Marcos Academy, San Marcos.
Muller, Pierre, Mexico, Hardin Simmons University, Abilene.
Flores, Samuel, Texas, Southwest Texas State College, Denton.
Gonzales, Homer, Texas, University of Texas, Austin.

Gonzales, Olga, Texas, University of Texas, Austin.
Gonzales, Orfalinda, Texas, University of Texas, 703 West 23rd, Austin.
Rodriguez, Adelaida, Texas, University of Texas, Austin.
Cooper, Davis, Argentina, High School, Waco, 905 South Fourth Street.
Cooper, Annie Glenn, Argentina, High School, Waco, 905 South Fourth Street.
Nichols, John, China, High School, 1801 South Ninth Street, Waco.

VIRGINIA

Bostick, June, China, Westhampton College, Richmond.
Westbrook, Mary, China, Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond.
Wiley, Tom, China, University of Richmond, Richmond.

CUBA

Caliente, Laura, Cuba, Beunavista College, Ciego de Avila, Cuba, Normal School, Mantanzas.
Garcia, Edith, Cuba, La Victoria Institute.
Gomez, Israel, Cuba, Institute Spiritus.
Gomez, Laila, Cuba, Institute Spiritus.
Gonzales, Moises, Cuba, University of Havana.
Machado, Esther, Cuba, University of Havana.
Machado, Moises, Cuba, University of Havana.
Machado, Reuben, Cuba, University of Havana.
Vasquez, Maria, Cuba, Pinar del Rio.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ayers, I. W., China, Harvard University, Cambridge Mass., Apt. 8-A, 122 Mt. Auburn.
Rowdell, Victor, Stony Brook School, Stony Brook, Long Island.
McGinnick, Kathleen, Hawaii, University of Hawaii, 2421 Halealea de Place, Honolulu.
Moore, Ruth, Chile, Medical School de Chile, Santiago, Casilla 9706, Santiago, Chile.
Yearwood, Vernon, Panama, Medical School University of Colorado, 2211 Marion Street, Denver, Colorado.

Your Circle Program

Studying this month the contrasts between Christmas in Christian and in non-Christian homes will help us more than ever to appreciate what Christ means to the world.

Sing Christmas carols like "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:9, 52:7, Luke 2:10.

See article, "Good Will to All,"

Suppose Christ Had Not Been Born

by Rebecca Tarry, in the December issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Also check *The Commission* for material from the foreign fields.

In this issue of *ROYAL SERVICE* helpful articles are "Christmas in Japan" and Mrs. Harris' "Why, Mommy?", from December *World Comrades* use story, "Our Littlest Angel," and from *The Window of YWA*, "I'll Go Back to China."

Devotional Thoughts

On the Wings of the Wind

BY OPEN LILE PITTARD

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 22:10b, 11b; Psalm 104:1-9

Hymn: "O Worship the King"

Comment: The disciples of Jesus never ceased to be amazed at every new demonstration of his power. In spite of the many miracles they had seen him perform, they never seemed to have faith to anticipate the next one or to expect his power to apply in a different kind of situation. So it was that on the day when they were caught in a storm on the sea and the Master, awakened from sleep, merely spoke to the raging elements and they quieted—the incredulous followers could only exclaim: "Even the winds and the waves obey him!" To have authority over even the winds—mysterious, incorrigible, mighty—is an awesome thing, indeed.

Years before that when David sought a suitable figure to represent the supreme magnificence of God he pictured him as we have read, as walking or flying upon the wings of the wind. Suppose we take the words of the psalm and make them into a question rather than a statement as David wrote them: Who walketh upon the wings of the wind?

