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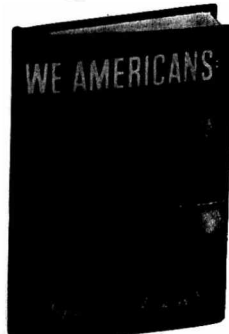
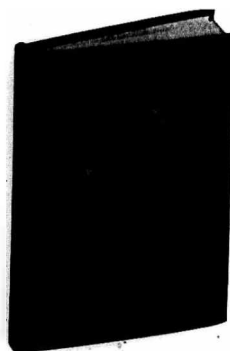
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The Virgin Is Going Home

by Miriam McCullough

AS THE CROWDS walked briskly by, I remembered the story about how many lost people there are in the world! If we could stand on a platform and let the lost people form in rows of nine abreast and pass by at a very rapid rate, we would still be reviewing the crowd when a week had passed. In the early part of the morning as I stood on the high steps of the University of Guadalajara and waited for the virgin to pass, I felt I was seeing that procession acted out.

While I stood waiting much more than an hour people passed about ten abreast on both sides of the sidewalk, hurrying along toward Zapopan—taking the virgin home. How the heart of Christ must have broken as he looked down and saw those crowds of lost souls! For these people do not acknowledge Christ, but the "doll" which they were accompanying to her home is their Queen.

The Virgin of Zapopan had been in Guadalajara for three months supposedly protecting the city against the danger of floods. But with the rainy season drawing to a close, she could feel her job ended for the present. So the people were making the journey with their patron saint, to Zapopan, some six and a half miles from Guadalajara. There were not any stores open. Milk was delivered the day before. There were no busses running on the regular lines; they were all going to Zapopan.

As the people passed by the hundreds and the thousands, my heart slowly broke inside of me. I felt almost as if I could see Christ asking me if I had done my best to tell them about him. And I kept wondering how many of them I will be responsible for when I go to his home. Though the children cried, the mothers dragged them along at an adult's pace. The fathers were to keep the bigger ones in line. They screamed at them while adjusting the huge lunch baskets carried on a rope over the shoulder.

One person out of every four or five

went barefooted, walking over the cold pavement all that distance, hoping to receive a special blessing for thus penalizing himself. None of the pilgrims were kneeling and crawling yet, but when they come within a mile of Zapopan, many will kneel and continue the journey that way or crawl, to pay even greater homage to their Queen.

The stream of pilgrims started leaving Guadalajara last night, and all night long the lost souls walked to take the little wooden doll, only about a foot high—their Queen—to her home. When the actual parade came by with the virgin, it was quite long.

In the front of the procession were the Indian bands, wearing satin costumes decorated highly with sequins. Shaking their castanets, and sounding their bells, they were dancing all the way. Fourteen of these bands passed. The loud blasts of music and the constant "thrum, thrum" came from the six bugle corps that followed; one of these was even the bugle corps of the State! The colors of Mexico followed with about eight huge Mexican flags unfurled, borne by the ardent lovers of their country, and the virgin.

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PAPERS and travel folders are always praising Carnival festivals in Latin-American and European lands. After having seen certain features of the Brazilian version of it in Recife, Rio de Janeiro and São Luiz (St. Louis) during the past two years, we know that Carnival is all that the propaganda agencies tell us it is.

Carnival dolls have certain appealing characteristics. There are the varied and original "fantasias," or costumes: some are pretty, others funny. As one watches the thousands taking part in it, he feels that Carnival is a genuine folk festival. There are the ingeniously prepared *carros alegóricos*, or floats, like the one depicting the big bad wolf, "O Lobo Mau," filled with bonneted Little Red Riding Hoods throwing confetti, atomizing perfume and sprinkling clouds of talcum powder as they ride along. Children like the balloon vender who for two or three *crúzinhos* will sell you an oxygen-filled balloon.

There are the curious and frenzied samba schools, "*blacas*," which we might call bands. They beat primitive-looking percussion instruments, homemade drums covered with snakeskins. Other members of a samba block rattle their *cabaças*, an instrument made from a dried and empty gourd shellacked and adorned with strands of beads, or jingle their tambourines. All this is while they dance the samba down the street keeping step to their leader and to their queen (the only female participant). Their three or four mascots, boys of from

four to twelve years of age expensively uniformed along with the other block members cavort wildly out front.

There is something so dashing about this garish display and something so catching in its spirit that soon those who left their homes with the serious purpose of viewing, but not approving, the wild frivolity of their Catholic neighbors find it impossible to keep their frowns from turning to smiles. They have difficulty to keep themselves from experiencing the guilt of actually taking part in the scenic and color-splashed Carnival parade.

But this pageantry of daytime Carnival is not the entire story. To understand the real essence of the festival it is necessary to see it as a whole, to know something of its history and religious significance, to see its results in those who with utter abandon lend themselves to the king of pleasure and lust during its three-day celebration.

The exact origin of the word *carnival* is not known, though many say that its significance is, "Farewell, oh flesh!" Others insist that this meaning would not be given to a religious season which lasted from two to three months. For the majority of people it has come to mean license of the flesh, for in Roman Catholic countries it is the name of that period of revelry and fleshly indulgence which immediately precedes Lent, and celebrates the coming forty days of abstinence. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says the Carnival goes back to pagan festivals of the Greeks and Romans,

by J. Daniel Luper

Photos by the author

and when the Catholic Church could not stop these orgies they fitted them into their Catholic system. The government of the popes did not want to lose the commercial profits that these seasons brought to Rome, and even promoted and assisted the revelry.

This is not to say that the Roman Church has never opposed the immoral practices of Carnival. One ancient writer says that the Church recognized the awful consequences of those who abandon themselves to their passions in "imitation of the abominable debaucheries of the Pagans."

But no one hears these condemnations in modern days, and that Church which has so vociferously voiced her disapproval of atheistic Communism, is strangely silent on the subject of the excesses and crimes of modern Carnival, as observed only where Catholicism predominates. That Church even provides an easy method of cleansing from Carnival sins: confession, mass and the ashen cross marked on the forehead by the priest for all who attend her ritual of Ash Wednesday.

Some people might say that there is a great need for just such diversion and freedom from the controls that ordinarily govern us. But the questions come, "What kind of diversion?" and "How far can one permit himself to be led by the frenzy of a wild Carnival mob?"

There is great evidence that Carnival is indeed "out of hand." Here in São Luiz police officials published a list of special restrictions to be enforced during Carnival: the nighttime drinking of liquors was prohibited, as was the singing of obscene songs or the use of obscene costumes. Yet there



"O Lobo Mau" or the "Bad Wolf"



Samba block dressed in black and white satin, straw hats. They beat on homemade drums with snakeskin surfaces.

was constant transgression of all these. One man was murdered with a knife; another, suspected of pulling off the masks of women present at the all-day, all-night downtown dancing club, "Inferno Verde" (Green Hell), had his bowels ripped open by another dancer; and in still another bloody case, a policeman shot a Carnival chauffeur who ran into him during the wee hours of the morning.

In the nation's capital the mortality rate was high, as usual. At one count there were thirty-one who had been killed as a result of Carnival crime and excesses. One who had often played the Carnival parade through all its three-day orgy told me that men brag of their drinking and flaunt their conquest of masked persons of the opposite sex. This is the talk on street corners and public conveyances for days afterward.

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Carnival dancing girls on "carros alegóricos" (floats)





Left: Groups arrived with baggage for W.M.U. Convention in Colombia. They waited on church lawn for their turn to register. Right: Miss Mildred Matthews stands to the left of a heart poster which reads, "Do you wish to show your love for the Lord in his work?" On the other side, "Pay your tithes unto the Lord".

"I Have Added Colombia"

by Mrs. R. C. McGlamery

MISS Mildred Matthews, missionary to Cuba for more than thirty years, was invited by the Colombian Missionary Union to come for our annual convention. She spent a month in the activities of the Union, which was celebrating its second year of organization. With more than twenty-five years of actual W.M.U. experience as president and executive secretary of the Cuban Union, not another available person could have been found who could have been of more help to us. She knows the Spanish language, the hearts of the people, and understands every aspect of the work.

It was a joy to note with what interest the women in the comparatively new field here in Colombia received her messages of the progress of work in a sister republic. She brought along her pictures of Cuba and gave real encouragement to our people, as we face the years of gaining a responsible membership such as the churches in Cuba are enjoying. Her visit was a blessing to us, though you may think we worked her too hard when we tell you about her schedule.

The convention was held in the historic city of old Cartagena, with Mrs. Julius Hickerson as hostess. Her husband had been killed in a plane accident just a few

days before, yet she insisted that the convention plans be carried out. The women of her society prepared the food, and opened rooms in the church for all of the visitors to sleep. The national women brought their straw mats or slept on the church benches in order to attend the meeting. There were 145 present.

There was no kitchen or equipment for preparing food, but the women devised a carbon stove which they could use in an unfinished room of the church, borrowed equipment from various centers, and prepared food for more than 200 people for two days. The first day the food was served on a banana leaf, in which it had been cooked, and the iced drink was made of oatmeal, milk and sugar. No one present seemed to enjoy it more than Miss Matthews, who made notes of all that was happening so that she could tell it all to the friends in Cuba. She spoke at each session of the convention on themes of unusual helpfulness and inspiration.

One woman returned to her church to testify that she had never felt a part of the whole world until she heard Miss Matthews speak on "The Place of Women in the Reign of the Lord." Another woman went home to the business meeting of her

Colombian woman reports. She is a widow with four sons, one of whom is a volunteer for the ministry. Very poor, she had not been out of her town for two years. In background are Orlene McGlamery and Silvia Castro, recording secretary



church and presented a proposition before the congregation, urging the brethren to have a missionary society of their own.

Following the convention, Miss Matthews toured Colombia. She visited our ten societies with their children's organizations, spoke in the interest of this new work, taught methods, and gave inspiration to leaders. She visited Bogota, the capital city, met with the two church groups, spoke every night, and sometimes to the school children or children's organizations during the day. Then she flew to Cali, where the new seminary is to be built, visited the church, the women's work, and saw again the needs and problems of the Colombian mission.

Back in Barranquilla, where the work is older and more of the organizations functioning, she spent more time counseling, in conferences, visiting, speaking in the four schools, churches and missions. She went to Sabanalarga where Mr. and Mrs. Dailey have begun a splendid work with a fully organized society and all of the children's organizations. We arrived there in the midst of house painting; the national pastor and his family had moved into the church so again we slept, and ate in the

church. The women had prepared a full Colombian meal in honor of Miss Mildred, and all of us enjoyed the food and the fellowship, as well as the program which was presented afterwards to a large group in the church auditorium. The interesting part of each of these occasions was that the missionary societies did not restrict the attendance. Men, women, boys and girls of the church attended as well as many, many visitors.

