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Religious workers note areas where migrant camps are located

Pray and Give

by J. B. Lawrence

WITH a deep sense of gratitude for what Woman's Missionary Union has done for Home Missions through the years, I come to appeal again for your prayers and gifts.

Nothing has helped us more, through all the dark and rough places, than the true support which you have given. For many years, through the period of struggle with a burdensome debt, you supported the missionaries of the Board and kept the work of evangelizing the homeland going. I shall never forget those trying, burdensome years. Had it not been for the Annie Armstrong Offering we would have lost practically all of the mission stations established in Home Mission fields through the years by consecrated men and women. Words fall back as exploded vessels when I try to thank you for the service you rendered in those tragic, trying years.

I need not call your attention to the fact that the base for our world-mission work is our homeland. It stands to reason that if we would succeed in evangelizing the world we must have motive, men and money. These things do not come as a matter of course. They are produced for mission work by the tilling of the homeland life, and the development of new sources from which money, men and motive may come for mission work.

The Home Board is working at this task. It has, in its credit to the 105 years of its history, 10,012 churches organized, and 1,011,134 souls won to Christ. These saved individuals cost Southern Baptists \$34.97 each on the basis of the total receipts of the Board during the 105 years of its history. I appeal to you, as individuals, on

APPEAL FOR THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING AND MARCH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

the basis of the past achievements of the Board. Where can you put your money to better use? If \$34.97 will give one soul a chance for heaven—and this is the average cost per conversion reported by the home missionaries for 105 years—you will have a new star in your crown of rejoicing with every \$34.97 given to the Annie Armstrong Offering. This should be a great incentive to every one who loves the Lord and wants to see souls saved.

THE Home Mission Board is working to develop new resources of revenue for kingdom work. From 1941 to 1949, the missionaries of the Board organized 1,196 churches and 3,470 mission stations, many of which will ultimately become churches. These missionaries also led 103,799 people to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. I do not know what all of these churches are giving, but I know that some of them are giving generously to the Cooperative Program. One church in the group at the end of five years had given \$20,000 to the Cooperative Program. These 103,799 people led to Christ, together with the 1,196 churches organized, which the Home Mission Board has added, are now sources of revenue produced by the Board and will, from year to year, increase their giving to kingdom work.

One of the richest fields we have in the Convention territory now is in the West. This is evidenced by the progress made in these states with only a token assistance from the Home Mission Board. In California alone, which is a typical Western state, in 1944, when the Home Board began its work in the West, there were sixty-seven churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention; now there are 200 churches. There were then 5,049 members; now there are 21,000 members. In 1944 there were 638 baptisms; in 1949 there were 4,000 baptisms. In 1944 the churches gave \$15,000 to the Cooperative Program; in 1949 they gave more than \$138,000. If the Board had a million dollars a year to spend in California alone, at the present rate of

increase in giving, this state would be giving nearly a million dollars a year to the Cooperative Program.

IF THE Home Mission Board does the work necessary to develop the resources of the homeland for world conquest for Christ, it must have increased support. Its receipts for 1951 have been pegged by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board will receive \$660,000 out of the first \$4,500,000 received from the Cooperative Program. This is 14.667 per cent and is for current work. Then the Board will receive about 16 per cent from the next \$2,500,000 received from the Cooperative Program. This is for capital needs, and the Board needs more than this amount for the building of chapels and churches in the present mission fields. The only way we can maintain our work on the present level and have any hope of increase at all is through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

I appeal to every member of Woman's Missionary Union as an individual to make her contribution in the light of the facts which I have given in this appeal and may the Lord's blessings be upon every one of you as you pray and give.



Dr. Lawrence is executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board

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by Mildred Timmerman

AREN'T you excited about going to California, Mimi?" exclaimed Carol, her roommate at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

"More excited about California than you are about getting married!" Mimi replied.

Carol and Mimi were the best of friends, active in the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. and in the B.S.U. Mimi had just received her appointment from the Home Mission Board for ten weeks of work in California in the summer student mission program.

"I've wanted to work in California ever since we learned about the 11,000,000 people in the state and 70 per cent with no church membership."

"What kind of work do you suppose you will do?" asked Carol. "Take your chalk talk material because I know the children will love your drawings."

"I must get some drawing paper and some chalk and my colored lights will be a must."

"Don't miss the scenic beauty in Sequoia National Park and Yosemite. Those redwood trees are out of this world! Be sure and see the Golden Gate and Hollywood!" exclaimed Carol.

"Hold on, I'm going out to win them to Christ first—then maybe I'll have a little time to see the scenic wonders! Pray for me, Carol, this is going to be a big job," answered Mimi.

June 23, 1950

Dear Carol,

Elizabeth and I are in Techachapi, California in the mountains and is it cool! But someone really has made preparations and everything is going smoothly. The children already know the songs and pledges for which I am thankful. We enrolled sixty-one and the amazing thing is that most of them are Baptists. This town is predominantly Catholic. It is a typical western town (almost like the movies) with Mexican cowboys walking down the street.

We had a time with the children on Friday. There was a Mexican funeral across the street: a little Mexican boy who had been killed by the train. Most of the Mexicans are Catholics and will not go into the Protestant church. The people stood outside and mourned for the child and it really impressed our Bible school children in the Baptist church across the street. We tried to make this an object lesson to the children, a lesson on safety first and a lesson on being prepared to go to live with Jesus. I doubt that they will forget that lesson even if they forget the other stories told in Bible school.

My partner and I are living in the parsonium cooking our own meals. The people are just wonderful to us, always bringing us strawberries and cherries. Southern Baptists are full of hospitality out here just like back home.

The commencement service was well attended. The children did very well even if the Intermediates got tickled at the costumes in the play "The Good Samaritan." The



Some children follow their parents into the cotton fields . . . others "play" all day by a muddy ditch. They need daily Vacation Bible school like the one conducted by our summer workers (right)

program ended with a chalk talk on "Jesus, Saviour Pilot Me" in which I appealed to them to give their all to Jesus and let him guide them on life's sea. No one came when the invitation was given but I heard that one Intermediate girl dedicated her life to definite Christian service. Most of the boys and girls were already Christians and I feel that they grew in grace this week. It is a real blessing to have a part in this building of the kingdom of God.

July 8, 1950

Dear Carol,

We went back to Bakersfield to Wayside church these two weeks. It's Elizabeth's time to be principal and I will play the piano. Here in Bakersfield the young people of the city meet at a Baptist church every two weeks for a city-wide singpiration. We went and enjoyed the fellowship with all the Baptist young people of the city.

Our Bible school grew from starting with sixty to ninety-eight by Friday. This church is in a new section and the possibilities are unlimited.

Our Bible school dropped off around the

Fourth of July but we kept on praying and working. On Thursday morning, I drew "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" and explained the way of salvation. Several Juniors came forward, two boys feeling God wanted them to be preachers and one little girl with long curls saying she wanted to be a missionary. Two accepted Christ as Saviour. Our hearts were thrilled for it is not often that we are able to see the fruits of our labor. Pray for these boys and girls that God may help them to fulfill their decisions.

July 29, 1950

Dear Carol,

Elizabeth and I had big plans last week to spend my birthday in town, eating out. But—we spent it on the Mojave Desert! The wind blew and the noise was terrific. There was desert land as far as you could see in every direction except one, where



Pictures on this page were taken near Bakersfield

there was a hill in which was a gold mine. No, I didn't see any gold but I saw plenty of sand and a sandstorm.

Our Bible school in Mojave wasn't large but thirty-two was large enough considering the small space available in the nice new one-roomed church. The greatest handicap was the transportation, for there were hundreds of children at the Navy Base nearby but we had no way to bring them to church. They really need a bus and they are taking an offering to buy one.

It seems to me that most all our church members out here tithed. They need more trained preachers and leaders. They need our help and prayers.

Tell everybody to give more through the Cooperative Program and to get ready

to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering so that we can have more missionaries and more buildings. That will mean more souls won in California and all through these wonderful Western states. Pray for me and for the other workers who will stay on when this summer program ends, and that will be too soon for me!

Love,
Mimi

California summer workers meet on steps of the Fresno Southern Baptist Church. Mimi is last one on the right on the front row



WE LIVED IN A PUEBLO

by Mrs. Lee Roebuck

MANY tourists visit New Mexico and the Pueblo Indians, but very seldom does any one except an Indian spend a night in a pueblo. As missionaries we have visited in the homes of many Pueblo Indians. We have been invited to eat with them, but never to stay overnight until this past summer.

Last spring, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rey Toledo of Jemez Pueblo offered us the use of their home for services. They were living in Santa Fe, where Mr. Toledo teaches art in the government Indian school. He, his wife, his oldest daughters and two older sons, have been baptized in this mission. When we asked the Toledos if we might hold Vacation Bible school in their home, and live there during the school, they very courteously assented. This saved us driving about one hundred miles each day.

No one knew whether or not the pueblo officials would try to interfere with our living there, but we looked to the Lord to help us.

Jemez Pueblo has a population of almost eight hundred. It is built beside the highway, from which one can look down on some of the adobe houses, the corrals, and in the summer, farther in the distance can see the beautifully green irrigated fields and the orchards. The Jemez language is different from that of other Indians.