In our time, the wings of the wind have been used to transport many things. In Ephesians 2:2 Paul speaks of Satan as "the prince of the power of the air." It does indeed seem as if the many powers that the ability to fly has opened to the world have been appropriated by Satan himself. Over the face of the earth today go bombs and devastation, death and destruction, brought on the "wings of the wind," by modern air power in the hands of militarists. The great machines, riding the wings of the wind from Communist Russia, go out to the farthest corners of the world with floods of literature to be dropped upon the reading-hungry masses of underprivileged peoples. Human be-

ings who have learned to "walk on the wings of the wind" have not gained authority over the wind! Yet if Satan is the prince of the power of the air, he does not have supreme dominion over it either.

David speaks of one who sits in celestial grandeur, a king whose royal garments are honor and majesty, whose robe is the light, whose curtain the spangled firmament, whose chariot is the clouds and whom even the winds and the waves must obey! On the wings of the winds of today—along with the forces of evil, are the ambassadors of Christ, "speeding the Word to all the world," under orders from the King of the universe and under his protection.

Two thousand years ago advance agents of the King came, borne also upon the wings of the wind, and bearing the message today's ambassadors must carry: "Unto you is born . . . a Saviour which is Christ the Lord! . . . Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will!"

COLORFUL mittens are put away when spring comes. Fancy dolls are forgotten while girls go off to camp in the summer. Few Christmas gifts bring joy the year around.

But subscriptions to good magazines mean something new, helpful and informative every month of the year.

Give your niece or small nephew the year around joy of receiving a copy of *World Comrades* each month. Girls in high school or college will find personality enrichment in *The Window of YWA*. Junior and Intermediate boys will be eager about *Ambassador Life*. And of course any of your adult friends will appreciate a gift subscription to *ROYAL SERVICE*.

Attractive gift cards signed as you request will be sent for each \$1 subscription. Send your orders to 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

W.M.U. pins also make lasting gifts for Christmas. Each organization, Sunbeam Band, G.A., R.A., Y.W.A., and W.M.S., has its own pin of identification and honor. See 1951 *Year Book* for prices.

The Girls' Auxiliary member will be delighted to receive one of the new G.A. bracelets, \$1.25 each.

Make your selection and send in your order to Birmingham as soon as possible.

Wings for "Speeding the Light"

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Why Not Wings for the Gospel?
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Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prayer

Program Plans

The R.A.'s will love to bring a display of model airplanes to decorate your W.M.S. meeting place. Be sure to ask them. If you have no R.A. chapter (woeful thought—better get one quick) ask a couple of boys with the airplane hobby to do it.

An announcement poster easily can be made by mounting some pictures of planes cut from magazines. Individual invitation cards could carry small planes. Print: *Wings for the Gospel. Flight call (day of meeting) at (hour for your meeting to begin).*

Your program outline may be put into a Christmas card folder or on the wings of an airplane.

You will need a world map or globe to

by Reitha Coggins

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point out places mentioned. No use to name countries or cities without knowing where to locate them accurately.

The cover of the May issue of *The Commission* and the June issue, page 9, show Mr. Standley and his plane. Pictures of our other missionaries mentioned are in *Missionary Family Album*—we hope you have kept yours up-to-date by adding pictures and information from *The Commission* as new missionaries were appointed.

As program proceeds, place small toy or paper planes on map as different places are spoken of. Use the same color for our two Southern Baptist planes so it will be clear where ours are.

Write on blackboard the important nine questions which must be asked in considering the use of a plane on a given field, page 27.

A flannelgraph showing modern means of swift communication—telephone, radio, etc.—will emphasize the urgency for using up-to-date methods in telling our most wonderful news to the whole world.

Your Program

Everywhere we look up and see planes winging their way through God's blue sky. They are carrying cargo of all kinds—people, perishables, bombs and other war supplies. But some are dedicated to spreading the gospel. One B-17, a World War II bomber, has become *The Ambassador*, owned by The Assemblies of God. (For



Robert R. Standley is the pilot of the new Ryan Navion plane which is now doing Foreign Mission Board duty in Brazil. Missionary Standley has spent hundreds of hours in the air over Brazil

eight Missions Department), Springfield, Missouri. Recently it carried twenty-four of their ministers on a tour of their foreign mission work. It carries missionaries to and from their stations in South America, Africa, the Near East, Europe, Iceland, Newfoundland and the Azores.