It was like parting with a member of the family at the end of her month's visit in Colombia. We sent her away with many gifts from people who fell in love with her here in Colombia. We tried to make her promise to retire from work in Cuba and come to live in Colombia. She made her farewell speech to a group of the women and girls at the end of her visit in Barranquilla saying, "I have always felt that I had three homes . . . Cuba, Arkansas, and heaven. Now, I have four. I have added Colombia." And it is true, she made herself a part of us, we came to love her, and now she belongs to us, too.

Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, executive secretary, and Sra. Carmen de Ramirez, president, hold the Colombian W.M.U. flag. It was handmade by a Y.W.A. member who embroidered the emblem in purple on white wool.



UP IN THE AIR

by Mildred Cox Mein

IT WAS MY LOT to be "up in the air" quite a bit last summer. The Seminary gives three weeks of mid-semester holidays in July, so Mr. Mein and I accepted the invitation of our farthest inland mission station in Brazil to teach a week of their annual encampment.

Corrente, Piaui, is a thousand miles from the coast and situated in highlands accessible only by mule or plane. Since our time was limited we had to go by plane. No big commercial planes make that flight, so we resorted to a two-passenger private plane. The pilot, the two of us and our suitcases filled the tiny little cabin.

For five hours we flew high above the very heart of Brazil, looking down on green farms, barren wastes, stretches of jungle and high barren mountain ranges. At noon we began to fly above the winding stretches of the San Francisco River. The noise of the plane made conversation impossible, so it was a good time to talk with the Lord who could hear in spite of the roaring of the wind.

In the city of Barra, we got out, stretched our legs and freed our cramped bodies before continuing another hour and a half flight into Corrente. This small town in the heart of the wilderness was hard to find from the air. The airstrip, recently cleared in the midst of the woods, first caught our attention. Then we saw several dozen houses, clay color and roofed with tile or grass which had weathered to the color of the ground.

As the little plane circled over the town and announced our coming, half of the folks rushed out to the airfield to greet us. The annual encampment was in full swing with \$20 camping on the grounds of the Baptist Industrial Institute. How cordially they received us with handshakes, hugs, hurrahs!



• Mr. and Mrs. John Mein

THIS ENCAMPMENT was a marvel to us. One man came 100 miles in nine days on horseback to attend, another woman brought five donkeys to enable her to make the journey of 200 miles quickly. The Institute's truck, driven by the evangelist, brought in loads, the little two seater Piper Cub plane transported some from afar, while others came horseback or on foot. Hammocks were strung up in buildings, under sheds, and under trees. A wonderful old lady, who for 20 years has supervised the preparation of all the food for the campers, this year required a steer a day not to mention the pigs, chickens and sheep thrown in for good measure. As we sat at long, improvised tables three times a day all were hospitably served.

For seven days, morning, noon and night, that group of spiritually hungry people fed on the Word of God. Over forty were saved, over twenty surrendered their lives to God for special service, while dozens were strengthened in their faith. The climax came on Sunday as we held the last services in the church building in the town and Mr. Mein spoke to the crowds packed into the building. In the afternoon the Christian pilot flew him 75 miles to the diamond mines to preach on the streets, and perhaps some in that attentive open-air group found not a diamond but "a pearl of great price."

Baptists predominate in the small wil-

derness town of Corrente, and the Baptist school located about a mile from the town, where Elton and Elizabeth Johnson live now, is famous over all that part of the world. It is an affiliated high school as well as a good primary school, and in addition many special courses in hygiene, agriculture, domestic arts and Bible are offered. We always associate the idea of schools with desks, blackboards, crayon, pictures, library, etc. This school has 300 pupils and from it have gone out men and women to become some of Brazil's finest congressmen, doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, and farmers, but still the school is housed in buildings of rough dried-mud walls, rough brick floors, backless benches, tiny boards painted black, few books and almost no other equipment. The Institute must make and bake its own brick, make its lime, fell and split the logs from which every plank of wood comes.

Every piece of equipment is made on the grounds of the school or brought a thousand miles over waterways and trails from the coast. Oxen, cows, pigs, horses, burros, and such roam at will over the school grounds because fences are beyond the budget of the missionaries. Students bring their own hammocks. No wheat flour is available so they have substitutes for bread. Coffee does not grow in that region nor most vegetables which we know. The students have a will to learn and they have God-fearing men and women as teachers and that is what makes a school.

WHAT ARE THE results in this community where Baptist missionaries have lived with such sacrifice for 30 years? Baptist principles are felt in the lives of all who live there. There are no illiterates due to the excellent teaching at the Baptist Institute and its eight affiliated primary schools scattered throughout the highlands. A clinic with doctor and nurse provides free medicine for the poor. A federal post for the betterment of milk cows was acquired through the unceasing efforts of Missionary Elton Johnson. Bibles are distributed by colporteurs and book depositories. Villages and small, outlying farms and ranches are evangelized by means of a truck and a plane, both operated by lay-evangelists while a strong, central church prepares

young hearts to accept God's call to carry the good news to the lost.

Two days previous to the opening of the encampment, a Catholic priest came to Missionary Johnson and solicited the Baptist plane to bring the Bishop on a visit to Corrente. The plane brought the Bishop of the Diocese to begin his work during the same week that the Baptist encampment was to be held. But the Bishop was sadly disillusioned to know that the throngs were attending the Baptist services while his audience consisted of 20 or 30 people. He remarked that he wasted his time by coming to Corrente!

THE SIGNAL LIGHTS

"It was well you stopped when the red light flashed,"

She said as we drove along:

"For an officer stood at the corner there, In charge of the traffic throng."

And I smiled and said to my daughter fair As we waited on the spot,

"I always stop when a red light shows, Be an officer there or not."

Then she sat and thought as we drove along

And suddenly this she said,

"There ought to be lights for us all through life—

The amber, the green, and the red.

What help 'twould be if the red light flashed

When danger and shame were near,

And we all might wait till the green light came

To show that the road was clear."

"My dear," said I, "We have tried to light Life's road for your feet to fare

And we pray you'll stop when the red light glows,

Tho' none of us may be there.

We have tried to teach you the signs of wrong

And the way to life serene,

So stop when your conscience post shows red,

And go when it flashes green."

SOURCE UNKNOWN

Salute to V.B.S.

*Children marching, singing,
Flags red and blue and white,
Stripes and stars, and cross of red,
The Bible revealing the Word of the Lord.*

*Women leading, serving,
Plans for hands, and feet, and head,
Prayers and work and stories to tell,
The program opening new life to our youth.*

*Over our land the whole summer long
Vacation Bible schools win a great throng.*

One man with a woman behind him started all this fifty years ago. That man was pastor of Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City, who saw the idle churches, idle students home from college, and idle children of his city. He turned the brilliant suggestion of Mrs. Walker Aylett Hawes, sister of the second Mrs. John A. Broadus, into a golden harvest of souls through promoting Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

The secretary of the New York City

Baptist Mission Society, Dr. Robert G. Boville, seized upon the idea in 1901 and developed more schools.

The women of our Southern Baptist Convention picked up the vacation Bible school plan and brought it into the life of our denomination. Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, principal of the W.M.U. Training School, learned of the plan at Chautauqua, New York and invited Dr. Boville to come to Louisville and tell about these summer schools. Besides his messages to Training School students, a mass meeting was held for all who would to attend.

By 1913 vacation Bible schools were being reported as community missions, then known as personal service.

Since 1916 they have been included in the W.M.U. Plan of Work, and women rally to help in the vacation Bible schools of their own or mission churches.

In 1924 our Baptist Sunday School Board appointed Dr. Homer L. Grice as secretary of vacation Bible school work and the number of schools grew more rapidly.

On this fiftieth anniversary of vacation Bible schools we are grateful for the development of these schools so fruitful in the progress of the kingdom of God around the world.

BRAZIL'S FAMOUS CARNIVAL Continued from page 5

Many are revolting at this holiday wantonness. In his syndicated column one Brazilian journalist of nation-wide fame deplores the degeneration of modern-day Carnival, denouncing its crimes, and speaking wistfully of that old-time observance of the festival. The members of our Baptist churches are certain that Carnival bodes no good for them. One feels that the forces of wickedness in spiritual high places are almost visibly wrestling with us. When one of the samba blocks with its following dancers passes by, the rhythm of the drums and tambourines sends an eerie jungle-like effect through the night air. And the singing is increased to its highest pitch just at the door of the church, so that whoever is speaking must stop and announce a hymn to be sung. Then it is thrilling to watch and hear the believers sing just as loudly and more joyously, hoping to give a good testimony to their delirious neighbors outside.

Often regular services are postponed during Carnival and many believers shut their families in, especially during the wilder hours of the revelry. They are convinced that all of this is truly "of the flesh," and they remember that they are "of the Spirit," and "Mind the things of the Spirit." "For to be carnally minded is death," and "the carnal mind is enmity against God"; "but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Francisco, president of our young people's Training Union, received the taunt of some of his costumed schoolmates who said, "Aha, Francisco, you are a believer, and can't play Carnival with us!" No, he can't play Carnival and expect to maintain his Christian reputation or hope to remain a member of a Baptist church. But his denial does not cause him any anxiety, for Francisco knows, he won't have to suffer the awful hangover and spiritual drag.

Four Days A Christian

These letters, sent to us by Mr. Glenn Bridges, our missionary in Brazil, tell a story full of both pathos and rejoicing.

Rio de Janeiro, D.F.

Dear Mother:

I am writing this letter to send you very pleasant news: your daughter Teodora is now a Christian. We went to the First Baptist Church of Rio Wednesday, and when the pastor made an appeal Teodora was the first to go to the front. Now she is completely changed. Jesus has transformed her into a kind creature and her countenance is a thing very beautiful. Anyone can even see that she is another person. Thus it is that Jesus performs his wonders, is it not?

Your son,
Alcides

Rio de Janeiro, D.F.

Dear Mother:

Yesterday as we were out walking, Teodora was struck by a truck as we crossed the street. She was taken immediately to the hospital where she lived only twelve hours. A few minutes before she died she asked me to get pencil and paper and write you a letter. Her hand had been hurt so she dictated and I wrote. I was so heartbroken that I could hardly write for crying.

She said, "Don't cry, my brother, for one who is just beginning to live. What I want is that all of you may too become Christians, because this world is full of sorrow only, and if we do not seek Christ we shall all suffer much in torment."

"But I have the assurance that all of us one day shall be reunited forever there in the home which I have chosen for my eternal abode. There is no crying, no death, and no pain, but there everything is happiness."

Mother, this is the way everything happened—now follows the letter that she dictated and I wrote.