Though Jemez is one of the larger pueblos, the government day school with grades one to six, is only a two-teacher school. The Catholics have a large mission in the pueblo, with a large school for eight grades and resident priests, brothers, and sisters. Unbelievable as it is, the U. S. Post Office is in this mission property, and one of the brothers is the postmaster. This makes it possible to create many unpleasant situations for Baptists and anyone receiving Baptist literature through the mail.

The Toledo home has three large rooms—the kitchen on one end of the house, a long living room in the center (in which we held services) and a bedroom on the other end. There is a large screened porch on the front, opening onto a walled-in yard. The wall is about three feet high. This is one of the best-located homes in Jemez.

Two summer workers enjoyed with us the experience of living in Jemez—James Huse from Texas and Talmadge Fowler from Georgia.

To my husband and me, the things we saw daily were quite familiar since we had visited in the pueblo many times—the boys and girls carrying smaller brothers and sisters in shawls on their backs, the children carrying buckets of water from the windmill. The women carrying perhaps

a dozen loaves of bread on a board on their heads or walking down the road with their large shawls thrown over their heads, exposing only their eyes; the men with their long braided hair, and bright pieces of cloth tied around their heads, going to the fields or returning on their horse-drawn wagons. The boys and girls playing ball; the beauty of the surrounding mountains.

Life in Jemez was enchanting and for the most part, very quiet and peaceful. Outwardly pueblo life is that way. We were greatly disappointed that our Vacation Bible school attendance was quite small, also the attendance at the evangelistic services. Very few who were not already Christians came. As the time went on, we learned the reason.

I held my class in the living room. The front door and approaching walk were plainly visible to me. As the weather was beautiful Mr. Fowler had his class in the open courtyard inside the low wall. On the third day of school, just as classes were beginning, I presume I heard a strange voice—something made me glance outside. Coming inside the gate was a Catholic priest. I knew he hadn't come to attend V.B.S. and study the Bible, so I called my husband's attention to the new arrival. He went out at once. I soon followed as did James Huse as he went to check attendance.

Mr. Fowler said afterward that the priest was very friendly as he approached; when he got inside the walk he said, "I just came by to see if any of my children were here." Then pointing his finger at one boy and raising his voice, he accused, "There's one!" The ground on which he claimed the boy was that he attended the mission school the past school year. He commanded the frightened boy to

come with him. My husband quietly told the priest that the boy had come of his own free will, and need not leave. A very interesting conversation followed, the priest answering nearly everything we said with "I'll tell that to the governor (of the pueblo)" or "That statement will be reported to the governor."

Soon Mr. Toledo's elderly, dignified Christian mother came out on the porch, and with an amused smile said, "Go get governor! Go get Kasiki, too!" (Kasiki is the pueblo chief.) At that the priest turned and left. He did not return. The intimidated child did not go with him; but he was too frightened to come back to V.B.S. anymore.

Mr. Huse had worked with us two previous summers, and though he was indignant at such an irregularity, he knew such things occurred in New Mexico, especially in the pueblos. Mr. Fowler being from Georgia was amazed beyond measure at the occurrence. He became deeply burdened for these people.

We value the labors of the summer workers not only because of their faithful, consecrated service, but because in their work they see the field first-hand. They return to their home churches to give a clear picture of the actual conditions. Because they see the need, they often feel the Lord's call to life-time service among the Indian people.

What kind of tourist are YOU? These New Mexico Indians get a lasting impression of us from these slight contacts
Wyatt Davis for Goodness



ple. Mr. Huse feels definitely the Lord's call to missionary work among the Indians, and Mr. Fowler feels that the Lord is calling him to teach among them.

During our stay in the pueblo we learned more about the intense persecution suffered by those who have not conformed to the Catholic religion. The persecution and intimidation have been such that through the years these families have lived in constant fear. How eager the parents are that the time will soon come when freedom of religion will be realized, so that their children will not have to live in this same fear.

During our stay in the pueblo, "St. Peter's Day" was celebrated with a "chick-

en pulling." We are certain that the apostle Peter would never have guessed that the cruel sport was in his honor! Mr. Huse and Mr. Fowler walked to the plaza in the afternoon to see what was going on. They said they saw nothing religious—the affair was merely sport.

WHEN we returned to Bernalillo, we found it hard to sleep at night, because we had become accustomed to the quiet of the Indian village. But in spite of the outward peace and quiet, we know there is inward turmoil. Few of our Indian friends know the "peace that passeth understanding" that comes from knowing the Prince of peace.

"Troubadours of God"

by Mrs. Martin A. Wood

AN IMPORTANT phase of our home mission work is that being done in co-operation with the Negroes of Louisville, Kentucky, and eleven adjacent counties in which there are 104 Negro Baptist churches and missions with about 28,000 members. These along with 100 white Baptist churches and missions of the Long Run Association, with 56,000 members, compose the largest evangelical group of Christians in this area.

This work is headed by the Rev. Joe M. Conley of College Park, Georgia, Emory University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate. He is superintendent of the Baptist Fellowship Center, and is assisted by some thirty volunteer students of the Southern Baptist Seminary and Training School. These see, not the ludicrous and pathetic characteristics of the Negro, as too many of us do, but the hidden rich qualities of soul and their fine contributions to our society. They are happy in putting on a program of Christian education, evangelism and missions in which there is no color line. Mr. Conley says: "We work together because of our

love for God and our desire for the salvation of the lost and the promotion of the kingdom of Christ."

This mission work radiates from the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville, Kentucky, an inadequate, dilapidated building bought in 1916. They are praying it will soon be replaced by a better one in a better location.

A staff of six paid workers conducts study classes, Sunday school, enlargement campaigns, W.M.U. work and two summer camps for boys and girls. During the



The staff and advisory board of the Fellowship Center spend much time in prayer and planning.



Baptist Fellowship Center builds wholesome attitudes and useful lives

summer, thirty-seven Vacation Bible schools were held in Central District Negro churches assisted by members of the Long Run Baptist Association. Fifty-two girls and forty-nine boys attended the Fifth Annual Christ-centered Camp with great spiritual blessing. Twenty-eight camps are provided for white Baptist young people—not one for colored. Why?

A Vacation and Weekday Bible school and young people's worker employed full time is responsible for Bible schools; organizes and promotes missionary organizations for all ages; holds clinics, teaches study classes and holds advisory conferences.

An associational missionary teaches study courses in the Negro churches, visits hospitals, jails, helps establish churches and ministers to pastorless churches.

The Fellowship Center has a fine library of 1700 volumes. Much good has come from the Baptist Pastors' Conference of white and Negro Baptist pastors which meets quarterly for fellowship and inspiration. These meetings are held alternately in Negro and white Baptist churches and the pastors enjoy the helpful programs of the two groups together.

The expanding work is under the leadership of the Long Run Baptist Association in co-operation with the Central District

Association which partly supports it. Both races work in harmony. The Baptist Home Mission Board pays the superintendent's salary as it does that of thirteen other workers serving in Negro Centers throughout our Convention territory. Forty-nine missionaries working in various Negro schools and colleges conduct institutes and other helpful services.

H. G. Wells once said he was "convinced that there is no more evil thing in this present world than race prejudice . . . It is the worst single thing in life now. It justifies and holds together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any other sort of error in the world." Thanks to our churches and mission boards, our Christian concept of service reaches out to all races and creeds.

Only God can know the good being accomplished by the unselfish service rendered by these capable, consecrated students, "troubadours of God, who seek the meanest suburbs with their feet . . . and speak for us amid the courts of life."



Rev. Joe M. Conley

Hints to Committee Chairmen

Community Missions Chairmen

You are a missionary!

At this time of the year the members of your society are thinking about missionary efforts here in our homeland. What an excellent opportunity this home missions emphasis gives you to lead every member to see that she, too, is a missionary in the community where she lives. Many of the problems dealt with in the name of Christ by our home missionaries exist in your community. Those problems and needs will be met only when you lead your members to do in your community the things that a home missionary does on the field to which he is called.

The missionary knows that to serve effectively he must prepare his own heart. Lead your members to pray definitely for the community and its people. Use prayer lists, naming specific problems faced by Christians who desire a Christian community. List also the names of men and women and young people who have never accepted Christ as Saviour and Master. Women must become deeply concerned before they will serve.

Yet a missionary must not only be concerned, but be prepared to witness. February is a good time for the women to study books on soul-winning. Several helpful books are available from your state Baptist Book Store, such as *Talks on Soul-Winning*, Mullins; *Helping Others to Become Christian*, Leavell; *Soul-Winning in Your Community*, Hathaway; and others listed in "The Correlated Church Study Course." You may have a class for the whole society, or you may choose to have just your community missions committee study the book and then lead their own circles in discussions of witnessing. If there is to be a church study course on witnessing, encourage all the members to attend it. Or the women may read a book on soul-winning. If you follow this plan, take time in a regular meeting to be sure the women understand what they have

read, and are thoroughly familiar with telling the plan of salvation.

A missionary seeks to reach those on his field who need the message of Christ. Do you know who the people are who are not Christians? Many churches will be taking a religious census of their community in February in preparation for revivals in March and April. Talk with the pastor and find out the plans for your church.



Edith Stokely

Every member of your society should have a part in taking this census, and the young people can help in this too. Finding out who the people of your community are in relationship to Christ and to the church is a definite part of community missions. If your church can de-

pend on the 100 per cent participation of its Woman's Missionary Union, it will be assured of a thorough and complete census. Some of the members can help in preparing the census cards, some in dividing the community into sections, some in preparing directions for the workers, others in providing transportation, still others in assimilating the information gained. All can do the actual visiting necessary in taking the census.