The Assemblies of God organization has a number of other smaller planes in Africa and is using wings to speed the gospel everywhere. Many denominations are thinking of the value of airplanes in missions.

In World War II many airmen who had had the advantage of Christian homes and missionary-hearted churches, saw how the world needed Christ. They realized the urgency of missions and thought airplanes could be used to great advantage on mission fields.

Two navy pilots, Lt. (j.g.) James G. Truxton and Lt. (j.g.) James W. Buyers, met George Fish, missionary to Borneo, who had been using a seaplane in his work there. His experience helped them decide to form an organization to promote airplanes in missions. They felt surely that the Lord was back of this idea when in answer to their letters other Christian airmen told of how the Lord had laid this same thing on their hearts.

With the help of a Christian lawyer and a young woman pilot, they formed a non-profit organization to promote missionary aviation. With a charter membership of

several hundred missionary-minded airmen, a headquarters office was set up in Los Angeles, California, to help existing mission groups.

The strength and effectiveness of this organization have grown rapidly through its five years of service. Today it owns several planes which are in constant use.

This Missionary Aviation Fellowship has co-operated especially with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador, also the Orinoco River Mission in Venezuela and Honduras and the Sudan Interior Mission in Africa. The service of M.A.F. includes making mission surveys; transporting missionaries to various fields for evangelistic meetings; carrying Bibles, food, medicine, and other supplies; and making emergency flights when missionaries and others need medical attention. Making a missionary aviation survey takes weeks and sometimes months of careful and painstaking work. Often the surveyors must walk for days over trails too treacherous even for mules, in order to be sure there would be a landing place for a plane.

This organization of Christian airmen has pioneered in missionary aviation. They are rendering invaluable service to many groups and denominations, as well as carrying the gospel direct to individuals. The M.A.F. slogan is "Speed the Light" and its emblem is an open Bible with a cross mounted on wings.

Many of the missionaries appointed by our Foreign Mission Board in recent years saw the need of the world during World War II. Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, said of some who were applying to the board to be medical missionaries in South America, "We frankly tried to dissuade them since it was so difficult and practically impossible to secure permission to practice. But they were so insistent that we felt God must be in it." Accordingly they were appointed. God worked out the difficulties and a new phase of our work is being successfully projected.

Leland James Harper, appointed in 1950 to Latin America, was an aviation cadet, U.S.N.R. James Humphrey in Nigeria worked in the production department of Glenn L. Martin Aircraft, Baltimore, Maryland, and M. D. Oates, now in Peru was employed by Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft in California.

Dr. James Thomas McRae, going to Arabia, was an Army Air Force medical officer. Herman Sanford in Nigeria was in the Army Air Force. So we have several air-minded Southern Baptist missionaries.

mainland for the isolated islanders

Commercial Wings Help Spread the Gospel

Air service helps when mission secretaries, field workers and interested individuals make extended mission trips for business, observation, or inspirational purposes. Mr. George F. Sorgatz, Jr., advertising manager of the Pan America-Grace Airways, Inc., reports, "We carry an appreciable number of foreign missionaries both between North and South America and between the various countries in South America."

a fun U, ki ni se Idamewa wa
are mai qre pelu, Dent. 14:16-17. K
to laura wa si grena, lanti a ba na.
Omo Mafa 6:20. Kika si ton ra
ma pu ni [redacted]
wa si mu owa ti ni ti, i wapo ke
wa si w [redacted] lanti o ja lanti
Mileki 1:12. Ehi opolopo there
Idamewa, pu ni a wa si ki to [redacted]
[redacted] lanti

In many cases the cost of commercial air service compares favorably with that of much slower modes of transportation. Our missionaries in the Near East can make a trip in ninety minutes by commercial air service which otherwise requires a hard day's travel over mountainous roads, getting permission to pass through three countries and stopping at two customs houses. For a trip from Bahrein (Bah-rain') to Qatar (kah'-tar) in Arabia our missionaries can either ride a rolling, uncomfortable boat for 18 hours or go by air in fifteen to thirty minutes. Another trip from Bahrein to Muscat (Mus-kat') can be made in four hours by air or otherwise in five days. If they went by camel caravan as many travelers do in Arabia, it would take twenty-one days.