Your son,
Alcides

Rio de Janeiro, D.F.

Dear parents and brothers and sisters:

When you receive this, I shall no longer be in this world, but yonder in heaven with my Saviour. I ask that you do not cry because of my death, for I died to the world, but I am living with God. Because of this I ask that you not cry, but give thanks to God for having saved me before taking me away. Today is Sunday. It has been four days since I gave my life to Jesus. I came to work, but God did not want it, but he gave me the most precious thing in all the world which is salvation in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

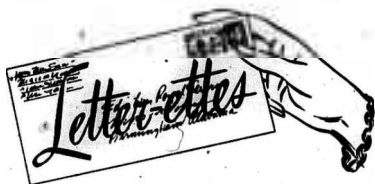
Mother, I am one more pearl to adorn your crown in heaven, and every time you cry remember this letter which is the last request of your daughter and do not cry for one who has now begun to live. In heaven I am waiting and hoping for you, father, and my brothers and sisters. Dear mother, read these passages which are very beautiful: Ex. 6:2-13; Rom. 13:13; Gen. 3:19. Here ends the request of your daughter who rests in God.

Teodora Costa Monteiro

Teodora Costa Monteiro was twenty-three years old. Her parents are members of the First Baptist Church, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso. At the time of her conversion and death she had been living with her brother in Rio where she was employed. The brother and his family were not Christians.

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Why We Learn Portuguese

from Mrs. C. E. Compton

We are studying Portuguese in the Presbyterian School of Language and Orientation in Campinas, Brazil. At present there are ten Baptist couples here along with more than thirty pupils of other denominations. We think that the school uses an excellent method for teaching Portuguese to North Americans, and we are very grateful for this opportunity. A good knowledge of Portuguese is very important for a lifetime of effective witness.

During the Christmas vacation we were able to visit Matto Grosso, an immense interior state on the western border of Brazil. It is the Texas of Brazil as to size and terrain, and it is "the state of tomorrow." As yet the population is scattered and poor, and development has been slow. Now, Brazil is pushing westward toward Matto Grosso, whose natural resources have hardly been touched.

By establishing churches there now, the foundation will already be laid to win newcomers as they move in. Meanwhile, the people there now offer opportunity enough for everybody's lifetime. The Communists and Catholics are already at work in Matto Grosso. We saw Communist propaganda and new, beautiful Catholic churches and schools wherever we went. There are twenty-eight American Catholic priests in Matto Grosso, five Southern Baptist missionaries.

Near the Paraguayan border Charlie shot his first deer, a fine six-point buck. The meat was wonderful. One of our richest experiences since coming to Brazil was attending a barbecue in the home of a Christian who had taken advantage of the visit of the missionaries to invite all his friends and neighbors. They gathered under an arbor and Mr. Clyde Hankins preached to seventy or eighty persons, a third of whom had never heard the gospel before.

One old man, hearing such preaching

for the first time, said that he believed it but needed to know more about it before accepting the invitation. How we longed for the words to explain more to him! This may easily develop into a preaching point and eventually a church, if someone is able to go often. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

In Manila, Pearl of the Orient

from Theresa Anderson

My particular responsibility here has been to teach two class periods a day of English Phonetics in Chiang Kai-shek High School, one of the leading Chinese schools in the city. When you hear the students say such things as "th" as in "fink" (think), or "th" as in "day" (they), it gives you a real sense of being needed, and certainly there is never a dull moment with these four hundred students I teach each week. I accepted this responsibility mostly as an opening wedge to "get acquainted" in the Chinese community here, and make contacts with the people you need to know in order to establish a work in a place like this.

Manila boasts of, or rather complains of, seventy to eighty thousand Chinese. Most of them have no god but money. Often they are referred to as the "Jews of the Philippines," and are a despised race among the Filipinos.

Already established here are four exclusively Chinese churches: one Presbyterian, one Church of the Little Flock, and two Anglican. Though their influence is deeply felt in the Chinese community, numerically speaking they are not reaching over about three per cent of the actual Chinese population. From this you can see that ours is no small task.

Rents are exorbitant here, and as we think of the tremendous cost of equipping a place to meet our needs adequately, we sometimes ask ourselves, "Is it worth that much?" Because we are committed to a task which we believe will reap returns into eternity, we not only believe it is "worth it," but we also believe that the Lord can and will supply our every need, as well as open the way before us into hearts and homes here.

Manila is a wonderful place to live and work, in spite of the fact that recent sta-

tistics show it costs about three times as much to live here as it does in Washington, D. C. Manila reminds me much of New Orleans, so I feel at home. It is one grand mixture of the old and the new, a good cross between the East and the West. Having been born in the tropics, I think I was born for the tropics, and perhaps for just such a place as this. Certainly we do not doubt the Hand that led us here, but at best, work in a climate like this saps every ounce of strength we have. Pray that we may be given every strength for the task.

He Loves Them Too

from Rev. Sam T. Mayo

"Brown, yellow, black, and white, all are precious in his sight." This is a favorite song of children in Sunbeam Band or Sunday school. The boys and girls who pick the beans you like to eat love it too. They like to play, to sing, to listen to Bible stories, to eat. Glad hearts await the arrival of the missionaries to conduct services each afternoon when these children come from the fields.

They are clothed in the garments that Baptists of the Southland send them. Their faces are washed with the soap, wash cloths and towels furnished by Southern Baptists. The Bibles they read are supplied by Southern Baptists. The Saviour many of them receive is introduced to them by your missionaries sent out by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" They are counting on us.

Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo with Negro boys and girls in a migrant camp in the South. The camp houses where they live are in the background.



Christmas for Italy Now

from Mrs. B. R. Lawton

Yesterday I heard Packy saying, "You can't have any of my birthday party if you don't let me play with your toys." I feel like I might be just about the same age when I think, "I must write immediately so that our boys will share in any Christmas presents from the States." I hope that I'm not being really selfish when I honestly say that I would like for our boys to be included in summer Christmas parties.

Some of these boys in our Bible School in Rivoli, Torino, Italy come from Catholic homes and do not feel that they have any right to ask for any help for themselves from their own families. Some of the boys have parents who are not working so they send a part of the very small allowance they receive from the school to their parents for bread.

The president of our student body comes from one of the better-off homes; his father makes about \$65 a month and his mother makes about \$20. There are three other children in the family, so naturally Corda cannot write home for money. I saw him the other day when he came back from preaching. On the visible part of his shirt there were three different patches.

Naturally our boys are too big for toys, but if there were twenty-three new shirts and some socks and shorts it would be a Christmas to remember. Italy is full of food and fruit so we can buy food much cheaper here than you can buy it there. I don't want any toys to give away for our Sunday school children for it makes things harder for them. Just last week one mother came to me and said, "Signora, please do not serve refreshments at a meeting because the Catholics say you are buying the children."

If some group would like to send toys, candy, and children's clothing, have them sent to Vincenzo Vineziano, Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy. He is head of the Italian Baptist Orphanage where there are nearly ninety children. They would be most grateful for this help.

Community Missions Chairmen

"What is that you're reading?" the young lady asked the woman sitting beside her on the bus.

"The Gospel of John. Have you read it?"

"Well, no; that is, not much."

"Let me give you this copy then," said the woman. "It has a personal message in it for you. After supper tonight sit down and read it through. Will you do that?"

Slipping the Gospel into her handbag, the girl got off at the next stop. The woman on the bus breathed a silent prayer that God would use his Word to reach another life.

In many societies the members are including the distribution of individual Gospels as a regular part of their community missions program. Would you like to do this too?

Order from your Baptist Book Store a supply of *The Gospel of John* at 2c a copy. Start the first month by giving one copy to each member, and later as interest grows you may want to give the members one for each week in the month. Urge them to read the Gospel, red pencil in hand, and mark the passages that would be most helpful to an unsaved person. Explain that the purpose is for each woman to give her copy to someone who needs its message and will promise to read it. That person may be a neighbor, a clerk in a store, the newsboy, deliveryman, or salesman who comes to the door. He may be a guest in the home, a relative, or a stranger on the bus or streetcar. As he takes the Gospel and begins to look through it, he will notice and probably read with particular attention the marked passages.

Many times giving the Gospel will open the way for talking about one's faith in Christ at that very moment or at the next meeting. As the women take the Gospels, lead them to pray that God will guide them to those to whom the Word of God will be a dynamic witness.

Every member can have a part in this activity. It is done individually just as the women go about their daily tasks.

Why not add this giving of Gospels each month to the other community missions activities planned to meet definite needs in your community? —Edith Stokely

Stewardship Chairmen

The Church Night of Stewardship should be one of the most important events in the church year. For this to be true the program must be prepared with great care. It should be a demonstration of what the young people have learned in their month by month stewardship education studies through the year. The stewardship chairman, young people's director and counselors will review the work of the young people, then select and arrange assignments to make an attractive and effective program.

Following the thought of the 1951 Watchword, the stewardship program could be built around the theme, "Witness with Gifts." On the cover of programs, printed or mimeographed, could be the picture of a dollar or a collection plate full of money with trumpets going out in all directions, indicating that gifts speak in many ways. The program could be somewhat as follows: -

Song: "We've A Story to Tell" by congregation

Devotional Service: "Gifts Speak of Love" by a member of Y.W.A. using material found in April *The Window of Y.W.A.*

Song: "Something for Jesus" by members of Y.W.A.; either duet, quartet or chorus

Let's Talk About Gifts: by Sunbeams

A girl tells story, "The Earth Is the Lord's," and a boy tells "Why Is My Little Dog Gone?" from the 1951 booklet of Sunbeam Stewardship Stories. Other Sunbeams may hold up the pictures used with

the stewardship stories. These show up better when colored. All Sunbeams repeat stewardship Bible verses and sing chorus of "Jesus Wants Me for A Tither" (page 4 in booklet).

The Bible Talks About Gifts by Junior R.A. and G.A.

Let one boy and one girl and either the G.A. counselor or an older girl represent John, Jane and Grandmother in the Junior Stewardship Stories. Dramatize the February, March and April stories, using only the conversations and putting them together to make one scene. All Juniors repeat stewardship Bible verses and sing the songs found on pages 19 and 21 of Junior Stewardship Stories.

What Money Says: by Intermediate G.A.

One girl gives material found in stewardship program of May *World Comrades*. Let others tell how we can witness in many places through our Cooperative Program money. This may be done by one G.A. presenting each of the causes as: (1) Cooperative Program gifts witness through Foreign Missions to twenty-four countries. (2) Cooperative Program gifts witness through Home Missions to our convention territory, Cuba, Panama and Canal Zone, and Alaska. (3) Cooperative Program gifts witness through State Missions to the lost and through institutions in our state. (4) Cooperative Program gifts witness through help to old ministers. (5) Cooperative Program gifts witness through Baptist seminaries. (6) Cooperative Program gifts witness through the Baptist Brotherhood. (7) Cooperative Program gifts witness through Southern Baptist Hospital. (8) Cooperative Program gifts witness through the Radio Commission.