Missionaries who are concerned, prepared, and alert to the needs on their fields are seeing lives and conditions changed through the power of the Christian message. You, too, will see a difference in your community when the members of your W.M.U. realize that they are missionaries for Christ right where they live.

—Edith Stokely

Mission Study Chairmen

Do you live in the country? Come, visit the city. Do you live in the city? Come, look at yourself.



Your newest study book for right now is *Oh, Jerusalem: Our Cities for Christ*. It was written by Dr. S. F. Dowis who is secretary of the Department of Co-operative Missions for our Home Mission

Board. The reports of city mission superintendents reach his desk; he knows from conferences the plans, the needs; he has shared these experiences with us in this book.

The series for spring study and preparation for our Week of Prayer for Home Missions is on the city church. As chairman, you will see that all your W.M.U. organizations have excellent mission study classes.

For Y.W.A.'s. and Intermediate G.A.'s. and R.A.'s., the book is *Whisper Out of the Dust* by Phyllis Sapp, paper 50¢.

Junior G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. should study *Extra, City Edition* by Mrs. J. Perry Carter, paper 50¢.

Sunbeams will enjoy the picture story book, *Precious in His Sight* by Lucille Mann, paper 50¢.

Dr. John Caylor has prepared the resource book, *Christ for Our Cities*, paper 50¢.

Be sure your teachers have access to the helps prepared by Dr. Caylor, secretary of the Department of Education and

Publicity. Encourage mission study teachers to attend institutes to learn how to present this important work. They need more than the information in the one book which is the text. A schoolteacher knows more than is in the schooltext. Let mission study teachers have an overflow plus of information which will be contagious in home mission interest. Your mission study preparation is vital to home mission gifts through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Study to know, to pray and to give.

Stewardship Chairmen

The people of a certain church were saying good-by to their pastor. Many were expressing appreciation of his services during the several years of his ministry in their church. One man surprised and pleased the pastor very much when he said, "Thank you for teaching me to tithe."

Teaching others to tithe is the joyous opportunity and responsibility of the stewardship chairman and her committee. Most of the stewardship plans of Woman's Missionary Union are teaching plans, for we realize that only through stewardship education will members of our organization be led to tithe. So we have our stewardship study books and our stewardship literature, both free and priced. And for our young people we have our stewardship education plans, providing for stewardship teaching programs in each month of the year.

As stewardship chairmen you will be alert to see that these materials and plans are used to teach stewardship to members of all your W.M.U. organizations. You will never lose an opportunity to get a bit of stewardship teaching across to any group. A story, quotation or verse of Scripture used, when making your monthly report, will help to lead others to tithe.

Since February is Valentine month, use the love idea in presenting stewardship teaching. Cut two large hearts from red cardboard. Print on one the words, *Show Your Love for God and for His Work*, and on the other, *By Paying to God Your Tithe*.

As you finish your stewardship report at the February business meeting, have a woman enter presenting this poster "sandwich fashion" — one heart in front and one in the back tied together across her shoulders. This stewardship "sandwich woman" might make surprise visits to the young people's organizations during the month.

—Mrs. C. D. Creamer Mrs. Creamer

Why, Mommy?

One Imperative

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

One thing I have discovered lately is that the small child must learn to be obedient. Perhaps this has almost become an obsession with me because I see many older boys and girls who apparently never were even casually introduced to this necessary and desirable quality. As a result they tend to be a rude lot. What a horrible thing to say! But if we do not want to be Pollyannas we will be forced to admit this is true.

As parents we can work with our little ones at home and in co-operation with one another to change the trend toward lawlessness among our young people. We must work continually, persistently, sternly at times, yet lovingly through it all to guide our pre-school children into the paths of obedience.

If we do this our teachers will not have occasion to say as I heard one remark recently, "It is not the work that tires me so by the end of the day, but the strain of keeping order so the boys and girls will learn." This statement was made by an experienced and capable teacher. She also made the observation that more time has to be spent in discipline in the classroom than when she began teaching twenty years ago. Others of this profession have had the same thing to say. How can we expect the teacher, in addition to her main task, to do the job that should have been done before our child ever started to school? We have put a double load upon her.

We have found at our house with our three children that there is no prescription to follow in dealing with the different individuals or in varying situations. This fact makes the job a difficult one. Next month I want to tell some instances about guiding the pre-school child into paths of obedience. I am no authority but some parents have told me some of their experiences. Have you some to share?



Good manners come from patient insistence by the mother that her children obey her and respect the wishes of other people.

For the Sand Pile Set

This being the month of Valentine's day you would expect me to suggest that the children get colored art paper and other materials such as scissors, paste, crayolas, paper doilies and gather around the kitchen table for Valentine-making. These are much lovelier than the store-bought type.

One toy that will keep the small fingers busy for a long time can be made very easily. Make a small bench no more than twelve inches long using boards about an inch thick, so that the construction will be strong. A desirable height is about six inches. With a brace and bit make three or four holes in the top board; insert a bolt of the right size in each and fasten with a nut. Provide a wrench of the correct size for screwing and unscrewing. The bench will be more attractive if painted a bright red.

Our Young People

Look Younger, Live Longer

BY MARGARET BRUCE

An article in one of our current magazines caused much comment recently by pointing out that exercise and proper diet contribute to the desire of every woman for health and youth. But there is no better way to "look younger and live longer" than to work with young people. Try this method by looking at Young Woman's Auxiliary during its Focus Week, February 4-10. See the many attractive activities provided for young women through their missionary organization. Look at Y.W.A.'s which are functioning properly and you will "see" four very important C's.

You will see the Citation awarded to young women who have completed five valuable projects. These are organizing and fostering another Y.W.A. for four months, teaching in a week of mission study, presenting a missionary play, securing four new subscriptions to *The Window of YWA*, and making a definite effort to win a lost soul to Christ.

You will see Ceremonies being used for the presentation of gift Bibles to young women about to be married. This impressive ceremony may be secured free from your state W.M.U. office. Many a young woman has been encouraged to start family worship in the new home by receiving a new Bible from the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

You will see Councils formed by Y.W.A.'s from several churches within an association. Young women enjoy the fellowship of those from other churches as they meet quarterly. Learning of the activities of other Y.W.A.'s, they are inspired to do better work. Associational leadership develops young women and sends young women into unenlisted, unorganized churches to form new Y.W.A.'s.

You will see Y.W.A. Book Clubs which encourage more reading and better read-

ing. As mission study chairmen or interested members organize a book club the young women read at least one book each month. Direction for this reading is given in your Book Club list (free from state W.M.U. office). Y.W.A. members choose from this list the books they want to read, then buy and distribute them. The club meets monthly for exchange of books and brief reviews. The Y.W.A. Book Club folder may be used as a schedule for the name of the book and the name of the reviewer each month. It also provides space for a personal record of books read.

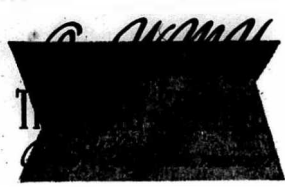
As you look at Young Woman's Auxiliary you should see these four C's and others like community missions, checking on Standard of Excellence and clever plans for the missionary education of the young women in your church. Look in the February issue of *The Window of YWA* and see the Focus Week suggestions which you can help to carry out. See that your church "looks at Y.W.A." during its Focus Week.

February should also prepare each of the Young People's organizations for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Advance preparation will be necessary in order to have the best observance. Keep the goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions before the young people and help them know about the work they can do through their offering.

Leading and fostering W.M.U. young people's organizations are excellent ways by which one may "Look Younger and Live Longer." Why don't you try them?

Baptist Hour Speaker

Charles Wellborn returns to The Baptist Hour as speaker for January, February, March of 1951. The Baptist Radio Commission in Atlanta announces that the general theme is "This Is God's Hour." The broadcasts will be by transcription, and the programs are available without cost to any local stations or Baptist groups interested in carrying them.



In Business Again!

BY JOHNNI JOHNSON

At long last! so the neighborhood children thought. They had watched painters and carpenters and plumbers go in and out at 1818 Portland for three months. Some of them stopped by every afternoon to ask, "When will it be open?"

Their patience was rewarded. On November 1, 1950, club work began at the Baptist Good Will Center, 1818 Portland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

After an interval of twelve years, the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville was back in the work begun by her faculty and students in 1912 and now successfully carried on in more than a score of large cities and industrial communities in the South and on mission fields as well. Developed along the lines of settlement house work, but with a positive Christian program conducted in co-operation with nearby Baptist churches, Good Will Centers have come to occupy a significant place in the Baptist witness in many neighborhood communities.

October 30 was the first big day—Open House—at the Portland Avenue Center. Flowers were arranged early in the morning; the new gold and red chairs were placed in the reception room; the refreshment table was laid on the second floor.

At three o'clock Miss Edith Vaughn, Center director, opened the door to the little people of the neighborhood. And they came—scores of them to see what the workmen had done, to sign up for their groups, to enjoy the refreshments, and to try out the new water fountain.

In the evening teen-agers and older folks came. "Hey, where does my club meet? I'm twelve," one young fellow asked. And his question gave the staff an opportunity to take him upstairs to the boys' room com-

plete with jockey-studded wallpaper. On the way he found a game of ring toss set up and stayed all evening.