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Kellersberger were formerly Presbyterian missionaries, but now he is general secretary of the American Leprosy Missions. They used commercial air service to study leprosy colonies all over the world and told about their experiences in their book, *Doctor of the Happy Landings*. Mrs. Kellersberger said, "We were explorers of a spiritual world of hurt hearts."

Kellersberger, "I should like to be your hostess as you fly around the world, for you seem to be a doctor of many happy landings."

"Yes," he answered, "All of my landings have been happy ones, and because Christ is my pilot, the last landing will be the happiest of them all."

In many sections of the world's most needy places, there is no commercial air service, there are no highways for automobiles. In fact, the mission-owned plane is the only way to reach millions of people who have never even heard for the first time of Jesus Christ and his death on the cross for their salvation. This is especially true in the jungle areas of South America and Africa.

But making large investments in missionary planes presents problems and before doing this most mission organizations feel it is wise for trained airmen and experienced missionaries to work together in making surveys. They must answer such questions as these: (1) Is air service practical? (2) Is it "diplomatically possible"? (Some governments do not readily issue the necessary permits for foreign planes.) (3) Would the good done justify spending the amount of money necessary? (4) Could a plane be kept busy? (5) Could it be made to "pay its way"? (6) Would there be enough reports on weather conditions to make flying safe? (7) Is a missionary-minded, trained pilot available? (8) What size and type of plane is needed? Sometimes because of lakes and waterways in certain sections it would seem that a seaplane should be used but perhaps a survey would show that a land plane could reach more of the desired locations than the seaplane. (9) Would it be better to co-operate with neighboring mission groups and all use one plane?

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munists took over. It has carried sick missionaries out to the doctor.

During the final days of siege of Peiping the *St. Paul* unloaded more than a ton of Bibles and took off with two tons of missionaries and their things. This plane flew under the flag of the Central Air Transportation Corporation of China and was used by all denominations to transport missionary personnel and equipment between mission stations throughout China.

Southern Baptist missionary Clifton Harris tells of how great an advantage it was to him and missionary Charles Culpepper to "catch a ride" on this plane and to take with them all their baggage and several thousand pounds of Bibles and literature. He says, "the *St. Paul* is an interesting institution out here. It does a grand work of transportation for the various boards."

Southern Baptist Wings in Brazil

We do have two planes in Brazil. A woman who was the leader of a group that had been throwing rocks at Christians was flown to the hospital for an emergency operation which saved her life. The stoning stopped!

This incident, the saving of two other lives, plus many other services which our airplane makes possible, have made friends for the gospel in hostile, fanatic towns that had been closed to it. Our planes give prestige to the gospel and make the people know that the missionaries care for their souls and bodies.

The pilot of our new Ryan Navion plane is Missionary Robert R. Standley who had a great deal of experience in flying in Brazil before he became our missionary. He is doing evangelistic work in the interior of northeast Brazil with headquarters at Fortalera. Mr. Standley tells us that the use of a plane "enables

the missionary to spend less of his valuable time in travel and more in preaching and practical work." It not only saves time but strength.

On one typical Sunday morning he took off at nine o'clock, preached in a distant city and baptized five believers, then flew to a fishing village that had never had a preaching service. After he preached there were four professions of faith. He then ate lunch, and left for an interior ranch where he held another service for people who had never heard the gospel. Some had walked twenty miles to be present.