One G.A. might do all of the speaking, while others hold placards on which are pasted pictures representing the causes of the Cooperative Program.

Witnesses for the Tithes: playlet given by Intermediate R. A.

Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 10c.

Let Our Gifts Talk for God: brief talk by pastor

Song: "I Love to Tell the Story" by congregation

Prayer and benediction

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"

Circle program committees plan with Sunbeam Band leaders for this meeting. Perhaps several Sunbeams can visit each circle and give the three rays of the Sunbeam Band Watchword and Rally Cry. The stewardship chairman in each circle can show a picture and tell story or let a Sunbeam tell it from the series *Stewardship Stories Around the World* which Sunbeams are using this year.

Sunbeam Band Focus Week, August 5-11, (see page 19) offers many helpful things for your circle to do for Sunbeams and their mothers. Ask your Sunbeam Band leader about giving a party, or taking them on a picnic, or providing mission study teacher, place and paraphernalia.

This program is to increase the fostering interest of your circle in Sunbeam Band and to enlarge the appreciation of your circle members for Sunbeam Band activities.

Arrange for testimonies from adults in your church on the value of Sunbeam Bands.

See May *ROYAL SERVICE*, "Yu Hu and the Sunlight Band" for examples of Sunbeam values in China.

Order several copies of *Missionary Melodies* (price \$2 from your Baptist Book Store); enjoy singing some of these well known children's songs and learning one or two new ones. Then give the books to your Sunbeam Band leader or to homes where small children are learning to play the piano.

W.M.U. Training School IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Alumnae In South America by Minnie Landrum

At present there are forty-two alumnae under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, working in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Paraguay. Five are in Argentina, twenty-two in Brazil, nine in Chile, five in Colombia, one in Paraguay.

From 1910 to 1920 seven of these alumnae were appointed. To Brazil went Mrs. A. J. Terry of Florida; Mrs. M. G. White, Iowa; Miss Ruth Randall, Michigan; Miss Pauline White and Mrs. J. R. Allen, South Carolina. Mrs. M. S. Blair of Florida went to Argentina; and Mrs. R. C. Moore of Florida to Chile.

From 1920 to 1930 seven others were appointed. Mrs. W. E. Allen, Arkansas; Miss Minnie Landrum, Mississippi; Miss Mattie Baker, South Carolina; Mrs. F. W. Easte, Missouri, went to Brazil; Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Alabama, to Argentina; Miss Cornelia Brower, South Carolina; and Miss Marjorie Spence, North Carolina, to Chile.

From 1930 to 1940 the board sent five from this Training School. Mrs. John L. Rifley, Arkansas; Miss Maye Bell Taylor and Miss Leitha Saunders, Texas; Miss Alberta Steward of Missouri went to Brazil; and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Pennsylvania, to Chile.

From 1940 to 1950 twenty-three were appointed. Mrs. Stephen Jackson, Oklahoma; Mrs. Raymond Kolb, Mrs. David Meis, and Miss Minnie Lee Lanier, Georgia; Mrs. James Kirk, Kentucky; Miss Sophia Nichols, South Carolina; Mrs. T. B. Stover, Washington, D. C.; Miss Loh Roberts, Tennessee; Miss Edith Rose Weller, Kentucky, went to Brazil. Miss Irene Smith, Oklahoma; Miss Sara Frances Taylor, South Carolina; Mrs. Charles Whitten, Mississippi, went to Argentina. Miss Ruby Howse, Oklahoma; Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Mississippi; Miss Lois Hart, Argentina; Mrs. Frank Mitchell, South Carolina; Mrs. H. H. Culpepper, Arkansas, were sent to Chile. Mrs. A. R. Dailey, Miss Anna Frances Todd and Miss Lillian Williams of Kentucky, Miss Helen Meredith of Georgia, Miss Crea Ridenour of Tennessee went to Colombia; and Miss Frances Roberts, South Carolina, to Paraguay.

From 1910 to 1940 there were only nineteen appointed, but then from 1940 to 1950, twenty-three went to South American republics. This in itself

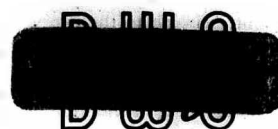
shows a decided progress in the program of Southern Baptists for which we give thanks and praise to the Name of the Lord.

Some of these alumnae are located from two to five degrees north and south of the equator, others in cities on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, some near the snow-capped Andes Mountains, and still others in inland cities. They are teachers of Bible, of Missions, of Religious Education, Music, English and many other subjects in our Baptist schools, academies and training schools. Perhaps they are principals of the training schools, or other schools. In two or three countries they have been made executive secretaries and treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Union. Some are young people's secretaries and general field workers of the W.M.U. Some are busy in mission board and publication offices. Others direct Good Will Centers where they minister to the physical and spiritual needs of many who need to be introduced to Jesus, their Saviour. Some of the alumnae are editors of the missionary magazines and make valuable contributions through the printed pages. They use their homes as a means of winning the friendship of their

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W.M.U. Training School alumnae in Colombia—Left to right: Ana Frances Todd (W.M.U. librarian), Dorothy Elam Dailey (Sunbeam sec.), Helen Meredith (W.M.U. treasurer), Mildred Matthews (Cuba), Crea Ridenour (G.A. sec.), Lillian Williams (Y.W.A. sec.)



Kentucky

"The Buzzer" of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky reports sixty-three present at a spring circle meeting—forty-eight members, two new members, thirteen visitors.

(Do you let your circle grow that big, or do you start another with twenty or twenty-five members? Which is best?)

They were sending a clothing shower to Magoffin Institute at Mountain Valley, Kentucky, an excellent Baptist mountain school.

They also sent twenty-two Bibles to Vine Street Mission in Louisville and provided a blackboard and easel for one of its classrooms.

Thirty of this BWC attended the Long Run BWC Federation mission study class in May.

Kentucky (again!)

The South District BWC Federation was entertained by the Lawrenceburg BWC at the Lawrenceburg Baptist Church, celebrating the first anniversary of the Federation. The tables were decorated to rep-

resent each month of the year and each member sat at the table which was her birth month. New friends were easily made as all took part in get-acquainted songs and games. Each BWC gave a reading or a stunt as part of a very enjoyable program.

Miss Laura Thomas, winner in the Kentucky B.T.U. speakers contest, brought her devotional message, "In Christ Is God's Everlasting Yes."

A business meeting followed the dinner. Mrs. H. D. McBrayer, of Lawrenceburg, chairman, presided.

Alabama

Calhoun Federation voted to send two G.A.'s to G.A. state camp, and their Federation president to Ridgecrest for W.M.U. Week.

Mississippi

"All Roads Lead to Ridgecrest" is the special bulletin from Mary Elizabeth Smith, state BWC Federation president in Mississippi. Mississippi BWCers are all excited especially because Miss Almarine Brown, retiring state Federation chairman and president of Mississippi W.M.U., will lead the BWC Conference at Ridgecrest during W.M.U. Week.

They are traveling by chartered bus and will have it up "in the land of the sky" for those scenic trips that fill jolly afternoons.

Visual Aids for August

Movie—*People of Chile*. 20 minutes, sound, rental \$4

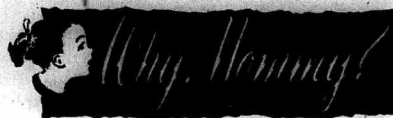
Filmstrip—*Sharing the Word with the World*, a filmstrip on Colombia, 24 single frames with manual, price \$2.50

Order the above from your state Baptist Book Store.

Mr. Fon Scofield of our Foreign Mission Board is bringing out some new films on Latin America. Write the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., for information about these.

Pan American Union, Washington 6, D.C., has a free list of films in a *Program Sources* pamphlet and a more comprehensive list, price 15c.

It pays to use films or filmstrips if you have a projector.



A DREAM?

by Mrs. Douglas Harris

One evening near the end of the school year the grade school in our community put on its annual closing exercises under the direction of the music teacher. After watching the children of all ages perform for their proud parents it was only natural that children be the main characters in any dreaming that night. So it was with me.

But there was only one child in the dream and she did not resemble any who were on the platform at school. This small girl appeared without warning, standing before me unattractive and neglected looking. I did not want to touch her and drew back from the unkempt little figure. She just stood there looking up into my face until I found myself reaching down and gathering her in my arms and holding her close.

Anything can happen with time and space in a dream, so the next person who appeared was a friend of college and Training School days who is now executive secretary of the W.M.U. in Chile. We greeted each other as friends do who have been long separated. Then I stood my burden before her saying, "Oggie, I am very tired. I have walked all over South America with this child in my arms." With this the dream ended.

But was it only a dream? Shouldn't we hold all the unlovely, unwanted boys and girls as part of our concern? As we work and live with the children in our Baptist organizations we ought to reach out for those others who need us so desperately. They are near if we have the willingness to look for them.

I can still see the bright face and hear the happy voice of the little black boy in the vacation Bible school several years ago as he said, "I am happy because I have Jesus in my heart." There is also the memory of the gratitude expressed by the adults in

that country church to the two white girls who had loved them enough to lead that vacation Bible school.

I have never been able to forget the pathetic, lost-looking child in one Bible school and the deep love she had for her mother, a woman whose life was a waste of degradation and sin. The mother walked in one day when I was trying to tell the boys and girls about the wonderful Christ. This mother's mother was also a woman of low character; was the third generation to follow this evil way? What a vicious circle! As Christians we can stand in the way of such continuing destruction and cry "Enough!"

One woman who had grown up in Louisville, then had lived in New York for several years, was back in the Kentucky city in a hospital ward. A Training School girl stopped by her bed and being new at this type of visitation, knew nothing to say—fortunately. She just gave the patient a "Sunshine Bag" and smiled at her. The woman began to talk.

The gist of her burden was that as a Catholic girl in Louisville she had passed a Baptist church one Sunday morning and heard singing. She slipped in the door and went to her first Sunday school, and liking what she heard and did, went back many times. Through the years since that time she has been seeking to satisfy the miserable feeling within. Now she said simply that she had found what her great lack was. "I needed God." But what were the Baptists doing about their Sunday school when she was a girl those years before?