One lady who came that first evening kept repeating, "It's just beautiful; that's all you can say." One six-year-old took her little brother to see the nursery classroom. It was hard to tell which one was the more excited about the pretty birds in the wallpaper and the blue tables and chairs just the right height for a three-year-old.

And at the close of the day Miss Vaughn counted nearly two hundred who had visited the Center, one hundred fifteen who had signed club membership cards.

This Good Will Center, different in some respects from other such centers, draws its staff members from the student body at the W.M.U. Training School. Miss Vaughn herself is a graduate of the school and worked in a Good Will Center program in southwestern Virginia several years before coming to Louisville last August 15.

A committee from the Training School's board of trustees consulted with Louisville police and welfare authorities before deciding to locate the center in the West End. Originally the school's Good Will Center work was in another section of the city where a changing population made it wise to discontinue operations in 1938. Soon after that the Training School moved from downtown Louisville to a suburban location adjacent to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This adjustment and the war years prevented starting the Good Will Center program in another part of the city until now.

Mrs. Edgar M. Nichols, chairman of the school's Good Will Center committee, and other members—Mrs. George C. Burton, Mrs. J. B. Witherspoon, and Miss Nata Lee Woodruff—worked with President Carrie U. Littlejohn in this matter.

The Portland Avenue property, bought by the school last spring, and completely remodeled for use, is a brick house built in 1817. As renovated for the Good Will Center, it includes office space, reception room, boys and girls' club rooms, nurse's classroom, kitchen, assembly hall, and living quarters for a couple who live on the

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Is this your question?

We would like to know more about each individual foreign missionary. How can we?

Do you have the *Missionary Family Album*? This gives a brief, factual biography and a picture of each foreign missionary. Sketches of those appointed since publication of the book are to be cut out of *The Commission* and pasted in the *Album* to keep it up-to-date. Order copies from your Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia, price \$1.50. Cut from your missionary periodicals articles about the missionaries and file them in envelopes by countries or put these into the *Album* also.

For items about home missionaries watch *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, W.M.U. periodicals and state papers for articles. File according to fields. Manila envelopes uniform size, or boxes, make good filing containers.

Following the prayer calendar daily and remembering names and fields after carrying them in your heart all day in prayer will help build up a knowledge of the missionaries.

Where can we find out how the Annie Armstrong Offering of \$800,000 is going to be spent?

The W.M.S. Week of Prayer program pamphlet and the B.W.C. folder carry the list of objectives. It is in the 1950 minutes of the W.M.U. annual meeting in Chicago, page 69. Only \$650,000 has been allocated because the Home Mission Board wanted to see what the most critical needs were when the money was available. The major concern of our Home Board is that the full \$800,000 be given.

Our church has a budget and we were promised that no special offerings would be taken when we made our pledges. What can we do about the Annie Armstrong Offering?

This Annie Armstrong Offering is really

not a special offering. Such an offering has been received for fifty-six years now and is a regular recognized offering of the denomination. Our Home Mission Board counts on it for almost half of the annual home mission budget for current work. In the expanding work of a church and its organizations could anyone promise not to take an offering without quenching the work of the Holy Spirit? Surely your pastor will want the Annie Armstrong Offering taken and will encourage the women and young people to give as largely and generously as possible.

As stewardship chairman, what material can I get that will help me present the principles of stewardship and tithing?

Do you have the booklet *We Have a Treasure* by Pen Lite Pittard? It is made up of twelve short talks and programs that will suggest all sorts of presentations. Order from W.M.U. headquarters, Birmingham, price 10¢ a copy.

Is it necessary to have a meeting each day of the week to mark the Standard of Excellence point seven?

No, the Standard of Excellence says "ob-servance . . . including offering." But your society wants to do more than the minimum. In a world like ours, needing a Christian America, can Baptist women fail to meet to pray each day in a Week of Prayer for Home Missions?

When shall we use the community missions devotional book, TO SEE AND TO SERVE? Can we receive more than the one copy?

Yes, you may order as many as you can use at 10¢ each from W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham. Use these devotional thoughts at your circle meetings. No other devotional suggestion is made for your circle program. Y.W.A.'s are to use this series, too, so if you are community missions chairman, see that they do not overlook this helpful material.

It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Go with me to Flushing Meadow where the Security Council of the United Nations still holds its meetings. The three o'clock session may be called to order as late as 3:40. The various delegates take their seats at the big semicircular table. They all wear Western style clothing, so you stand and squint a little from the seat you managed to get in a back corner. You can identify the eleven member nations by the black-and-white desk markers: Yugoslavia in the center, because its delegate is president this month; the others in alphabetical order, clockwise—China, Ecuador, India, and so on—with the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. side by side.

When the president speaks, you remember the ear phones and the small portable radio hanging on each chair, and you fumble with them in order to get a translation of his French. By the miracle of simultaneous interpretation, invented to speed up the Nuremberg atrocity trials, the remarks of any man at that table are made intelligible to every other—and to you—while he is speaking; those young men and women seated in glassed-in booths overlooking the chamber at your right hear each speaker and immediately interpret him in each of five languages. Take your choice. I chose English.

After an hour or two, when the novelty wears off, you begin to feel an impatience. Why this tedious translation of each delegate's statement after he finishes speaking, when everybody has already had a chance to hear him interpreted while he is speaking? Is there somebody here who doesn't trust the translators to be accurate? And why all the diplomatic language? Why don't they come out and say what they think—call a spade a spade, and be done with it? The world's on fire; yet they sit here and talk! Why the time-killing?

Your restlessness grows until, when the next consecutive translation of a five-page statement starts, you follow half the audi-

ence out into the corridor, the lounge, the tearoom, to see what's going on. Men and women of every nationality, the majority looking like fellow Americans of Birmingham or Tampa, Galveston or New Orleans, sit in the big upholstered chairs sipping drinks or talking earnestly, stand at the soda fountain or bar, or stroll around to stretch their legs. Then you go back.

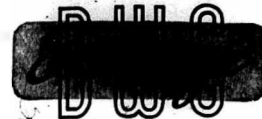
It is past six when the Soviet representative, the headlined Mr. Malik, asks for the floor. You lean forward in your chair to get a better look at this far-famed gentleman. Are you imagining a slight irritation in the audience, although you see nothing out of order? Up to now, the Soviet delegate has spoken only to vote against the motion to hear a statement received from President Truman within the hour, but the motion carried; and to insist that a certain three pages from some previously adopted document be inserted into the proceedings for the day, and the pages were read.

Now Mr. Malik is reading. His words, interpreted from Russian, first astonish, then annoy you. In perfectly diplomatic language, he asserts that America divided the Korean Republic to weaken and control it, he insinuates that your nation's sole reason for being is to conquer the world, and so on—for fifteen minutes.

When he finishes, the president asks if anyone else wishes to speak, and looks around the table for a hand. He pauses for several moments, then announces adjournment until tomorrow at the same hour.

You leave the old World's Fair building slightly depressed. Is the United Nations worth the time and money it costs? It would do you good to hear the remark of Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan on a dull day in November. "I spent fifteen years on the bench in Detroit," he soliloquized, "and I learned that, if you can keep 'em talking, you may prevent a fight. That's my hope here."

It's happening now — words, words, words — a battle of wits between nations — but to the Christian mind, better a trillion words than a single bomb. Pray that the words continue and bring peace.



Send us pictures and accounts
of your best BWC activities

Alabama

More than 200 business women attended the Birmingham BWC Federation Lighthouse banquet at the Woodlawn Baptist Church.

The tables were decorated with lifeboats with equipment scattered about. A miniature lighthouse centered the speaker's table.

Mrs. Margaret Ellette, Federation president, had charge of the business session in which yearly reports were read and adopted. Mrs. A. D. Simpson gave a humorous reading during the fellowship period. Miss Ruth Graham, youth director of Woodlawn church, installed the incoming officers.

Miss Gwyn Melton, program chairman, introduced Miss Elizabeth Taylor, director of the Good Will Center in Ensley. Even though there is still much darkness and fear, Miss Taylor reported that the light of Christ is upheld by the support of faithful Christians, will eventually penetrate the hearts of these people, most of whom are of Italian birth.

Outstanding features of the yearly report included the nine new BWCs uniting with the Federation. Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the speaker at the June meeting when the Federation honored the pastors and their wives.

Oklahoma

The Tulsa-Rogers BWC Federation met at the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, to observe their second anniversary. Their two years showed twenty-one circles and good work being done. Mrs. Vernoy Campbell, president of Oklahoma state BWC Federation, installed the officers. Miss Lora M. Dyer is the new president.

There were big doings immediately fol-

lowing one evening session of Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, when the Tulsa-Rogers BWC Federation was hostess at a reception for all missionaries and southwide guests. More than 150 BWCers were present to greet Miss Dorine Hawkins, missionary to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hill and Miss Lucy Smith, missionaries to China; Mr. Finlay Graham, missionary to Lebanon; Miss Mary Christian, book consultant for Sunday School Board; Miss Mary Augenstein, field representative for W.M.U. Training School; Miss Edith Stokely, W.M.U. Community Missions Director; Mr. R. G. Van Royen, field representative for the Home Mission Board; and all state officers and leaders.

North Carolina

As BWCers in North Carolina look forward to their state Federation meeting in Charlotte March 14, they are regularly adding new Federations to the state organization. Two new Federations are the Montgomery Association and the South Fork Association. Miss Sara Russell, of Troy, is chairman of the Montgomery Federation, and Miss Joy Walker, of Hickory, is chairman of the South Fork Federation.

