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Hinatsuka Baptist Church

"Mrs. Masa Yokomizo and all of the members of my church made the contribution of gratitude for your presents."

"The contribution was appreciated and is a part of the building fund of our splendid church."

"The church will be blessed through the help of Southern Baptists."

My dear ROYAL SERVICE friends:

I thank God very much for his blessings. You inserted the description about Mrs. Yokomizo, the chairman of the Woman's Missionary Association of my church, in your ROYAL SERVICE according to the report of an American missionary in Japan. Soon many kinds of clothes and CARE packages were sent from the churches and Woman's Missionary Societies of every state of America to us. We heartily thank you for these presents.

I mailed the letters of thanks to the addresses of the people who gave us the presents, but to my great disappointment, many of the letters didn't reach the addressees but were returned to us.

Now I wish to communicate our thanks to them by some means, so I shall be very grateful if you will insert this letter in ROYAL SERVICE and by this means we shall be able to express our thanks through your magazine.

Yours faithfully,

Naoki Nagata  
Pastor of Hinatsuka Baptist Church  
1822 Hinatsuka, Hinatsuka City,  
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Naoki Nagata with his family with the CARE packages they received

## If I Were Sending My Children To School

by Lois Carter

**T**HIS month hundreds of thousands of boys and girls throughout the United States will be answering the call of school bells. Some will come from modest homes, some from cabins and trailers, and others from mansions. Regardless of the type of dwelling, there will be a leaving home and an entering into a different environment.

For many youngsters it will be a time of happy anticipation, as they enter a schoolroom to begin their formal education.

For a few it will be the time for returning to a grind and a dreaded ordeal.

But for the greatest number it will be a natural part of their growing up in a pleasant place with new friends, old friends, new experiences, and a new adventure.

It is a time when the school personnel look forward to the coming of both old and new students. Each child who enters the school building throws out a challenge to the classroom teacher. In the classroom of today sit the citizens of tomorrow. Each day the teacher faces the future ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, architects, engineers, ditch diggers, nurses, and homemakers. Well does she realize that America and the world of tomorrow can be no greater than the students of today. So our schools today aim to teach young people to live in their community, to share in its work, and to shoulder their responsibilities. The community is no longer just the small area where a person works and lives, but its bounds now include the whole world. Students today must be taught to be world minded.

During this time of unrest and unsettled conditions it is most important that the home and school work very closely together. So if I were a mother, and if it were the first time, the seventh time, or the twelfth time that my sons and daughters were entering school, there are a few facts, ideals, and truths that I would have them know and practice.

First, the school is a community, and many adjustments will have to be made. Here your children will have to work in cooperation, in solving problems through reason and mutual consent, in placing group welfare before personal advantage, and in respect for individual worth. Parental standards of honesty and civic responsibility are the standards most likely to be adopted by children.

Students should be taught to have faith in their fellow students and in their teachers. The instructors should be looked upon as interested friends to be treated with respect and consideration. Children should not be compelled to obey because of fear but because of admiration and respect. The best work cannot be accomplished in an atmosphere of struggle, strife, and distrust. The classroom teacher is not a servant, but a guide and counselor.

I would impress upon my children the necessity for being honest and for having a high regard for the personal property of others. Habits formed in early life are carried into adulthood. It is just as dishonest to steal an answer from a student's paper as it is to steal money from his purse. Found articles should be returned to their owners. Finders are not keepers. Equipment in the buildings does not belong to one individual, so therefore no one person should carve his initials on chairs, desks, tables, and lockers, or destroy or deface the maps and books prepared for his use. If a book is borrowed from an individual or the library, or if a saw is borrowed from the shop, it should be returned at the proper time at the proper place in the proper condition.

I would have the children in my family make an extra



effort to get along with people. Help them to leave deceit and chicanery out of their lives. No one loves a deceiver and a schemer. Selfishness has to be pushed aside and replaced by kindness and patience. Not all students can be leaders; many need to be trained to be good followers. So jealousy will have to exchange places with co-operation. No one student can excel in all fields, but each fits into the school pattern. In order to get along with people one must be polite. It is not being a sissy when one says excuse me and thank you. Good manners should be practiced in the halls, library, cafeteria, and on the grounds as well as in the classroom. Encourage them to be willing to share materials, thoughts and ideas with others. When we share, we care.