Mighty movements both for evil and good have their beginning in the life of the child. There may be potential Hitlers, Stalins, leaders in syndicated crime within a stone's throw of your church. Just that near, too, are potential Sampeys, Truettis, and others of great spiritual and mental depth. As Christian parents especially, we are failures if we do not realize that the faith we hold is the strongest force on earth. We can be instruments in the will of God to reach and turn about those little ones who are headed in the wrong direction. Is it not high time we turned ourselves from doing many things of small consequence and put the emphasis on the important thing in our church program? (See *For the Sand Pile Set*, next page)



What Are You Doing?

by Margaret Bruce

Three stonemasons were at work on a stone. A stranger asked, "What are you doing?" "I'm working for \$7.50 a day," one replied. Another answered, "I'm cutting this stone." The glorious reply of the third stonemason showed that he was magnifying his job: "I'm helping to build a cathedral."

During Sunbeam Focus Week, August 5-11, you may be washing tea cups after the Japanese tea party is over. You may be cutting out an African village for the Sunbeam mission study class. You may be decorating the summer Christmas tree for the gifts which the children will bring for the Indian children and the children of Japan.

You may be doing all of these things which seem small and unimportant but really you may be planting the desire to be a missionary in the heart of a child. You may be helping one want to be a good steward of his possessions, or to give

his heart and life to Jesus.

What are you doing? Glorify the task which God has given you. Realize that you are not just helping to observe Sunbeam Focus Week but you are bringing the kingdom of God in the hearts of little children. You are helping them want to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Look in August issue of *World Comrades* and see the things you can do for Sunbeams in your church. You will think of many, many other things to do. The happy experiences you have as you help Sunbeam bands and their leaders during Focus Week will be the finest kind of fostering.

"Would you set your name among the stars?

Then write it large upon the hearts of children,

They will remember.

Have you visions of a nobler, happier world?

Tell the children, they will build it for you. Have you a word of hope, for poor, blind stumbling mankind?

Then give it not to stupid blundering men. Give it to the children.

In their clear, untroubled minds, it will reflect itself a hundred fold

And some day paint itself upon the mountain tops."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

FOR THE SAND PILE SET

Most small children like to paddle around in water, especially during the hot summer days. One way to limit the water splashing is to provide a wading pool. An ordinary zinc washtub can be placed in a hole hollowed out in the ground for the purpose. Then it can be filled to the desired depth with water. When it needs emptying the tub can be lifted out, cleaned, and refilled. If Daddy is ambitious he can mix a little concrete and make a more permanent wading pool.

If this is placed where mother can conveniently check on the safety of her brood now and then she will of course have peace of mind about the whole idea.

Alumnae in South America

(Continued from page 16)

neighbors, many of whom are later won to Christ. Some of the Training School girls go with their husbands to the far hinterland where they do pioneer work. All serve efficiently in their local churches as pianists, Sunday school teachers, sponsors in Training Unions, counselors in W.M.U. organizations and, side by side with the native Christians go into the homes where the Bread of life is broken to hundreds who otherwise would not hear the Old, Old Story.

Is this your question?

BY ELLEN DOUGLAS OLIVER
W.M.U. Executive Secretary, Virginia

Which one of our foreign fields will we be studying this fall? What book would you suggest for W.M.S. study and how soon can we secure a copy from our bookstore?

South America is our field for this fall. The W.M.S. book is *Pilgrimage to Spanish America* by Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America. It is on sale in August in your Baptist Book Store, price 80c. Helps which every teacher needs have been prepared and are available from our Foreign Mission Board. Your bookstore has a free leaflet giving a complete list of supplementary books, maps, visual aids, etc. Ask for it and select what you can afford for W.M.S. and young people both to use. It is not too early to find your teacher and be collecting materials which will add to the worth-whileness of your class.

The Y.W.A. book is *Inca Gold*. Intermediate R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. will use *Under the Southern Cross*; for Junior R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. there is a new plan. They have a workbook, *Keys to Brazil*, and the teacher uses the study textbook. There is a reading book for Juniors also, *Off to Brazil* by Nina Millen, cloth \$2, paper \$1.25. Sunbeams will use *Dickie in Mexico*.

We are very eager to avoid "the summer slump" in our society. Have you any suggestions?

Plan an outdoor meeting or a picnic for your August meeting so that the members will feel that this is a "very special meeting." The program is on South America and will introduce and advertise your coming mission study class. Ask your program chairman to do her best for this meeting, and have some unusual features and surprises. Send out special invitations.

You might like to send out some beautiful two-color fiesta invitations in rhyme; price 20c for 25; 60c for 100; 40c for each additional hundred. Order also the luncheon napkins with the lovely Latin Ameri-

can design, and the place cards which will become appealing souvenirs; prices as for

invitations. The fiesta poster would be a nice thing to order to announce your outdoor fiesta or picnic. (Size 12 in. by 15 3/4 in.; prices \$1 a single copy and 25c for each additional copy) Order all of these colorful program accessories from: The Wright Studio, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. Full payment must accompany all orders.

Get your mission study chairman to work out a special plan for summer reading for your women. Secure the list of suggested books for your Missionary Round Table from your state W.M.U. office.

Some societies find the summer the best time for their mission study classes.

Carry out some definite missionary project—for instance, a V.B.S. in a Negro church or underprivileged section.

Get some of your young people to tell of experiences in W.M.U. summer camps.

We have heard of "The Twin Sister Plan." Will you please explain this to me?

The "Twin Sister Plan" is a movement to bring into helpful missionary co-operation the white women in a given Baptist church and the Negro women in a nearby Baptist church. It is usually started by the women of the white church who are eager to build up a Christian feeling of good will in their community. They begin by making contacts with the pastor and leading women in the Negro church. Then they discover all the ways in which they can be of assistance to the women and young people of that church. They exchange visits and programs. They call the attention of the Negro women to the missionary periodicals, etc., which are available, and provide them if necessary. They send some of the young people to camp. Prayer and patience have made this plan a success in many cases. Take care to make it a really co-operative movement.

Address your questions to the editor of ROYAL SERVICE, then watch this page

Mighty Movements in South America

by Mrs. Everett Gill, Jr.

Mrs. Gill knows South America as few Southern Baptist women, having spent months there with her husband, our secretary for Latin America

Program Plans

A map! Buy one or use one made by a G.A. in working on her Forward Steps, or make one.

Geography Poster Map to build up South America, price 85c
Picture Map, decorative with sheets of sketches to be colored, cut out and pasted on, price 75c
Political map, in five colors, price 50c
(Order from your Baptist Book Store)

No use trying to learn about Latin America without pointing to the countries and places you are talking about. Be ready to locate your discussion.

See notice of attractive invitations, place card favors, napkins on page 20. From the same place (page 20) order Latin America Puzzlemats, 4c each for minimum order of 25; \$4 for 100; \$2.25 for each additional 100. This three-color mat has three purposes: (1) laundry-saving paper place mat, (2) gay table decoration, (3) entertaining and educational (but simple) puzzle. If you do not eat at your society meeting, use it as clever puzzle.

For refreshments and Latin-American games, see *Fun and Festival from the Other Americas*, price 50c from your Baptist Book Store.

Gather pictures and curios from Latin American countries to give atmosphere and background to your program. Write to the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. and ask them for materials on Latin American countries. Has anyone traveled to Latin America? See Visual Aids, page 17. Which ones can you use?

In presenting program material you may use television, with a voice from each of the several different countries, with map and pictures spotlighted or held up in turn. The Sunbeam Stewardship pictures have two that are useful, "Ernesto of Brazil," eighth month, "Pedro of Mexico," tenth month. Painted, with a light behind they are lovely transparencies.

In singing time, plan how many minutes each group can have, allowing for

singing and prayers, and ask her to stay within that limit. Long ago we stopped "reading" parts in our W.M.U. meetings, didn't we? Of course!

Program Outline

Topic: Mighty Movements in South America

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

Prayer for all nationalities of people in South America, and for the Baptist work there

Devotional Thoughts: The People Who Sat in Darkness

Hymn: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Look Where We Are Going

The Stranglehold of the Conquerors

Why Send Missionaries

Brazil
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Colombia
Venezuela
Peru
Ecuador

Prayer for missionaries named on Prayer Calendar

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

The People Who Sat In Darkness

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Scripture reading: Psalm 135:15-18

Quartet: First and second stanzas of "Open My Eyes, That I May See," sung prayerfully, audience bow heads

Scripture reading: Isaiah 9:2-4; Matthew 4:16

Hymn: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Comment: In the beginning, when God saw the world that he had created languishing in a chaos of darkness, he swung a sun into the sky. "Let there be light," he cried and there was light for the whole physical universe: light for healing, light for cleansing, light for growth, light for energy, light for vision, light for the sustenance of life itself.

Centuries later, when a world in the chaos of spiritual darkness lay before its Creator in helpless hopelessness, he sent his son into the world. The light became flesh to dwell among us, "glory as of the only begotten of the Father": light for healing, light for cleansing, light for growth, light for energy, light for vision, light for the sustenance of spiritual life itself. "I am the Light of the world," he announced.

But he added: "Ye are the light of the world." If the people who sit in darkness today are to see the great light of God's love, it must be because in every one of us personally—not just in the missionaries we support—the light has become flesh. As we dwell among them, they must see Christ's glory manifest in us. Through us the people of today's world must find light for healing, light for cleansing, light for growth, light for energy and power, light for vision, light for the sustenance of life itself as we represent Jesus Christ.

Quartet: Third stanza of "Open My Eyes, That I May See" as others pray silently, dedicating themselves to be clear channels of the light.

See story in THE WINDOW OF YWA for August, 1951, page 8-9, "The People Who Sit in Darkness"

Program

Look Where We Are Going

As we begin thinking of the peoples living in the nine countries of South America to which we send missionaries, let us see where they live and let us learn something

about their histories.

If all the population of the world were placed in South America there would be only two and one-half persons to an acre. Of course none of us would want our acres over the tops of the barren Andes mountains which stretch along the entire length of the continent. From the east slopes of this vast mountain range spread the pampas of Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, the pleasant hills and valleys of south Brazil and the arid hills and tropical jungles of north Brazil. The great Amazon River rises in the Andean heights of Peru, gathers waters from rivers in Colombia, Venezuela, and north Brazil to empty into the Atlantic through its mouth 100 miles wide at Belém.

Following the discoveries of Columbus many brave soldiers and priests set out to conquer new lands for their country and their Church. In what is now Brazil the conquerors from Portugal did not find the gold they sought but influenced by the enervating tropical climate or by the ease with which they defeated the Indians, they claimed the land, imported slaves to cultivate it, and settled down. Inter-marriage between Negroes, Indians, and Portuguese in the north and the coming of thousands of Europeans to the south have produced a people about 40 per cent of whom are pure Negro or mulatto.

The Spanish "Conquistadores" (conquerors) pushed up the mighty Rio de La Plata River in search of gold and captured fabulous treasures from the highly civilized Aztec Indians.