On the return trip, at four o'clock Mr. Standley passed through another town where a deacon had been left to hold a meeting, picked him up and together they returned in time for the evening service. Without the plane this trip would have taken at least ten days.

Brazil's vast forest areas are cut by thousands of miles of mosquito-infested river valleys. This makes mission stations and preaching points widely scattered and difficulties of travel make it impossible for the missionaries to evangelize the interior without airplanes. Certain mission stations would be entirely cut off during the six months of rainy season except for the planes. Many isolated villages can provide landing strips for planes.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor, principal of North Brazil Missionary Training School in Recife, tells of the long distances the girls in her school must travel. One young woman lived one thousand miles in the interior of Brazil and to get her education had to be away from home for six years. Another received her diploma, then traveled three days on a loaded cotton truck, five days on a sailboat, and five more days on horseback to get home. These training school graduates undergo similar difficulties of travel as they go far into the interior to carry the gospel message. What a waste of time and talent, when they could go by plane in a few hours!

The second mission plane was purchased by Southern Baptists for work in North Brazil with money from last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is based at Corrente where the Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson direct the Baptist Indus-

trial Institute. Its pilot is a young Brazilian Baptist whose wife is also active in the work of the mission. When the plane arrived, the missionaries exclaimed, "It is exactly what we need and is a good investment in every way."

Their town of Corrente is so cut off from the outside world that it took from three to eight months for the missionaries to get mail, mission equipment and medical supplies from the coast.

The plane is used to carry workers to other distant missions including nine country schools that serve as spearheads for evangelism.

Missionaries express hope that a third plane can be given for use in co-operation with the Brazilian Home Mission Board in the interior of the states of Bahia and Goyaz.

These planes in Brazil are truly keys to kingdom progress. Where there are no roads or railroads, a plane can take missionaries to far stations in a few hours where otherwise they would have to ride a mule for a week. In a plane, the wives of missionaries can also go along to do special work with the women and children. Planes truly multiply missionaries!

The Urgency of Wings for the Gospel

Today world governments depend upon telephones, telegraph, cables, radios, and air service to help carry on their national and international affairs. The business world also has been quick to use modern means of communication and transportation. Christ's is a kingly and world-wide program. The "King's business requireth haste." Christ's followers are responsible for spreading the earth's most important news and for promoting the world's biggest business. Should we still hold to "horse and buggy" methods when the need for the gospel is so urgent?

Millions of adults in all parts of the world are learning to read for the first time in their lives. With this "new-found magic" they innocently believe that everything in print is truth. Communism and Roman Catholicism are taking advantage of this. We need to hasten to them with the light and truth of the gospel.

The people in Africa are begging us for the light of the gospel, but they will not wait indefinitely. Already many of them are turning to Mohammedanism and communism. We could use a plane to speed the gospel in Nigeria.

The editor of a Brazilian newspaper wrote that the present condition in his country and in the world is a moral and spiritual crisis. Worldly forces are going to lead us all into destruction unless we can recover, or find, a spiritual faith to live by. We know the doors of South America are yet open, but no one knows how long they will remain so. Catholics resent the presence of evangelical missionaries and are calling for hundreds of priests for South America.

Communism is also very aggressive in Latin America and is spreading rapidly. Couldn't we use more than the two planes in Brazil to speed Christ's message throughout Latin America?

Why Not Wings for the Gospel?

We send "perishables" by plane. Is it not more urgent to send the imperishable Word of God to perishing people?

Churches at home are spending more on one musical instrument or even on one church window than a small plane costs. By it, salvation could be heralded to a dying people.

Singer sewing machines are found in many homes of seemingly half civilized natives on certain isolated islands. If business men speed sewing machines for money, should not the church speed the gospel as a proof of our appreciation for what Christ has done for us?

Recently a missionary found that on one plane a certain seat was occupied by nylon hose. They could not be removed because someone had "paid their fare."