HOME MISSIONS . . .

Mrs. Richard Hay interprets in the sign language for Mrs. Holmes, who is both blind and deaf. There is much need for Home Mission work with the handicapped.



Letter-ettes

We Depend on Your Prayers

by Harold and Eva Baer

The plight of the Navajo is by no means being bettered. The Eighty-Million Dollar Appropriation Bill to help the Navajo-Hopi Indians has in no way helped, nor can it be expected to for some time. The relief of these people still rests upon the shoulders and hearts of the people of America. Their first need is for a knowledge of Christ and his love for all people. This need we are doing our best to meet. Here at Flagstaff, Arizona, we are limited not by lack of opportunity but by time and strength.

There are not enough days in the week nor weeks in a month to do what must be done. This summer Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Yelvington, graduates of Stetson University, Florida, summer workers sent by the Home Mission Board, have been with us and we were able to more than triple the influence of the Indian Center. How we pray that workers can come to this field who can stay and become a part of this effort to reach these thousands and thousands of Navajo Indians for Christ.

As always we depend on your prayers. If you stop praying we might as well stop working.

News from Panama

by Mrs. Paul C. Bell, Sr.

In January of 1950 we organized a Woman's Missionary Society at the Baptist church in the village of Cocoli, Canal Zone. This is an American church and is pastored by your superintendents of Canal Zone missions, Rev. Paul C. Bell, Sr.

We have two good circles in this society with enthusiastic women who are not afraid to launch out in the work.

We were only three or four weeks old

when we had our first mission study book *The Prophet of Little Cane Creek*. This was taught by the mother of Mrs. R. J. Rawlings, our fine and most efficient president.

We observed the Week of Prayer for Home Missions last March and each day's program was well attended. Our women felt the need of study and prayer for our great home mission field, in which the Isthmus of Panama is such a strategic point.

We had hoped that we could reach a goal of \$150 for our Annie Armstrong Offering. How happy our hearts were when the first offering was taken to find we had given \$57.25. It kept growing to beyond \$77.

We asked all the women of the W.M.U. to join us in prayer for a strong Woman's Missionary Union here that will reach young people and women of all races at this crossroads of the world.

Once more we send out the call, "Come over into Panama and help us!" We need well trained workers to join us and to help lengthen the cords and strengthen our stakes in a great Southern Baptist program of work here. The fields are white. Who will lift up their eyes and look? Is there not someone who will answer "Here am I; send me?"

"How long? How long must we wait? How long? how long must we wait? The laborers still are few; Our Lord has need of you. How long? how long must we wait?"

She Uses What She Has

One of the students in the summer mission program of the Home Mission Board, Agnes Thurman, wrote about the blessing Mrs. J. G. Bellot was to her. Mrs. Bellot entertained Agnes the week she was working in Old Town, Florida. Agnes said:

"She lives way out in the country and they do not have modern conveniences, but they are willing to share what they have with others. Her husband is not able to work much, so she did all the plowing and planting on their thirty or thirty-five acres. She rides into the woods and swamps on her horse after the cows and



Rev. and Mrs. Ismael Negrin direct the Cuban Baptist Mission, Key West, Florida

hogs. Each day she has to feed the cattle and milk them. They have about thirty goats and ten or fifteen hogs also to be fed. With all this work she still has time to be one of the most active members of her church. They live about five miles from the church but if no one is coming by for her she walks and gets there on time. One Saturday she rode her horse to the church and swept it. Her interest in missions is great. She gets *The Commission*, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, *Royal Service* and *World Comrades*. In the W.M.U. she takes an active part and leads the Sunbeams. Every afternoon she studies her Bible and reads the different magazines. She has a great vision and interest in lost souls here and all over the world. It thrilled my soul to find a person like her. We need more like her. She is doing a remarkable work with what she has.

Turtle Soup or Turtle Steak

by Bessie H. Negrin

Many Baptist friends come to Key West over the highway which some people call the eighth wonder of the world. Really it is beautiful and merits your coming over it. There are thirty-five bridges from a few yards long to seven miles along on the way from Miami, Florida, down here. Some of the most wonderful fish and all sizes! You would be astonished to see a turtle weighing 500 pounds but they are caught near Nicaragua and brought here where turtle steak and soup are famous. There is water all around us, the Gulf, the Atlantic and the famous Caribbean Sea. Recently a shrimp bed was found sixty miles off the island and many shrimp you eat are shipped to you from Key West, Florida.

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But you want to know about the Baptist Home Mission work here. There is a Good Will Center, with a mission station, club work, Sunday school and a kindergarten connected with the work at the mission. There were sixty little pre-school aged boys and girls in the kindergarten last year and twenty-three of the little folk graduated. They were so happy to get their diplomas and a New Testament. Some of them had never had one before in their homes.

There is a great need for material for equipment and for a mimeograph for the work here. We do all of the work for V.B.S. by hand and there are some 150 boys and girls so you can imagine how much work there is to be done.

Pray for us and your work here.



World missions includes these mountain people in our own country who need the gospel too

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premises. Outside there is space for recreational activities.

Good Will Center work is as varied as those who participate in its activities.

In these opening months Miss Vaughn has scheduled club meetings for afternoon and evening hours; the younger boys and girls coming in the afternoons, teen-agers at night. Clubs are arranged for different age groups and carry on programs according to the needs and desires of club members.

Friday nights are set aside for teen-age recreation. Family night programs are

planned once a month. Monday mornings are reserved for those over sixty. One mothers' club meets on Wednesday afternoon; another on Tuesday evenings to accommodate working mothers.

Since its beginning the business of Good Will Center work has been to win souls and lift lives. This new center in Louisville seeks to minister to all the needs of the people it serves, bettering home conditions and providing a wholesome atmosphere for children; winning to Christ and making contacts between the people and the churches in the community.

Your Circle Program

Study of Young Woman's Auxiliary

"Remember . . . in the days of thy youth"

Sing Y.W.A. hymn, "O Zion, Haste."

Discover what young women are doing in your community in Christian witnessing. Learn about the organizations for young women at mission stations in Europe, Japan, South America and other points where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

The February issue of *The Commission* carries an article, "Y.W.A. Builds Lives in Brazil," which will prove helpful for your program. *Southern Baptist Home Missions* has an article, "Home Missions Calls for Youth."

The Window of Y.W.A. has an article "Together We Focus on Y.W.A." *World Comrades* features "My Most Enjoyable Experience."

Your Program

IF . . . by Mrs. Ralph Smith

PROGRAM PLANS

Poster Suggestion: Put a large capital **IF** in the center of your poster paper. Put a row of question marks above and below the word. Add the announcement of time, day and place of your W.M.S. meeting.

Let program chairman for the day introduce the discussion by saying something like this: "Why do you suppose we have such a short topic for this month? Just one small word of two letters, **IF**. Remember how we used to say 'if stand stiff' when we were girls?"

"Since the Annie Armstrong Offering is expected to provide \$800,000 for our Home Mission Board, its work will almost stand still if we fail to reach the full amount. Last year we did not reach it and our work was greatly hampered. This year we want to get beyond the **IF** and overreach our goal.

"Do you wonder why we adopted such a high goal?"

Then tell the discussion under "Aiming High" and present at one time the **IF** speakers.

As each of these four speaks, ask a woman to write on the blackboard:

- IF** Cuba
- IF** the West
- IF** French work
- IF** Alaska

If you have no blackboard hold up posters in turn.

Then program chairman will introduce some stories of accomplishments by telling the "Because . . ." page 26, and announce the speakers on Good Will Center work, Summer Student work, and special groups.

After the talk on "Witnessing Through Gifts," let each of the three speakers on "Evangelism in 1950-51," "Church Extension 1951-52," and "Effective Witnessing—1953-54," write these words on rising steps drawn on blackboard, or hold up poster.

As a member of our Home Mission Board, Mrs. Smith knows well the heartbeat of Home Missions. She is a member of the Georgia W.M.U. executive board, chairman of its young people's committee and of its administrative committee. She is a faithful, active member of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves"

Devotion "Then Will I Heal Their Land"

Prayer

Building in the West
Building on the French field
Building in Alaska
Because . . .
Good Will Center Work

Hymn "Loyalty to Christ"

Special Groups Are Hearing the Gospel
Witness through Gifts

Evangelism 1950-51

Church Extension 1951-52

Effective Witnessing 1953-54

She Hath Done What She Could

Solo "Somebody Needs Your Love"

Season of Prayer

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Then Will I Heal Their Land

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Instrumental Prelude: "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

Responsive Reading: (Typed copies of the following *Leader-Group* paragraphs should be distributed. B.W.C., couldn't you type enough for W.M.S. and you?)

Leader: Renewed this day be all holy

memories, all high and holy traditions of the past. Remembered be our fathers who founded the nation in integrity and piety, and died in faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them afar off.

Group: The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Group: Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Leader: When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice.

Group: If thou hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth.

Hymn: "God Save America"

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

Comment: Israel's king was so rich his name has become a proverb among all peoples. But here he was on his knees before the altar in fervent intercession for his people. It was a triumphant occasion. Israel was met together to dedicate the magnificent temple which their hands had wrought for Jehovah God, under the direction of Solomon, the king. Solomon appreciated the spirit of worshipful dedication among the rejoicing people, but he knew Israel was like a spoiled child occasionally affectionate and grateful; more often willful; selfish; childishly pouty when suffering the consequences of her waywardness;

often repentant, but not consistently dependable. Solomon begged of God that merciful love and compassion would be always ready for such a repeatedly proud and disobedient people, unworthy, but completely dependent. God showed his approval of Solomon's prayer and the ceremonies of the people by sending fire from heaven to consume the sacrifices on the altar, but in the night he gave his answer to the king.