The Strangle Hold of the Conquerors

The Papal Bull sent out by Pope Clement VII to Charles V of Spain commands: "You will compel, and with all zeal cause the barbarous nations to come to the knowledge of God, Maker and Founder of all things, not only by edicts and admonitions, but also by force of arms, if needful, in order that their souls may partake of the heavenly kingdom."

The conquerors followed these principles: that God is pleased by the robbing or killing of unbelievers; that the most noble social classes are made up of warriors and priests; that work is debasing; that any conquered land belonged to the crown, to the nobles who conquered it, and

to the Church which received a large part of the captured treasure. These ideas guided the colonization and so-called Christianization of these new lands.

For almost three centuries the wealthy conquerors hand-in-hand with the clergy dictated the work, pay, and thinking of the people. From Spanish-speaking countries raw materials could go only through the Colombian port of Cartagena to Spain from which needed manufactured articles were returned. Even printed matter was restricted to prevent the spread of reactionary ideas from other countries. Although the Portuguese conquerors in Brazil never reached the abuses practiced by their Spanish cousins, the rich landowners and the Church controlled government policies.

But by the nineteenth century news of the French and American Revolutions began to seep into this shackled continent and the masses began their long struggle for independence. By the end of that century every country had thrown off the yoke which bound it to a European country and each bore the name of Republic; but all through the years and even now the Roman Church stands with the old regime as the most bitter and persistent political enemy of the reformers.

Why Send Missionaries

The popular idea that all countries of the southern continent are completely Catholic is no more true than to say that all people in our nation are Protestants. But let us look at some fundamental tenets of the Roman Catholic Church:

(1) All teaching centers in the ecclesiam, a series of questions and answers about all

"Do Your Christmas Shopping Early"

The signs will be up soon. Our hearts will read them "Do Your Christmas Saving Early" because we will be saving for the world's Christmas through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. But this summer you can make it read "Do Your Christmas Sending Early."

THE hungry, cold people in Hong Kong, in Korea, in Europe will have a meal and a moment of warmth if you send a Christmas gift on its way now. You can send a CARE box to any of these needy places through

Baptist World Alliance
1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.

Send a check and the Baptist World Alliance headquarters will designate it to Baptist people whose addresses and needs they know. (Do not send clothing to the Baptist World Alliance.) You can send money designated for relief to our Foreign Mission Board and it will be forwarded to missionaries who will use it wisely for Christ's sake.

OUR home missionaries among the Indians and migrants need toys, sweaters, warm coats for all ages, Bible pictures, washcloths, soap, first aid supplies. The missionaries to the Indians need these for Christmas distribution. See directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions* for names and addresses. For example, Mr. Harold E. Baer, P.O. Box 1426, Flagstaff, Arizona, is opening work on the Navajo Indian Reservation. See also page 15 for Italian address.

church affairs which must be learned and recited before one is confirmed at the age of twelve (though each baptized infant is counted as a member). All answers, prepared by clergy through the centuries, conform to the Bible as interpreted by the clergy, and to tradition or edicts passed down by infallible popes. The right of personal interpretation of the Scriptures is denied.

(2) Salvation, an uncertain hope, comes only through the Roman Catholic Church and is channeled through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist (Lord's Supper), Penance, Extreme Unction (blessing before death), Orders, and Marriage.

(3) Worship is accomplished through use of a rosary, an altar on which stands an image or picture of Mary, Christ on the cross, or a saint, or through attendance at Mass when the bread and wine are said to become the actual body and blood of a crucified Christ. Through confession of sins to the priest and through repeated at-

tendance at Mass one may hope his prayers will reach heaven and his sins be forgiven. —Compare these practices with the soul-searching, simple gospel taught by the lowly Nazarene and preached by the great evangelist Paul: the Bible as the true and final word of God; salvation by grace through faith in a living Christ who died once for the sins of all; worship in spirit and in truth as one goes directly to God in prayer. All of us know attractive, fine Catholic people; but too few of us can intelligently discuss Catholic dogma, Christ's gospel, and see the chasm between them.

We must not minimize the fact that Roman Catholicism in the United States receives orders from Rome just as it does throughout the world. The most powerful, efficient, and highly organized dictatorship the world has ever known, this Church, held undisputed sway over the political, material, and spiritual destiny of the South American countries for almost four centuries. What results from this dominance?

(1) To most people there, religion means the relation of church to state, not of person to God. An Indian is insulted if he is asked to become a Christian because he associates that name with the white man "Christiano" who has hated his people—killing, stealing, lying, and cheating him. So they must be taught the saving power of Jesus Christ, the living Saviour—not a dead one, hanging on a crucifix—and become "Creyentes" or Believers. In South American countries converts are called "Creyentes" or Evangelists (Evangelicals). Since the Church is more powerful politically, socially, and economically than religiously, dissenters (Evangelicals) are boycotted or persecuted in many places.

(2) Even the most casual observer cannot fail to see the extremes of rich and poor, educated and illiterate, emaciated and well-fed. He must also sense the ever-increasing surge of the masses against the fetters which have so bound them, toward the freedoms which they have only recently known existed.

Catholicism suggests that evangelical Christianity has harmed our Good Neighbor Policy. Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft, well-known authority on South America, interviewed officials in every country and found that the overwhelming majority were educated in evangelical schools or gladly at-

tested to the high moral influence of such graduates in public life. Dr. Alberto Rembao, editor of *La Nueva Democracia*, feels that it is significant that the Christian spirit which always fosters democratic ideals has definitely taken root in an old Latin culture. He also believes that Latin American nations may be classified as Protestant or Evangelical. Believers are too numerous to be regarded as minorities since they occupy enough places of leadership to demand attention from the public. They are changing the spiritual climate of the continent.

Ill will toward U.S. citizens comes rather from our businessmen who try to exploit their wealth; from dissipated U.S. soldiers and sailors fighting on their streets and even insulting women on main thoroughfares; from tourists whose loud voices and improper dress shock them. The true ambassador of good will for our nation has been the faithful missionary laboring unselfishly among the people.

Today about thirty foreign mission boards are at work in Latin American countries. A great program for ending illiteracy goes hand in hand with the demand for Bibles and other Christian literature. People refer to "the religion of the Book." Hundreds hear the gospel through national radio networks. By-products of vital Christianity everywhere in the world have always been improved standards of living with schools, hospitals, better sanitation, and higher moral standards. People are being converted through reading Scriptures bought from a colporteur or found by the road. One is struck by the vitality of these groups, growing because of their conviction that they must take the gospel to all peoples.

Brazil

• This vast country, situated entirely in tropical or subtropical climate, has always had a more liberal spirit than its Spanish neighbors. Dom Pedro II, benevolent emperor during most of the nineteenth century, translated some of the New Testament from the Greek. For being a Mason he was threatened with excommunication, and he was largely responsible for the free atmosphere in which our missionaries, the Barbys, entered Brazil in 1881. Despite bitter persecution in some places and the danger

of tropical diseases and poor foods, our work there today grows faster than in any other area its size in the world.

The thousands of slaves brought to work the huge plantations of sugar cane in the north brought African tribal religious rites with them. So African and Indian witch doctors have left their mark on the Catholic ceremonies.

Many modern cults are springing up also, feeding on the superstition and ignorance of the masses. In one city of 100,000 there are sixty-three Spiritist Centers, named for many of the saints. Most of the members belong to the Catholic Church and go to Mass, and some even hold seances in church buildings. Though a spiritist does not fear excommunication from the Catholic Church, if he became an Evangelical he would at once be an outcast. Atheism also and French philosophy sway the thoughts of many intellectuals.

In this religious atmosphere our 159 missionaries labor, living in thirty-one centers scattered over the twenty states of this huge country.

In beautiful Rio de Janeiro stand the nation's capital buildings; there also are our national W.M.U., Training Union and Sunday School headquarters in the office

TOP—G.A. work begins in South America. BELOW—Instituto de Treinamento Cristão in Rio



building of our Portuguese publishing house which has recently completed a greatly enlarged printing shop. The demand for Portuguese Bibles, hymnbooks, and all types of religious literature always exceeds the supply. The Brazilian Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, and Building and Loan Fund Board also center in Rio. We have a Seminary and Training School in Recife, and also in Rio. We have nine large "colegios" or academies and countless primary schools which flourish, besides our churches. These are necessary since the number of those unable to read or write in Brazil averages above 65 per cent for the whole nation.

One new missionary strategy is seen in the purchase of two planes for use in the vast distances of north and central Brazil. Missionaries Robert Standley and Blonnye Foreman traveled 1,500 miles in three days, visiting the twenty-eight towns which Mr. Foreman had covered by mule, truck, and foot in four months. In all that area they found five evangelicals—three Baptists and two Presbyterians—but everywhere people gladly heard the gospel message and begged them to stay. They found 30,000 school age children but only 1,000 enrolled in dilapidated buildings with poorly prepared teachers. A few places had no landing field but in many places men promised to prepare such fields and give property for a school if they would only come. These planes will make it possible to reach thousands eager for a better way of life.

Another development occurred in the great northern city of Recife, Pernambuco, where thirty-eight Baptist churches joined in a simultaneous revival effort last year. Using newspaper and radio advertising, distributing tracts and personal invitations, the nightly church meetings were climaxed the last Sunday by a huge gathering of 10,000 people in a downtown park. The consecrated, brilliant preacher, an ex-priest, held the people spellbound as he gave the experience of his own conversion. Nothing of this kind had ever before happened in Brazil.

But the forces of evil always work hardest where good abounds. This same evangelist was speaking several months later in the great city of Manaus, 1,000 miles up the Amazon River, and had to be protected by the local police when an open-

air meeting was interrupted. Electric wires were cut, the missionary car was stoned, and the loud-speaker equipment broken up. Only this year the girls' dormitory of our school in Mandos was burned. So persecution still flourishes where the Church of Rome predominates, but in most cases evangelical groups are protected by the local authorities.

Paulo Freyre de Araujo says: "In Brazil today the gospel is growing with a frightening rhythm because it is almost incredible that with such weak tools the Lord should be working miracles. It frightens us because very soon there will not be enough shepherds to lead so many new sheep."

Lester Sumrall, after a recent survey, says: "I proclaim to the Protestant people of America that if we do not evangelize our southern neighbors the occultist will come and steal their immortal souls. It is a challenge to be met now. We need a tremendous revival of the Holy Spirit to lead men away from the primitive mysticism and formalism of Catholicism to belief in a living Christ, Redeemer of the world."

Missionary Kirk, after preaching for the first time to men who had never heard the gospel, wrote: "I wish you could have felt the firm handclasp, seen the pleading eyes, and heard the voice full of gratitude as one man looked into my soul and said, 'Sir, this is such good news. When are you coming back?'"