Do we need more proof that planes would conserve the precious time, strength, talents and nervous energy of our trained, dedicated and consecrated missionaries?

The "Seeing Side" of Christmas

This is the month of Christmas. "It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth." Would it not be appropriate this year to

emphasize the "seeing side" of Christmas? We would see our own sins of materialism, worldliness, and indifference to Christ's cause. We would see the urgency of speeding that light of "the glory of the Lord that shone round about" as the angel announced Christ's birth to the shepherds. Can we see what the multitude of angels meant when they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"? Can we see the significance of their words, as we sing the lovely Christmas carols? Can we, with the shepherds "make known abroad" the purpose for which the heavenly child was born? We need to put "wings on our feet" that we may hasten to present to our neighbors and friends the tragedy of lives without Christ.

Can we go down through the years and see Jesus as he hung on the cross for our sins? Can we see the darkness that comes in separation from God? Can we see a lost world and weep with Jesus over it? Can we see lost individuals among our loved ones, in our Sunday school classes,

in our daily contacts? Can we see the joy of leading one to Christ? Can we see real stars in our crown for souls won instead of the tinsel of Christmas decorations?

This year all the Cooperative Program money forwarded to Nashville headquarters during December will be used for the Advance Program of Foreign Missions. Through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we can also put missionary wings on our dollars in our Christmas giving!

No matter how long the doors of the nations stay open for the gospel, there is certainly a time limit to our opportunity as individuals. You and I are responsible for sending the gospel to all those alive today. No one else can do it for us. Those who are dying cannot wait. They will pass into an eternity of doom.

Death makes uncertain our opportunities for doing what we mean to do for our Lord.

Will we do something that is really sacrificial to speed the gospel of salvation to a lost world?

VISUAL AIDS FOR DECEMBER

by Mildred Williams

The following films are recommended for use with your observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, or may be used as enrichment material in your regular December meeting.

WE TOO, RECEIVE—15 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$4.

This film presents the story of an American aviator shot down over New Guinea and rescued by a native who had been educated in a mission school. No scenes of missionary work are included but it is implied that contributions to foreign missions form an investment which sometimes pays dividends in unexpected ways.

KENJI COMES HOME—40 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$9.

This film is the story of a Japanese soldier who returned from the war to find home and family gone. His friendship with a Christian Japanese girl leads him to a new life based on a Christian concept of democracy and at the same time plunges him into a conflict with the Communist elements.

OUR NEAREST FOREIGN MISSION FIELD—11 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$5.

This film presents three phases of Southern Baptist work in Mexico—education, printing, and distribution of literature and evangelism. Missionaries are shown at work and the film closes with an appeal for more missionaries.

ADVANCE IN AFRICA—22 minutes; sound; color, \$5, black and white, \$9.

Presents Southern Baptist missions in Nigeria. It is the record of a missionary doctor from his arrival in Lagos through his first six months in the mission.

IN THE CIRCLE OF HIS WILL—20 minutes; sound; color, \$3.

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And heaven and nature sing.
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Christ: The Shepherd

The Good Shepherd

1 FRIDAY "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"—John 10:11

Rev. S. S. Stover and Mrs. Stover, Rev. J. A. Lunsford and Mrs. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, educational evangelism; Jane Lunsford, Margaret Fund student

2 SATURDAY "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine"—John 10:14

Rev. Maurice Aguilard and Mrs. Aguilard, Jennings, Rev. Ade Vidrine and Mrs. Vidrine, Monticou, Louisiana, evangelism among French

3 SUNDAY "Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out"—Ezekiel 34:11
Rev. W. J. Webb and Mrs. Webb, Guatemala City, educational evangelism, Rev. Carlos Quilo, Escuintla, Guatemala, evangelism

4 MONDAY "I . . . will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day"—Ezekiel 34:12

Rev. John Watson Shepard and Mrs. Shepard, Tokyo, Japan. Pray for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 4-8