I would help my children to become self-reliant and to cheerfully accept responsibility. To be self-reliant is not to be self-sufficient. No one admires a snob or egotist. A student needs the counseling and guidance of a mature adult at all times, but all decisions should not be made by older persons. When students are given assignments or when they accept a responsibility,

they should carry these out to the best of their ability, and be sure that they are completed on time. It may be the giving out of lunch tickets, the dusting of erasers, the writing of an essay, or the editing of the school newspaper. Either of these should be done with the same sense of responsibility. Dignity of labor is measured not by its kind but by the spirit of the laborer and the worth of the product.

I would strive to create in my children a sense of loyalty and faithfulness. They should be loyal to their ideals, their family, their clubs, their friends, their school, and their church. To be truant and to criticize faculty members unjustly is not being loyal. To support a team only when it has a winning streak is not being a loyal school citizen.

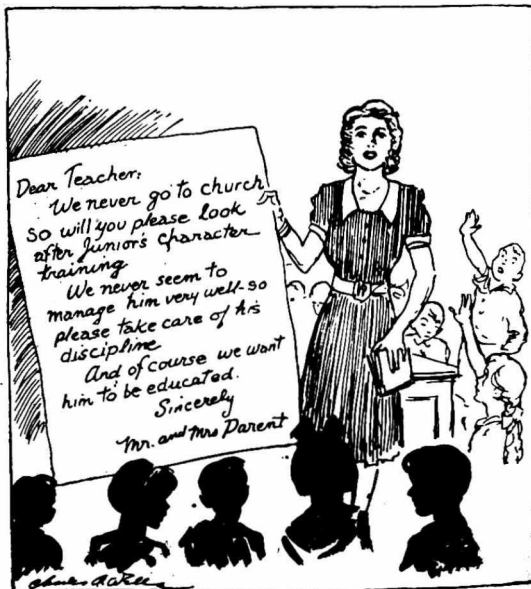
I would urge them to be tolerant of all races and of all religions. It has been said that children learn intolerance only as they are taught intolerance by adults. They should be made to realize that all the people of a particular nation are not bad, neither are all the people of a single nation good. If a nation is superior in one product, it

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### SCHOOL DAYS

by Charles A. Wells

Isn't the crisis in the schools due chiefly to the fact that there has been a crisis in the homes of America? Millions of spiritually indifferent parents have broken their relationship with the church. They have dumped their duties as parents on the over-worked, underpaid school teacher. The only real cure for our "school problem" is a spiritual awakening in the homes of America.



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## OUR COVER THIS MONTH

"Bring ye all the tithes....."

As good stewards we tithe our time and talents, our job and its products, as well as our money. The cover pictures "all-out" stewardship.

"I have yielded Him my life forever,  
All I am, have, or hope to be."

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# Elastic Money

by Mrs. N. Hoyt Eudaly

**M**ONEY in Mexico is made of regular paper just like the checks you use but I followed one ten dollars and it seemed elastic. This is what it purchased:

- 50 boxes of crayons, 8 in a box
- 100 brads for holding notebooks together
- Lovely cardboard to make backs for 20 notebooks
- 50 oranges for a family of nine people
- 2 cakes of palmolive soap
- 1000 sheets of mimeograph paper
- 500 sheets of onionskin paper

Paid for the making of a lovely white dress to be used in the coronation of a girl who has reached the step of Queen in G.A.

Does that seem elastic to you?

Suppose we say the ten dollars is from Mrs. Smith. She believes in the Cooperative Program 100 per cent. She believes in tithing and in doing all she can to promote worldwide mission work. Because of the love in her heart for her Lord she sent this ten dollars beyond her tithe. She sacrificed something personal in order to do this. It may have been a new Easter bonnet or something she specially wanted in her home. At any rate it was a love gift.