"I have heard your prayer," he said, "... If I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." He warned that if the people turned from him, he would pluck them up by the roots and cast them out of the land. In the course of time, oppression, dispersion, contempt: want, homelessness, exhaustion; indignity and spiritual chaos—all of these have been Israel's lot. But even yet, the promise is good. It is the word of an eternal God who does not change. Humble, repentant, prayerful people will be forgiven: and after forgiveness, restoration and healing for every ill is surely promised.

Yet, in a very real sense, both the promise and the penalty are for all nations, including our own. The judgment of moral law is as absolute and inescapable as the working out of any other scientific principle. "Our Western civilization has broken all the laws of social health, transgressed the principles of a civilized society; and the fact that in consequence we are now in trouble does not indicate that

the world is crazy, but, rather, that the foundations of the world are laid in moral law, so that whatsoever a civilization soweth that shall it also reap."

America has not yet been tested as other nations have. But we have become more and more arrogant and defiant of spiritual authority. Dorothy Thompson suggests, the immediate future is likely to give us "more of pain than of pleasure; more of defeat than of victory; more of sacrifice than of compensation. But it can also give us more of wisdom than of impulse; more of humility than of arrogance; more of charity toward one another than of competition; and greater realization of what we live by than what we live from."

If we face the future as an humbled, repentant, worshipful people, giving ourselves to an unselfish patriotism which expresses itself in devoted service for people of all the world because of our love of God—then will he heal our land.

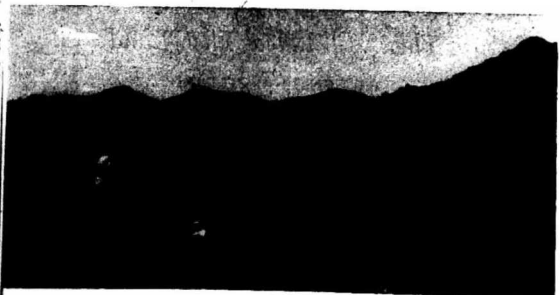


PROGRAM MATERIAL

Aiming High

Realizing that America must be Christian and wanting to honor our Lord in a special way during our Commemoration Year of 1948 Woman's Missionary Union accepted the highest goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering in its sixty years. That goal was \$800,000. Believing that "not failure but low aim is crime" the failure to reach the goal in 1948 challenged the Union to hold similar high goals in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

The high aim is justified. America is less than half Christian. The percentage of receipts to the Home Mission Board through the Cooperative Program has been set at 14.667 per cent or \$660,015 by the Convention. The Convention also estab-



The Papago Indian Shrine where legend says four children were sacrificed. Their bodies were used to stop the flow of water from a spring which suddenly burst forth in the desert. The Indians have a feast here every two years in memory of the sacrifice. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Sorrells, missionaries, are helping to exchange the gospel for this superstition

lished a limit on the amount of Coopera-tiva Program gifts to be distributed to the various agencies for capital needs, so the Home Mission Board depends on the Annie Armstrong Offering for much of its income.

The responsibilities of the Home Mis-sion Board have been greatly increased since 1940. Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California have been added to the territory with a total of 22,000,000 more people.

Each year the amount given through our Annie Armstrong Offering has increased and \$663,894.15 or 83 per cent of the \$800,000 goal for 1950 was received. This amount will meet allocations for current work, but the proposed buildings in Cuba, in the western states and for the Indians and language groups will have to wait until more money is received.

As members of Woman's Missionary Union do we need to search our hearts to see if part of the failure to meet our goal lies in the fact that all societies did not observe a real Week of Prayer? Did your society? Or do we need to search our hearts to see if each woman gave as God wanted her to give? If all of our 15,693 societies observes an entire week of prayer, seeing



Merrin for Monkeys

In contrast to our front cover this month, children in a few migrant camps are given good physical care. What are we doing about their spiritual well-being?

the needs, and each woman gives after prayer, would the goal be high enough?

The word *if* is a big word to contain only two letters and it looms before us now as a great challenge. *If* we had met our goal for the 1950 Annie Armstrong Offering certain letters need not have been written.

Regarding Cuba

Dr. Herbert Caudill wrote from Havana, Cuba: "I have been thinking today about what we might have done in Cuba had we received the \$30,000 which would have come from the Annie Armstrong Offering for buildings in Cuba if we had reached the goal last spring.

"The first thing that comes to my mind is the homes of missionary pastors. In five places, San Juan, Artemisa, Batabanó, San-to Domingo and Jacominó, we have church buildings but must rent houses for our workers. With thirty thousand dollars we could build pastoriums on these fine fields at an average cost of six thousand dollars per house. We would have homes for these pastors, at the same time saving more than two hundred dollars monthly in rents.

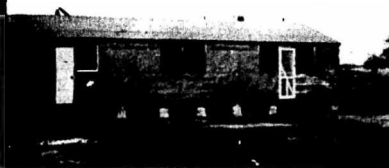
"Or, if we had had that \$30,000 we might put up an adequate church plant with a suitable pastorium in Guanabacoa, a city of more than 50,000 inhabitants, the third city of Havana Province. This work has been held back because of inadequate equipment.

"Or, we could have invested half of the \$30,000 in an adequate church plant in Arroyo Apolo, an important suburb of Havana, and the other half in Guines, a town of 30,000 people in Havana Province. These are some of the things that we might have done if we had had \$30,000 for building, but we have said nothing about what we might have done in Guanajay, Rio Blanco, Esperanza, Remedios, Cartagena, and many, many other places where our work is handicapped because of inadequate buildings."

Building in the West

From Rev. Loyd Corder, secretary of the Department of Direct Missions of the Home Mission Board, comes this very pertinent illustration.

Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Williams of Tucson, Arizona, are the only missionaries we have in a field of 45,000 Spanish-speaking people. They are doing a wonderful work but the task is too large for them. Recently there was available to us at a very reasonable price a fine piece of property well situated for the establishment of a second Spanish-speaking congregation in the city. At the same time there was available a young preacher who is studying in Tucson



How would you like to attend church in this Baptist Mexican Mission in Mason, Texas? It is nicer than some of our missions

who could have done a fine work as a student missionary on this field. The price of the property was small and the salary we would have had to pay the student missionary would have been very modest. If the Annie Armstrong Offering had reached its goal last year, we would no doubt have had the money to begin this work. This is just one of the many instances that could be cited where our work is handi-capped and limited by not having reached our goal.

Building on the French Field

Miss Vena Aguilard tells of a little group of French Baptists struggling for years in a small inadequate building by the railroad tracks. "Jennings, Louisiana, is a prosperous town with 20,000 French people in and around it who could be reached. With a new missionary on the field, there have been more than thirty additions to the church in the last two months. There is not enough room to seat the people on Sundays. Two of the Sunday school classes meet in a neighbor's home, two more classes are waiting for places somewhere. There are people inter-



Jane Carroll McKee

Women mend nets along the bayous of Louisiana. They need opportunity for mended and renewed life in Christ

ested and ready for several more classes but we have no room for them!

"If we had had a few thousand dollars we could have provided room to accommo-date those who want to come in to hear the Word preached and taught.

"This specific need is just a sample; many other fields in the French section offer like needs and opportunities. The Catholics have cathedrals while our Baptist people have only inadequate buildings on back streets or the railroad streets. How long will our Baptist people expect our missionaries to do their best with so little in the way of equipment?"

Building in Alaska

The First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska, has 31 members meeting in a rented building. They have a lot and \$25,000 toward a building but due to inflated prices \$60,000 will be necessary.

What a marvelous opportunity we have to strengthen this and other Baptist churches in Alaska by helping to provide buildings.

One of the crying needs of Alaska, in addition to buildings, is trained leaders and preachers. Too many men have worked among them without training and background and have confused the people all over the territory as to what a New Testament work is.

Rev. Felton Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Anchorage says, "I believe that if our Home Mission Board

can move into Alaska right now with just a few good men and enough money, in a short time we can take Alaska for Christ."

Because . . .

The major part of the Annie Armstrong Offering each year is used for current work of the Home Mission Board, and the \$550,000 so designated and given in 1950 made sure that some very important phases of the work would continue.

Let us name a few of these phases of the work that will be done because of last year's Annie Armstrong Offering. The salaries and traveling expenses of five of the field workers of the Board and W.M.U. field workers among the Spanish and Indian women and Margaret Fund scholarships are ready for the sons and daughters of home missionaries as well as \$13,500 in scholarships for the Mexican, Negro, Indian and other minority groups.

The Annie Armstrong Offering supplied \$90,000 of our Home Mission Board's \$110,000 budget for Cuba; \$20,000 of the \$25,000 budget for Panama; all of the \$10,000 allocated to Alaska and \$62,000 or one half of the Home Board's budget for Negro work. The department of evangelism and workers among the migrants received \$30,000 from this offering.

It is not possible to tell all the tangible results of the Annie Armstrong Offering but some stories from the reports of the workers are a challenge to members of W.M.U. to pray and give more in 1951. The complete record of the results of efforts of the missionaries financed by this offering is known only to our Heavenly Father.