5 TUESDAY "I will bring them out from the people . . . to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel"—Ezekiel 34:13

*Dr. W. H. Carson and *Mrs. Carson, Port Harcourt, evangelism, Dr. William C. Gaventa and Mrs. Gaventa, Eku, medical evangelism, Miss Stella A. Austin, Agbor, Nigeria, educational evangelism

6 WEDNESDAY "I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them"—Ezekiel 34:23
Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, and all secretaries and state board members working with him

7 THURSDAY "Ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men . . . I am your God, saith the Lord God"—Ezekiel 34:31

Rev. H. R. Tatum and Mrs. Tatum, evangelism, Miss Wilma Weeks, Hilo, educational evangelism, Miss Hilda Bledsoe, Kahului, Hawaii, evangelism

The Sacrificial Law Reversed

8 FRIDAY "As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep"—John 10:15

Rev. Joe Carl Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Campinas, Rev. T. N. Clinkscales and Mrs. Clinkscales, Londrina, Brazil, educational evangelism. Pray that ingathering services may show true sacrifice and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering far exceed goal of \$1,600,000

9 SATURDAY "No man taketh it (my life) from me, but I lay it down of myself"—John 10:18

Rev. L. R. Brothers and Mrs. Brothers, educational evangelism, Miss Martha Tanner, contract worker, Ibadan, *Miss Susan Anderson, Abeokuta, Nigeria, educational evangelism

10 SUNDAY "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—Psalm 22:1

Mr. Victor E. Washington, Baton Rouge, Mr. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, Louisiana, Negro evangelism

11 MONDAY "They pierced my hands and my feet. They look and stare upon me"—Psalm 22:16, 17

*Miss Jennie Alderman, Tsinan, evangelism, Dr. R. F. Rickelson and *Mrs. Rickelson, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

12 TUESDAY "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture"—Psalm 22:18

Miss Frances Brown, Birmingham, Alabama, Miss Ruby McGehee, Christopher, Illinois, evangelism among many nationalities

13 WEDNESDAY "But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me"—Psalm 22:19

*Rev. T. C. Bagby and *Mrs. Bagby, Goiania, Rev. Elmer M. Treadwell and Mrs. Treadwell, Recife, Miss Lois Josephine Roberts, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, evangelism; James and Anne Luther Bagby, Margaret Fund students

14 THURSDAY "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree"—1 Peter 2:24

Rev. M. E. O'Neill, Jr., and Mrs. O'Neill, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rev. Isidro Garcia and Mrs. Garcia, Cameron, Mexican evangelism, Miss Jovita Galan, Alice, Texas, educational evangelism
*on furlough

The Footprints of the Flock

15 FRIDAY "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"—Isaiah 53:6

Rev. A. A. Chaplik and Mrs. Chaplik, Miss Pearl Gifford, Miss Vivian Wilson, Baltimore, Maryland, evangelism among many nationalities

16 SATURDAY "My sheep hear my voice . . . they follow me"—John 10:27

Miss Mary Elaine Crotwell, Chinese language school, Baguio, Philippine Islands; Miss Olive Riddell, Kaifeng, China, educational evangelism

17 SUNDAY "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish"—John 10:28

Rev. Simon Villarreal and Mrs. Villarreal, San Jose, Rev. Jesus Rios and Mrs. Rios, Los Angeles, California, evangelism to Spanish-speaking; Anselmo and Corrine Rios, Margaret Fund students

18 MONDAY "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will"—Hebrews 13:20, 21

Miss Mabel Summers, evangelism, *Rev. Finlay M. Graham and *Mrs. Graham, educational evangelism, Beirut, Lebanon

19 TUESDAY "The God of peace . . . working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"—Hebrews 13:21

Rev. C. B. Melancon and Mrs. Melancon, Stowell, Texas, French evangelism, Rev. Oscar Hill and Mrs. Hill, Alamogordo, New Mexico, evangelism among Spanish-speaking; Charles Ray Melancon, Margaret Fund student