So I thought I would prepare an itemized list to show Mrs. Smith just where the money had been spent. I am amazed at the number of places she is projecting herself through her money. I have always heard our leaders say, "You can go through your money because you money is actually you."

This showed me where Mrs. Smith has gone, here in Mexico. The crayons have been used twice. A box was given to each child who comes to a little class I have in my section of Torreon. His name was written upon the box. He was told that they were really his own but after each class they would be collected and kept in their box. Many had never owned crayons before. They were so very careful not to let them fall and break. Three large boys arrived late and stayed over an hour coloring and learning the words for that day's lesson. As they colored we taught them verses from the Bible. We assured them that they could use the colors in the mission on Sunday afternoon. And they were used! Two of

the same older boys arrived late—they want to make it evident that they are not interested in our religion but the desire to color and make something pretty urged them on. We remained with them long after the time for dismissal and taught them verses as they colored. We have the promise of God that his word shall not return unto him void. We are trusting him to win these and others as they use the crayons, and listen to his Holy Word.

The 1,500 sheets of paper will go into many different homes. Some of them are very humble and without pictures on the wall unless it is a saint that they worship. The children are carrying their colored pictures with verses from the Bible on them to their respective homes. Think of being able to multiply yourself 1,500 times in this manner!

Then Mrs. Smith will project herself into another service here in Mexico. We are preparing to have our first coronation service and plan to crown four queens. One of our lovely girls could not buy her dress. Someone purchased the material and some of the gift paid for making the lovely white dress. So in one sense Mrs. Smith will be walking down the aisle of the church in the service and will feel the heartbeat of this lovely girl, Elvia, as she is honored as a result of her work in her G.A.

We are not as advanced in our religious education program as you are, and have just begun having our officers and teachers meeting for the Sunday school. In order to file and use our records we needed a note book for each of our workers. We purchased regular paper brads with round gold heads and the cardboard to make the backs. I can easily imagine those little gold heads twinkling and smiling with glee as the note books are used over and over. They are trying to say to our friend back in the homeland, "You made us what we are—useful servants instead of just one hundred brads in a box on the shelf."

Have you always taken for granted that everyone has soap? I heard my brother tell about the people in Belgium during World War II begging for the bits of soap left after they had used the cake of soap until it was not large enough to use any more. Thank God, we do not have a war here in Mexico, but soap is a problem. When people are applying for work and speaking

their salary they always add, "And will you give me my soap to wash my clothes and for my bath?" Soap is an important matter. This soap was given to a young Christian girl who has suffered a great deal of persecution and is now trying to go to school, preparing to serve her own people.

The oranges! We have a student in our seminary who has seven children. It is impossible to buy all of the fruit, milk, eggs, meat and other things they need. Yet the family is always so happy, and their humble spirit makes one blessed when he can share something with them. In her mind's eye Mrs. Smith can picture that lovely family in their very humble home with its few furnishings eating the half a hundred oranges. Not even the rind is left because the children here eat the entire fruit.

## Three Approaches in Soul-Winning

by Chaplain P. E. Cullom

**W**HEN God puts you with someone under favorable conditions to win them, pray, pray to say the right words.

### 1. How?

First, get the person to tell you how he thinks a person is born again. Ask it as a normal question and pray, *pray earnestly* while you are waiting for an answer. Don't give your idea. This is your question. If he hesitates, ask the same question over in a different way. "How do you think a person goes to Heaven?" "How do you think a person becomes a Christian?" If he gets it partly right keep asking questions. If he says, "By baptism," you can ask, "Do you really believe baptism saves a person?" He will say "No." Then say again, "Well, how do you think it does happen?" (Our Lord asked a lot of questions.) After he tells you his idea, you can help to straighten him out if he does not understand. (Most people can tell you if you keep asking questions.)

### 2. Have You?

"Have you done this thing?" Meaning of course the thing that he just got through telling you a person must do to be saved. You might go over what you have agreed on. Say, "Do you believe God has the power and will forgive a person if he honestly seeks forgiveness and honestly gives his life

I have seen many diagrams illustrating just where our dollar goes when we send it through our church treasury but this account may help you visualize a world of needs so great that unless we see them we cannot imagine them. We need to see our lost world until it becomes so real that as women of our great Woman's Missionary Union we will redouble our efforts to lead our boys and girls and adults in a program of tithing, serving and giving until we surpass all that we have ever done in the past.