Good Will Center Work

Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, first principal of our W.M.U. Training School, started the first Good Will Center in our Convention territory in Louisville in 1913. This center ministered to the needs of the community as well as giving practical experience to the Training School students.

Today the Good Will Center program is established as one of our most effective means of spreading the gospel of Christ Jesus, to break down racial barriers and

prejudices, of building Christian character in many shadowed communities, and of enlisting people in the nearest Baptist church.

Financed through the Annie Armstrong Offering, Mrs. Noble Y. Beall of the Home Mission Board directs a conference for Good Will Center workers as part of the Home Mission program at Ridgecrest every summer. During the conference this past year a pattern of work for Good Will Centers was discussed and definite program suggestions made.

The program should be Bible-centered to meet the fourfold needs of the community: spiritual, physical, social, and educational. Weekday schedules of playground activity, Bible Study Clubs, Homemakers Clubs, Young People's Clubs, kindergartens, music, and crafts are means of enlistment. Some provide day nurseries, one has a Men's Club and many promote a family night program.

Mrs. Minnell Graves, director of the Miami Good Will Center, gave this example: "One day a Catholic mother came to enroll her three little boys in our kindergarten. She had five little boys, the oldest only nine years of age. She soon became a helper in the kindergarten, leading the singing for the Mothers' Club and doing other little things. One night she made the statement that she had found something at our mission that she had been seeking all her life. We prayed earnestly for her salvation.

"About this time her husband who was not a Christian was seriously burned in a truck accident. When we visited him in the hospital he said he realized how near death he had been and that God had spared his life.

"The night before he was released from the hospital, his wife was gloriously converted in a revival meeting. The next night, the husband still swathed in bandages, made his profession of faith in the same church. Since then the oldest boys have been baptized and the wife's father, who was a drunkard for eighteen years, has stopped drinking and is attending our Sunday school and Men's Club.

"Pray that many more families may be reached for Christ as this family was and that we may secure a larger building soon.

We can hardly crowd the people in who are coming now to study God's Word and learn about Jesus."

Your Home Mission Board operates fourteen Good Will Centers; two in Atlanta, Georgia, and Baltimore, Maryland, one each in Birmingham, Alabama, Miami and Key West, Florida, Christopher, West Frankfurt and Granite City, Illinois, and four in New Orleans. In 1949 these Centers reported 2,422 conversions.

Because of the Student Summer Program

Twenty-five Baptist churches were constituted and thirty-five new missions started in the summer of 1950 as a result of the Student Summer Program. More than 3,600 people accepted Christ as their Saviour while 866 consecrated their lives for special service to God and 54,000 boys and girls attended Vacation Bible schools taught by student summer workers in twenty-five different states.

Is there any question in your mind about the value of this program which places upperclass college students and those in seminary and training school on our mission fields from Alaska to Cuba for ten weeks in the busy summer?

Dr. Courts Redford estimates that approximately one half of the missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board in the past few years have worked under the Student Summer Program. This program gives these volunteers "on the job" training, therefore, many are better qualified to receive appointments as full-time missionaries under both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Many have heard God's call for definite full-time service during their eight weeks of summer activity.

Working "on the field" these students come face to face with missionary opportunities and responsibilities. After two months experience in Utah last summer one student reported that he was eager to continue to prepare himself for his part in spreading the gospel to all people, but, in spreading the gospel to all people, but, was anxious also, to tell others of the needs on this field where he had served. He compared the small, wooden, frame unpainted Baptist church and the beautiful stone edifice of the Mormon church in the



Activity in Vacation Bible school conducted by summer workers in California. See story by Miss Timmerman, page 4

same community. He spoke also of the emptiness of the lives of so many of the people he encountered while working among them.

There was money from the general budget of the Home Mission Board and the Annie Armstrong Offering to employ only 271 of the 530 students who applied for work this last summer. Since the general budget is limited the only possible source of increase in 1951 will be the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Special Groups Are Hearing the Gospel

Because people live on great ranches isolated from churches by great distances, a roving missionary is needed in the western states. Besides preaching he will encourage the organization of religious services on each ranch and the establishment of Sunday school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union.

Rev. Earl H. Brock, general missionary in New Mexico, tells of an experience he had on one ranch. "We spent five nights preaching out in the ranch country, some forty miles from Clayton, New Mexico. We held the services in a ranch home, and had an enjoyable time. The folk appreciated the service; many of them would spend months, and some of them years without hearing a gospel message, except when someone takes it to them. Of course, many of them could come to Clayton if they would, but they just will not come. I was talking to one good woman in her home. She was deeply concerned about her soul, but she had gone on all these

years and done nothing. She said to me, 'We could go to Clayton; we have a good car, but we just don't do it, perhaps, unless someone like you comes along and reminds us.' Pray for me, that the contact may be an avenue by which I may point her to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Because of his effective work with the Jewish people in Louisville, Kentucky, Rev. Frank Halbeck has come to the Home Mission Board to direct "A Program of Jewish Evangelism" for the Southern Baptist Convention.

This is a church-centered program and

Visual Aids for February

by Mildred Williams

AGAIN . . . PIONEERS is the story of a migrant family. The film shows that there are spiritual, social, and moral frontiers in American life far more appalling than any geographical frontier faced by early pioneers.

The family arrives in Fairview and settles in the "patch," a slum area just outside the city where other economically unfortunate families live. The only concern of the people in Fairview was to get rid of the "patch," burn it down, drive the people away. Through a series of events the people learn what their Christian responsibility is.

This is a 70-minute, black and white, sound film and rents for \$12.

OUT OF THE DUST is the story of a practical-minded businessman who meets a Cuban missionary who shows him the results of Christian missions in Cuba. Forty minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$10.

IN HIS NAME is a good film to help one see the needs of her community.

Dr. James, pastor of a small church in a disadvantaged section of the city, and his congregation are satisfied with a routine program until an accident occurs. Just before a special drive for missions a group of boys playing ball in the street next to the church break out the head of the figure of Christ in the stained glass window. The accident and the boys' sacrificial giving inspire Dr. James and his church to initiate an enlarged program to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people of the community including the boys on the streets.

The film is 85 minutes, sound, black and white, and rents for \$10.

Order these films through your Baptist Book Store.

it is two-fold. First, promoting the work in the churches of the convention which are located in populated Jewish sections. Second, making evangelistic efforts to reach Jewish people personally. Financial support is only a part of the responsibility of the local church member in this program. Mr. Halbeck says "The major difficulty is that when the church or its leaders are not evangelistic the interest in personal soul-winning is not felt in the community. This is especially true in some of the communities where the largest and finer Baptist churches are located."

Through such glorious channels was spent the more than one half of the \$400,520 budget for Direct Missions which was supplied by the 1950 Annie Armstrong Offering.

Witnessing Through Gifts

The Annie Armstrong Offering is the only foreseen source of increase in funds for the Home Mission Board in 1951, therefore much depends on Woman's Missionary Union reaching its goal of \$800,000.

With every member helping we can reach our goal in 1951.

The list of urgent needs to be met through this offering is headed by an increase in salaries for a large number of our missionaries working with the language groups. The average salary a month for a family is \$188.06. Surely an increase is needed in these days of rising living costs.

Missionaries in Cuba need an increase also. Dr. Caudill writes, "Our missionaries are making a real sacrifice for the extension of the gospel in Cuba. The average salary to a missionary pastor is about \$95 a month. In addition to this most of them receive something from their churches, but not over \$5 or \$10 a month, a few as much as \$20, perhaps. Due to economic conditions in the country it is difficult to keep up a family on this amount, some of our workers have several children."

To these who are giving themselves in this cause Southern Baptists should give enough financial support to allow freedom from anxiety over livelihood.

Reaching the goal will mean an increased budget to promote the Negro work, student summer work, evangelistic field

work, and general work in Alaska.

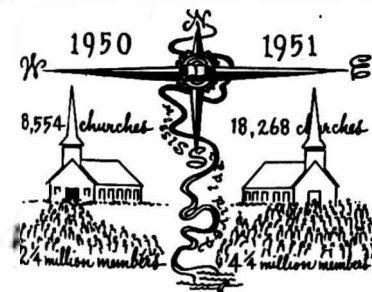
Though not provided for in the offering, there are other needs that should be cared for from the money not yet allocated or from beyond the goal gifts. There are forty places where missionaries should be added in the Department of Direct Missions. "A Youth Center is needed at the University of Alaska. There should be more work for the Negroes. There are 123 places on the Spanish-speaking field where work should be started.

If adequate funds are made available these and other opportunities of the Five-Year Crusade will be provided for. "This Crusade is our Baptist answer for a nation that has so great a responsibility in such a time as this." It will create and maintain a strong home base for a program of worldwide missions.

The program for the Crusade plans three steps . . . Evangelism in 1950-51; Church Extension in 1951-52; Effective Witnessing in 1953-54.

Evangelism in 1950-51

The 1950 simultaneous evangelistic campaign in churches west of the Mississippi River resulted in 186,000 additions, 120,000 of which were conversions. March 25 through April 8, 1951, is the date of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign for



the churches east of the Mississippi. Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, will lead the campaign and is urging every Baptist church to enlist. Emphasis on evangelism is needed to win the unevangelized in our homeland to Christ and to increase the spiritual fervor of the church members of today. "Our Generation for Christ" is the slogan for this movement

and the goal is a ten per cent increase in baptisms in all churches, each year, for the next five years.