20 WEDNESDAY "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you"—John 13:15

Rev. Ronald W. Fuller and Mrs. Fuller, Rev. James Dewey Hollis and Mrs. Hollis, Macao, South China, Miss Mary Frances Gould, Bangkok, Thailand, evangelism

21 THURSDAY "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"—John 13:35

Rev. A. M. Lopez and Mrs. Lopez, Guanabacoa, Rev. Emilio Planas and Mrs. Planas, Puentes Grandes, Cuba, evangelism

The Basis of Perfect Union

22 FRIDAY "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"—Psalm 23

Mrs. T. Neil Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, China, emeritus missionaries

23 SATURDAY "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman"—John 15:1

W. B. Knox, Rock Hill, South Carolina, educational



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evangelism with Negroes; Merced Becerra, Devine, Texas, evangelism to Spanish-speaking

24 SUNDAY "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ . . . the chief corner stone"—Ephesians 2:20

Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson, Spain, emeritus, Rev. T. L. Neely and Mrs. Neely, Caracas, Venezuela, evangelism

25 MONDAY "Fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God"—Ephesians 2:19

Rev. B. Frank Belvin and Mrs. Belvin, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Pray that the spirit of Christmas may fill hearts around the world

26 TUESDAY "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular"—1 Corinthians 12:27

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Tenuco, Chile, educational evangelism; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hart, emeritus missionaries to Chile

27 WEDNESDAY "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me"—John 15:4

Rev. Eugene Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, Canal Zone, evangelism; Rev. A. N. Porter and Mrs. Porter, Waco, Rev. Gregorio Perez, Abilene, Texas, Mexican evangelism

28 THURSDAY "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit"—1 Corinthians 6:17

Rev. Joseph Buie Underwood and Mrs. Underwood, Recife, Rev. W. E. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism

29 FRIDAY "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat"—Revelation 7:16

Rev. Bibiano Molina and Mrs. Molina, Potrerillo, Rev. Abdiel J. Silva and Mrs. Silva, Batabano, Cuba, evangelism

30 SATURDAY "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them . . . and lead them unto living fountains of water"—Revelation 7:17

*Miss Lucy Smith, secretarial evangelism, Miss Auris Pender, Hong Kong, China, evangelism

31 SUNDAY "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes"—Revelation 7:17

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient, and Mrs. Cauthen, Hong Kong, China, Pray for Student Night at Christmas program

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Even the youngest Sunbeam will enjoy a fascinating animated book that tells the most beautiful story of all, in the most wonderful way of all, called *The First Christmas*, Capitol, \$1. It will give a new idea of the beauty and truth of the nativity. In book shape, as the child unfolds each of the twelve pages, artistic scenes picturing the birth of Christ spring out into moving forms. Five of the loveliest carols enhance its appeal even more.

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come a child's classic is *Always There Was God*, \$2., written by Robbie Trent, editor of elementary Sunday school lessons at the Baptist Sunday School Board. In poetic prose and pictures of rare loveliness by Elinore Blaisdell, this book tells the story of God's ever present hand in the wonders of nature and in human lives. Miss Trent's words in language suitable to young children appear on the left hand pages. On each facing page are the Bible words on which hers are based. This book is deeply rooted in Bible truths and will strengthen faith for all ages.

For older Sunbeams or for Juniors the two books named here will be most helpful as they begin habits of Bible reading and study: *The Picture Book of Palestine* by Ethel Smith, Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50, describes with fifty lovely pictures and clear text what Palestine was like in Bible times.

There is also the *Picture Dictionary of the Bible* by Ruth Tubby, Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50. This book is really a storehouse of information about Bible times. It defines about 400 words that often puzzle boys and girls, and with 145 pictures makes their meaning clear.

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