Argentina

With about 70 per cent of her 18,000,000 people living in large cities, this great country towers above its neighbors as the most progressive, richest, most literate, and one of the most Catholic. Emigrants from Spain, Italy, France, Russia, Germany, and Austria make up about one-third of the entire population. Although advanced materially and intellectually, they show appalling spiritual ignorance. Christ is always presented as an infant in the arms of Mary or a pitiful, bloodstained figure hanging lifeless on a cross, or lying life-size in a glass-enclosed coffin under the altar. The church dignitaries with President Peron, dictate the laws and education of the people.

The rising influence of the evangelical movement is proved by the fact that an

Argentine Baptist pastor led a group which succeeded in keeping religious freedom on the statute books. Many influential public officials have been educated in "Colegio Ward" a fine Methodist academy. Baptists are building a large international Seminary and Training School in Buenos Aires (*Buenos Iris*) to serve the undergraduate students from Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina, and provide graduate study for more advanced students from these three countries and Chile. Our missionaries are scattered out over this one million square mile area in seven different centers. Seven couples try to reach as many different communities as they can in a given state or states; four couples and three women teach in our seminary and training school; two supervise Good Will Centers; and one supervises the Woman's Missionary Union work.

Missionary Swenson, in charge of publications, reports the sale in two years of ten thousand copies of songbooks with ten thousand just reprinted. It is difficult to reprint many books now because of the increased cost of publication.

Missionary Bowdler has made a survey of Patagonia which stretches for 1,500 miles along the Atlantic Coast one-half the length of Argentina and west to Chile. Here Dutch, Polish, Yugoslav, Welsh, English, and Scotch are building banks, tourist hotels, orphanages, schools and museums, in nine rapidly growing centers. Already Mormons, Methodists, Dutch Reformed, and Pentecostals are at work; but in many communities no evangelical work is found. All education is in the hands of the Catholic Church. Patagonia not only has a future, but has a challenging present.

Paraguay

Until six years ago the Baptist mission enterprise in Paraguay was supported by our Baptist brothers in Argentina and Uruguay. Then Missionary Goldfinch and his wife moved up the Paraguay River to the capital city of Asunción as our first Southern Baptist representatives. Almost 90 per cent pure Guarani Indian or mestizo (mixed), these unfortunate people have been buffeted about by Spanish conquerors, by a Jesuit empire, by boundary wars between Brazil, Bolivia, and Argentina. Now Paraguay is receiving many immigrants



from European countries. Many of these were already Baptists. In Encarnación, port city of the Parana River, a wayside pulpit on the street side of our Baptist Center attracted attention. Open Bibles in six languages—Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, German, and Guarani (Indian)—and various Bible verses printed for wall mottoes were displayed above the door in a large showcase fitted with glass doors. Recently the locks were picked, a Spanish Bible, the Psalms in Guarani, and a motto, "Ye must be born again," were stolen. We hope for the conversion of the thief.

Another unusual development in Paraguay is our fifty-bed hospital at the edge of Asunción. An estimated 75 per cent of the population have no medical care and there are no national nurses with training equal to that required in our country, so Doctor Franklin Fowler, born in Argentina, and his staff look forward to ministering to the bodies and souls of those who come to the hospital and to the clinic held every day in the crowded, riverfront section.

The steadily growing groups of believers

THE ILLUSION

by Charles A. Wells

The great wars of this century, which have been more savage and cruel than any wars in human history, have been waged chiefly by Christian nations. Millions of people try to cover themselves with a canopy of virtue simply because they have been told they live in a Christian country. But that canopy does not protect them from the consequences of their blind selfishness and evil doing. Nor does a nation calling itself Christian escape penalty when selfish commercialism erodes the national character or devotion to militarism, and when scientific violence replaces devotion to truth and good will. The wreckage of modern Europe should warn us that nations are not Christian, only individuals can be Christians. And nations cannot become Christian except as individuals become Christian.

who remain true to their Saviour in spite of ostracism and persecution, give our six couples and three missionary women assurance of God's ever-present Spirit flowing through them.

Uruguay

An overnight boat trip from Buenos Aires across the mouth of the Rio de la Plata River brings the traveler to the modern city of Montevideo, capital of Uruguay. Only about 20 per cent of Uruguay's 2,000,000 people are illiterate and 86 per cent are of Spanish or European descent. Rich farm lands yield good crops and the colorful gaucho (cowboy) follows the cattle across the endless pampas. Many of the nation's leaders are turning from their former polite tolerance to interested inquiry.

With about one-third of the population of Uruguay living in Montevideo, our missionaries naturally began work there. The fine Methodist school, Crandon Institute, stands at the top of educational institu-

tions. Along with Uruguay's advanced social legislation, progressive ideas of freedom give missionaries unlimited opportunities to use any methods they wish to spread the good news. Radio time is given. A Bible Coach distributes Bibles and tracts; loud-speaker systems are used in open-air meetings; a large moveable tent is used in summer (December to February) revivals; and many vacation Bible schools are held during the summer months.

Our three couples working in three centers find many open doors which time and strength forbid their entering. But more national workers are being trained in the Seminary in Buenos Aires. The needs are so great that we must find new couples at once with patience and a burning desire to see people saved despite discouragements and slow results.

Chile

Probably not more than 5 or 6 per cent of the masculine population of Chile or 14 per cent of the feminine population are Catholics in good standing. Of the large German and Swiss colonies which settled in the rich farming section of Valdivia, many were Lutheran or evangelical.

Besides the regular evangelical groups working in Chile, there are many Faith Missions without organized boards to support them, and about 100,000 who are affiliated with the Pentecostal groups. One has only to watch the large crowd in the Santiago Pentecostal Church, the ragtime music of the fifty-piece orchestra, the many, who swaying and bending in rhythm, seek the mezzuriers' bench with wails of grief or shouts of ecstasy, to know that the masses of the people are groping for a power which will change their lives and give them hope of salvation.

Our seven couples and nine women missionaries, located in only five widely separated cities, operate an Institute and Publishing Center in Santiago; Academy in southern Temuco; a Good Will Center in desert Antofagasta; and minister to as many other cities as their time and strength permit. We glory in the five couples now preparing in the Spanish language school in Costa Rica. Even though the 500,000 Evangelicals seem small among the five million people in Chile, their influence is felt in every phase of life. Businessmen



Luis Hart with eager children in her Good Will Center in Antofagasta, Chile

advertise in newspapers for helpers who are "Canutos"—the popular synonym for evangelical—those who will neither steal, lie, or get drunk.

Missionary Cornelia Brower reports such crowded conditions in the "Colegio Bautista" in Temuco that many had to be turned away. A government official recently inspecting the school, said: "What a shame that a school with the prestige of this one should be more poorly equipped than any government school of similar standing in Temuco." Money from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and memorial gifts will make possible the erection of the Agnes Graham Memorial assembly hall and dining room which are so sorely needed.

Adequate church buildings will soon be finished in Valparaiso and Santiago. Increased attendance at W.M.U. meetings, young people's conferences, vacation Bible school weeks, and a slow but steadily growing number of conversions are encouraging.

Further Expansion in Northern Countries

Baptists entered Colombia in 1942 and now have moved into Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.

Of the many known tribes of Indians in this region, many practice cannibalism and are completely savage. Among the civilized

tribes Catholicism was forcibly placed on top of old pagan beliefs. If they pray to the virgin and she does not answer, they go to the witch doctor who talks with the gods of their fathers who answer their prayers. After 400 years of undisputed opportunity and authority, the Church of Rome has left the Indians in gross ignorance, with only one in 1,000 able to read, except where the civil government has taken interest in them. Where the Spaniards found cultured Aztecs with a highly developed empire, living in houses of granite and weaving golden ornaments, one now sees their dejected, empire-less sons living in houses of mud, weaving ornaments of brass, copper, and alloys.

Colombia

Because of church controlled governments in these countries all evangelical efforts have been difficult. Presbyterians have fine schools in Barranquilla, Colombia, and in Lima, Peru, and their Christian influence on the leaders of these countries, plus the desire of the governments for the good will of the United States, opened the doors for the beginning of Baptist work in Colombia.

Missionary Schweinsberg, after service in Bolivia, went to Barranquilla and began to preach to the five Baptists he could find. Slowly and surely they added trained converts who in turn began to preach to their friends.

Only half the people can read so one of our first Primary schools was built in a district of Barranquilla (population 180,000) where 11,000 school age children had no school of any kind. As new missionaries arrived, new groups became churches, new Primary schools opened in church property, until today ten couples and seven women missionaries (with two other couples studying Spanish in Costa Rica) live in five centers where they preach, teach, and publish the gospel. One couple lives on the island of San Andres 200 miles north of Cartagena in the Caribbean.

Perhaps the most unusual development has been the granting of permission by the government of Colombia for Missionary Doctor McGlamery to practice medicine there—a privilege never before granted a foreign doctor. Southern Baptists eagerly await the opening of the hospital now be-

ing built in Barranquilla, and hope soon to send other doctors and nurses to assist in this much needed ministry.

Venezuela

Enthusiasm of the Baptists in Colombia has spilled beyond its borders into other countries. Now two missionary couples work in Venezuela, the oil-rich country where American investments have made it the most expensive place to live of all the countries. About half of the people are of pure Indian descent, and one finds the extremes of rich and poor which exist in countries with an educated, wealthy few and ignorant masses. Our congregation in lofty Caracas, the capital, will soon meet in a new well located building. Before long another couple will complete language study in Costa Rica and go to join these others who are finding some independent groups of believers begging to be affiliated as Baptists.

Years ago Dr. Charles Maddry dreamed of the day when there would be a Baptist witness in every country in South America. With two families going to the mountains, predominantly Indian country of Ecuador and another couple to Peru, that dream has been realized.

Peru

Despite the efforts of the Catholic Church to keep the loyalty and support of the people, a survey of 500 students at Cuzco, Peru, showed 1 per cent active Roman Catholic, 8 per cent favoring that form of religion, 20 per cent in favor of evangelical faiths, and 70 per cent entirely indifferent to any religion.

A movement toward theological free thinking among students has resulted in the development of a Free Church in Peru.

Missionary Oates, in Lima, says: "We began services in the residential section of Miraflores (meaning "look at the flowers") in a rented hall far from a church of any kind—Catholic or evangelical. The majority of people who come are young men with steady jobs. Eight men have already made confessions of faith. A national pastor educated in our Seminary in Argentina has recently returned to Lima and will begin to preach in another section of the city. We must have a beautiful building in this historic city with its outstanding colonial architecture."

Ecuador

"The small, proud country of Ecuador with its colonial capital of Quito presents the same problems as Peru. Here again the small minority of landed aristocracy thrives on the ignorant masses who are about 50 per cent pure Indian. The powerful radio station, "The Voice of the Andes," owned and operated by an independent evangelical organization, has been broadcasting without opposition since 1933 and has given many hearts an eagerness to know more of this "religion of the Book."