Church Extension 1951-52

The slogan for this step of the Five-Year Crusade is "A Baptist Church within Reach of Every Person." The goal is 5,000 new churches and 10,000 more missions within the next five years. Estimated figures show that there are 21,000,000 people in Home Mission fields that are not within reach of a Baptist church.

"The program of cooperative missions in which the Home Mission Board and the respective state mission boards co-operate in city, rural and mountain missions has proven practical and effective." This program gives encouragement and financial aid to a new and small church and helps it to grow and become an asset in the kingdom through increased membership, baptisms, and offerings to missions.

There is great challenge for church extension out in the West where mission opportunities are unparalleled. There has been a gain of 356 per cent in church membership, and an increase of 789 per cent in gifts to missions in the last four years in the churches in California alone. Baptisms have increased 422 per cent.

"The Western states are growing in wealth, industry, and people," said a big business man. The 1950 official census report shows a shifting of the population with a tremendous increase in California. Some Southern Baptists arriving in a new community find there is no Baptist church. The plan is to help establish new churches and assist with the building plans and finances until a local program can be established and stabilized. In some instances this will be accomplished in a year or two, while in others it will take longer.

A good example of the helpfulness of this program was given by student missionary Leon Chandler: "I spent two weeks at Lodi, California, helping to make a survey, conducting services and counseling with the brethren in establishing a church. A little over a month old, they are giving 25 per cent of their offerings to the Co-operative Program and intend to raise the per cent before too long. They have a



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Lincoln Place Mission, Granite City, Illinois, is a direct result of Home Mission work

weekly radio broadcast to attract would-be church goers and put advertisements in daily newspapers. In fact every means is used to get the work before the people."

Effective Witnessing—1953-54

God is blessing Southern Baptists. Many new and remodeled buildings stand as monuments in wood and stone to a gracious God who is waiting for his people to witness for him effectively. An "all out" campaign of personal witnessing by church members would keep alive the spirit of evangelism created during the special evangelistic campaign. Education in Baptist doctrine would make stronger church members. Hundreds of unaffiliated Baptists must be enlisted in the church program. The inestimable value of church membership must be made clear to every Baptist and a denominational consciousness developed among our members. By strengthening our own churches through effective witnessing Southern Baptists can accomplish much and will adequately support the Five-Year Crusade for Home Missions.

The following goals are worthy and attainable: (1) Double the number of Good Will Centers (2) double the number of churches in outposts of the Board's mission fields (3) add 500,000 unaffiliated Baptists to our church membership (4) more baptisms in every Baptist church (5)

add 180 mission stations (6) 200,000 subscriptions to *Southern Baptist Home Missions* (7) publish and distribute annually 200,000 mission books (8) secure a total attendance of five million in Schools of Missions. An increase in personnel from 744 to 1025 and an annual operating budget of \$2,000,000 will meet the challenge of this program. There should be a \$4,000,000 capital needs budget.

Thinking of and planning for the spiritual hunger of the multitudes in the world today the Five-Year Crusade is the Home Mission Board's way of saying "The gospel is for you, too."

She Hath Done What She Could

Riding through the mountains you are awed by the breath-taking beauty of the handiwork of God. Leaving the highway and traveling along the narrow mountain roads, or even walking along the trails you see the buds and new leaves starting their growth, and are reminded of nature's plan of new life coming in the spring.

Riding through the cities, towns and villages you can see a panorama of color as the people of many races walk along. Leaving the main thoroughfare and going down the side streets or the country roads the color of the races is still seen.

As you look are you reminded that thousands, even millions of these do not know of God's plan for a new life for every individual and that there will be no rebirth for them unless someone goes to tell and show them the way of salvation. "And how can they go unless they be sent?"

Every member of Woman's Missionary Union can help send a messenger with the words of eternal life by contributing to the Annie Armstrong Offering. We can earn the commendation "well done" by reaching our goal in 1951.

Distribution of offering envelopes

Reading of Dr. Lawrence's appeal, cover 2

Quiet meditation while each woman reads the inscription on her envelope, or all read aloud in unison

Prayer that each woman will be brave enough to give as God prompts her to give.

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS, TEXAS

Our Daily Bread

*"Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise."*

1 THURSDAY *"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord"*—Deuteronomy 8:3
Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America. Rev. Samuel E. Maddox, personnel secretary, Foreign Mission Board

2 FRIDAY *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth"*—Isaiah 45:22
Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, Carthage, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Tubby, Philadelphia, Mississippi, evangelism among the Indians

3 SATURDAY *"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation"*—Matthew 26:41

Pray for widespread observance of Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 4-10: Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, publication evangelism

4 SUNDAY *"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me"*—Psalm 138:8

Pray for an understanding of our worldwide fellowship on Baptist World Alliance Sunday and for Dr. F. Townley Lord, president, and Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary

5 MONDAY *"God is able to make all grace abound toward you"*—2 Corinthians 9:8

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Andrews, appointees for Chile, in Costa Rica at language school, Miss Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, educational evangelism

6 TUESDAY *"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"*—Revelation 2:10

Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary, C. Y. Dossey, assist-



*A call is now sounding for you and for me,
Not only from nations far over the sea,
But it comes from the lands that lie at our feet;
It comes from the needy we pass on the street.*

"Pray Life"

ant secretary, Department of Evangelism, and plans for simultaneous evangelistic campaigns

7 WEDNESDAY *"All the promises of God in him (Christ) are yea . . . and amen"*—2 Corinthians 1:20

Miss Clifford Barratt, Taipei, Formosa, evangelism, *Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Bausum, Kweilin, China, evangelism, George and Howard Bausum, Margaret Fund students

8 THURSDAY *"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works"*—Ephesians 2:10

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Gardner, Little Rock, Arkansas, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, Dallas, Texas, evangelism among the deaf

9 FRIDAY *"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die"*—Revelation 3:2

Rev. Frank Halbeck, field worker in Jewish evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, emeritus, Home Mission Board

10 SATURDAY *"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"*—Galatians 6:9

*Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, *Rev. V. L. David, Argentina, evangelism: William B. David, Margaret Fund student

11 SUNDAY *"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love"*—Hebrews 6:10

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arns, San Benito, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chavez, Bastrop, Texas, evangelism among the Spanish; Student Evangelistic Week, February 11-18

12 MONDAY *"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass"*—Psalm 37:5

Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bradshaw, Miss Vera Campbell, in Tokyo studying Japanese language

13 TUESDAY *"Abstain from all appearance of evil"*—1 Thessalonians 5:22

Rev. Bennett Weaver, McIntosh, Alabama, Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington, Newkirk, Oklahoma, evangelism among Indians

14 WEDNESDAY *"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy"*—Psalm 126:5

Pray for Miss Juliette Mather, W.M.U. editorial secretary, Miss Rachel Colvin, art editor, Miss

Ethel Hamric, managing editor of *World Comrades* and *The Window of YFPA*, Miss Vernice Davis, editorial assistant for *Ambassador Life* and ROYAL SERVICE

15 THURSDAY "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God"—1 Corinthians 10:31

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Ibadan, evangelism. Miss Hattie Gardner, Shaki, educational evangelism, Nigeria; Billy Patterson, Margaret Fund student.

16 FRIDAY "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"—2 Timothy 2:1

Rev. and Mrs. Edward L. Oliver, Miss Virginia Higbill, Tokyo, studying Japanese language

17 SATURDAY "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly"—Psalm 138:6

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Hinson, Rev. and Mrs. B. I. Carpenter, Alaska, evangelism

18 SUNDAY "Thou I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me"—Psalm 138:7

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert L. Hardy, Jr., appointees for Chile, in Costa Rica at language school

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19 MONDAY "If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us"—1 John 5:14

Rev. and Mrs. Jose Prado, Panama City, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Bert Archibald, Gasun, Canal Zone, evangelism

20 TUESDAY "The just shall live by faith"—Galatians 3:11

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schweinsberg, Cali, Miss Darline Elliott, Bogota, Colombia, evangelism

21 WEDNESDAY "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"—Ephesians 6:11

Rev. A. B. Cash, field secretary for mountain mission work, Home Mission Board, Miss Concepcion Rivera, Laredo, Texas, evangelism among Spanish

22 THURSDAY "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers"—1 Thessalonians 1:2

*Miss Hannah F. Sallee, China, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Bostick, emeritus, China

23 FRIDAY "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"—1 Thessalonians 2:19

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, W.M.U. stewardship director, and all state stewardship chairmen

24 SATURDAY "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"—2 Timothy 2:3

Rev. H. Y. Bell, Winfield, Louisiana, Rev. Leon S. Craig, Montgomery, Alabama, evangelism among Negroes

25 SUNDAY "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God"—Matthew 5:8

Miss Olive Allen, Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism

26 MONDAY "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults"—Psalm 19:12

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brumbeloe, New Orleans, Louisiana, evangelism among language groups, Rev. and Mrs. John L. Isaacs, Mobile, Alabama, Indian evangelism

27 TUESDAY "We love him because he first loved us"—1 John 4:19

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Earl Compton, appointees for Brazil, now studying the language at Sao Paulo; Dr. and Mrs. David Mein, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism

28 WEDNESDAY "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory"—Isaiah 60:19

Miss Edith Stokely, community missions director for Woman's Missionary Union, and state community missions chairmen

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