As Baptists grow in any country an ever increasing demand for trained leadership must be met. With the idea of a school for workers from Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru, as well as Colombia—at least for the present—property was bought near the progressive city of Cali (population 130,000). Julius Hickerson and his wife were appointed by our Board and sent to study Spanish before going to Colombia. His fine education, his unusually quick grasp of the language, and above all the ready response of the people to his

deep concern for their spiritual welfare made his appointment as head of the proposed seminary very wise.

In March, Dr. Hickerson flew up to Cali from Cartagena (no road connects the two cities) to look at the property and to discuss further plans for the school with Missionary Schweinsberg. On the return trip a wing of the powerful plane was severed in a terrific storm and all plunged to instant death. What a tragedy! He had often prayed that if his death could count for more than his life he was willing to die; his favorite verse, Philippians 1:21: "For me to live is Christ, and to die, is gain," shows that same wholly dedicated spirit.

One missionary said of him: "He was able to accomplish in fourteen months more than some of us will do in fourteen years."

When the missionaries told Mrs. Vivian Dunn Hickerson that they felt a memorial service at the church would be expected by the people and that it could be a wonderful evangelistic opportunity, she agreed. Missionaries and national pastors planned and took part in the impressive service. She wrote: "The Lord has been very near during all this. I do not plan to return to the States until my regular furlough time. Life has not ended for me, it has only begun because I have to live for, Julius too, now more than ever before." Such a witness before people to whom death means the possible end of everything will not fail to win many to the way of eternal life.

There are still many phases of our work but briefly touched on; we have not mentioned the names of all of our 358 missionaries in South America. We could tell of countless opportunities which can only be met by increasing numbers of men and women who like Julius Hickerson are wholly dedicated to God's will for them in a foreign land.

Alberto Rembao says of followers of the living Christ in Latin American countries: "Perhaps it has been the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom unto this new people of his, and perhaps before long, even the sending churches in these United States may feel the fire that in this very hour is sweeping through Latin America with the tempo of a world-shaking conflagration." God grant that it may be so!

Program Topics for 1952

Theme for the Year:

The Seeking Peoples of the World

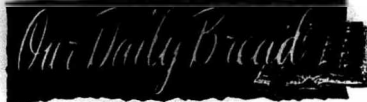
Scripture:

"But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

Aim:

To see the peoples of the world as Jesus sees them

January	Good News for All Who Seek (Missions in the Bible)
February	The Ministry of Prayer
March	Cuba for Christ
April	Hawaiians Are Americans Too
May	Home (Youth)
June	Meet the Alaskans
July	Liberty and Justice for All (Racial Problems)
August	Consider Europe
September	Japan's Puzzled People



"Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

1 Wednesday "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink"—Prov. 25:21

Miss Roberta Ryan, Temuco, Miss Oleta Snell, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism

2 Thursday "Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow"—Isa. 1:17

Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner, Rev. and Mrs. William A. Hickman, Jr., appointees for Paraguay, at Costa Rica language school

3 Friday "... Increase our faith."—Luke 17:5

Miss Gladys McLanahan, Raymondsville, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Mojica, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, educational evangelism among Spanish-speaking

4 Saturday "Deal with thy servant according unto thy lovingkindness, and teach me thy statutes."—Ps. 119:124

Rev. and Mrs. Orville W. Reid, Guadalupe, Rev. and Mrs. James D. Crane, Torreon, Mexico, educational evangelism

5 Sunday "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."—Jas. 5:11

Pray for members of Sunbeam Bands and their leaders during Sunbeam Focus Week, August 5-11.

6 Monday "Despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty."—Job 5:17

Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Culpepper, language study, Tokyo, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, educational evangelism, Tobata, Japan

7 Tuesday "If thou canst believe, all

by Mrs. B. A. Copass, Texas

things are possible to him that believeth."—Mark 9:23

Spain's W.M.U. Annual Meeting, second week in August

8 Wednesday "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear..."—Prov. 1:33

Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, educational evangelism; Amy Vary and Luisa Hawkins, Margaret Fund students

9 Thursday "All are yours and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's"—1 Cor. 3:22,23

Pray for Miss Alma Hunt, director, and for the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest, N.C., August 9-15

10 Friday "... Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."—Rom. 5:20

Mrs. Homer Grimmett, Anadarko, Oklahoma, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Naranjo, Espanola, New Mexico, Indian evangelism

11 Saturday "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid..."—Isa. 12:2

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Jennings, Barcelona, Spain, evangelism

12 Sunday "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."—1 John 4:11

Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, China, evangelism, temporary assignment Honolulu, T.H., *Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Lide, China, educational evangelism, Mary and Frank Lide, Margaret Fund students

13 Monday "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord."—Prov. 21:31

*Miss Eva Sanders, medical evangelism, Ire, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, evangelism, Oyo, Nigeria

14 Tuesday "... Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks."—Isa. 26:1

Alaska's W.M.U. Annual Meeting

15 Wednesday "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."—2 Cor. 9:6

*Rev. and Mrs. Max E. Pettit, evangelism, Baguio, Philippine Islands, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware, educational evangelism, China, temporary assignment, Honolulu, T.H.

16 Thursday "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster."—Prov. 18:9

Pray for Mr. J. I. Bishop, director, and the Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, N.C., August 16-22

17 Friday "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."—1 Cor. 7:23

Rev. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, educational evangelism, San Jose, Costa Rica

18 Saturday "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man."—Prov. 21:17

Miss Rosemary Limbert, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick M. Horton, Tokyo, Japan, language study

19 Sunday "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."—Prov. 18:21

Rev. and Mrs. Albert B. Craighead, appointees for Italy, Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Lawton, evangelism, Torino, Italy

20 Monday "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not."—Rom. 12:14

*Miss Irene Smith, educational evangelism, Argentina, Rev. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, appointees for Argentina at Costa Rica language school

21 Tuesday "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11:26

Miss Florence Lide, China, educational evangelism, temporary assignment, Lagos, Nigeria, *Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Harris, China, medical evangelism

22 Wednesday "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life . . ."—John 6:27

Miss Esperanza Martinez, Harlingen, Texas, kindergarten, Spanish-speaking, Miss Ollie Lewellyn, emeritus, Home Mission Board

23 Thursday "And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail . . ."—Jer. 1:19

*Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, W.M.U. executive secretary, Nigeria, Rev. W. M. and

Dr. Martha J. Gilliland, educational and medical evangelism, Oghomsho, Nigeria

24 Friday "Execute ye justice and righteousness and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor . . ."—Jer. 22:3

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, appointees for Japan, Miss Frances Talley, educational evangelism, Kokura, Japan

25 Saturday "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life . . ."—John 5:24

Rev. S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Rev. Ammon Bradford, Little Rock, Arkansas, educational evangelism among their own Negro race

26 Sunday "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."—Rom. 10:13

Rev. L. D. Wood, San Antonio, Texas, superintendent of Mexican mission work in Texas for our Home Mission Board

27 Monday " . . . Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. 10:8

Miss Edith Chaney, medical evangelism, Ire, Miss Mary Catherine Adams, educational evangelism, Iwo, Nigeria

28 Tuesday "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort."—2 Cor. 1:3

*Dr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Bryan, medical evangelism, *Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Connelly, evangelism, China

29 Wednesday "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—1 Cor. 10:31

Rev. and Mrs. William Howard Bryant, evangelism, Antofagasta, Chile

30 Thursday "Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?"—1 Peter 3:13

*Rev. and Mrs. Winston J. Crawley, evangelism, Baguio, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Jowers, evangelism, Manila, Philippine Islands

31 Friday "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten . . ."—Rev. 3:19

*Rev. and Mrs. Zach J. Deal, Jr., educational evangelism, Cartagena, Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Shelton, evangelism, Paysandu, Uruguay

Our World in Books

BY THELMA BROWN BURLAND

THERE'S ALWAYS ADVENTURE

by Grace E. Barlow Murphy, Harper, \$4

Are you taking a book trip this summer? You will enjoy this journey by a wise and spirited woman who accompanied her husband, Robert Murphy, of the New York Museum of Natural History, all over the world.

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Mrs. Murphy absorbed her surroundings and apparently without effort adapted herself to whatever kind of place she was in, whether on a pilgrimage to Cuzco, the "matchless ancient capital of the ancient Incas," or having tea with Lady Gregory in the River Shannon country.

Often their three lively children journeyed with them. So there are practical illustrations of child training and education, a great deal of sound philosophy on a creative temperament in marriage, and a mouth-watering recipe for clam chowder!

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THE CHINA STORY

by Freda Utley, Regency, \$3.50

Probably the most desolate chapter in our history is the reversal, since World War II, of America's policy in the Far East. How can it be that since February, 1945, we have lost 400,000,000 good friends and loyal allies?

After entering one war to free China from her invader Japan, how could we sell her to another? How and why were the fruits of our great victories of V-J Day thrown away? Who is responsible for the monstrous slaughter in Korea?

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questions but there are straightforward facts that explain them.

Speaking in Congress July 18, 1950, Dr. Walter Judd said: "It was always fantastic to imagine we could convert our enemies into our friends by treating our friends as if they were our enemies."

Freda Utley's book quotes this statement with other truths. She draws her knowledge from our "White Papers" and other state documents; from congressional records and committee hearings. These are supplemented by journals, letters, from eyewitnesses and her own personal experiences.

MY PATIENTS WERE ZULUS

by James M. McCord, Rinehart, \$3

Witch doctors, eerie moonlit figures dressed in fur caps, antelope horns and monkey tails; Zulu blacks, dancing wildly to jungle tom-toms; savage green beauty of Africa's bush country—these were the day-dreams that led James B. McCord to long to go to Africa as a doctor. He read the adventures of David Livingstone and wanted to do something for Africa also.

At Oberlin College, he met Margaret Mellin whose father had been a missionary in Zululand. When there was an opening in the station of their choice, the young medic and his wife landed in South Africa. It was October, 1899, the day after the outbreak of the Boer War.

His exciting life among the Zulus was really one battle or entanglement after another. First he had to cope with witch doctors and fight against primitive customs. Disease and prejudice were twin antagonists. Medical Council had just passed a law requiring all doctors to have a British degree. This meant a year in London leaving his family in Natal.

But after years of struggle, he and Dr. Alan Taylor could point to three hospitals. The devotion of his wife and the gratitude of the Zulus combined to help him realize one of the finest dreams among present-day missionaries.

This book is not as well written as some other missionary biography. But it does present another important facet of life dedicated to a great unselfish cause and will inspire others.



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