You can go throughout all the world. You will not always receive an itemized statement as to where every penny of your money has gone and it is impossible to receive an account of the results of our efforts in service, but the One Perfect Accountant has our complete record.

to Jesus?" The chances are he will say, "Yes, I believe that."

### 3. Why Not?

"Do you know any reason why you should not do this?" or "Why don't you do this?" Invite the person to pray with you and make the surrender now. If you are not in a suitable place try to get him to go to a room, in the entrance of a building, to the church, or someplace where you can pray.

### These Questions Are Really Only an Approach

Usually the fellow will give you his excuse or reason for not accepting Christ. Everyone knows some Scripture verses and other answers to the common objectives.

As you learn to drive a car by driving it, you will learn better how to do this most glorious thing in life by practice. May the Lord bless your efforts. Of course, you cannot win everyone. Jesus is in us "reconciling the world unto himself."

Only Three Rules: (1) Talk to only one person at a time. (2) Don't give up as long as that person is willing to talk. (3) Ask questions.

"Go ye . . . every creature . . . and lo I am with you."

The Lord has used me to win hundreds to Jesus through this approach to the subject.

# "Home Missions in Italy"

by Virginia Wingo

**MACCHIAVALFORTORE** is about the last place an American would expect to find a home mission story—that is, an American home mission story.

It is a small town in the Abruzzi Mountains, southeast of Rome, two-thirds of the way between Termoli, on the Adriatic, and Naples. Some of its streets are so narrow that one can stretch his arms and reach across them; all are cobblestoned and steep. There are hills below, beyond, and around the town, and breath-taking views of far valleys, and distant mountains snow-peaked in the first days of winter. Too, there are many small farms, where most of the people make their living. Some walk a long distance to the fields in the morning, returning to the village in the evening. There is little contact with Italy's great coastal cities. Yet a chance remark of Signora Giuseppina's told of missions in faraway America!

It was one chilling winter evening but warm in the kitchen of a snug little house on one of those narrow streets. Upstairs they were ready for the service to begin. Signora Giuseppina and the others had waited four hours for the missionary party to arrive from Rome but even so the travelers must be served coffee and cookies before the service began. Mary Lou Moore, daughter of missionaries Dr and Mrs. Dewey Moore, said something that prompted Signora Giuseppina to explain how the church at Macchiavalfortore was started. Briefly she told that years ago her grandfather went to America. When he came back home to Italy, he began telling the people about Jesus Christ, the living Saviour. Some believed. And the Baptist church began.

It was time for the service and afterwards while helping prepare a late supper for the guests, she was too busy to give details. But there you have it, the merest outline for a mission story.

Somewhere in America an Italian immigrant found friends and the gospel.

Someone became acquainted with him and taught him the truth that makes men free. Somebody gave him the open Bible. Some American Christian remembered that missions begin wherever there is need, and that need is found wherever one lives. Somebody was a home missionary year ago.

**YOU** can see the second chapter of that mission story in this mountain village of southern Italy, with its church of more than fifty members. One is handsome, capable, young Signora Giuseppina, whose husband was killed in the war a few months before their second child was born. Another member is an attractive woman whom all agreed was the best choice for president of the woman's missionary organization, started more than a year ago. Her answer to their request was, "I have seven children, and a lot to do, but I will try!"

Outstanding among the men is Signor Nicola Gigli, a stocky, intelligent man in his forties. His formal education ended with the third grade, but he is the leading citizen of the village, and a consecrated, enthusiastic Christian. He is a layman but he serves as the pastor of the church, and the upper room of his home is used for the church's services. There are many young people, too. Nina Zampini is engaged to a student at the Baptist seminary in Rivoli. She was chosen as one of the first students to go to the new training school in Rome.

That upper meeting room became too small for the number of interested people who came. A bathtub had to be brought in to serve as a baptistry when needed. But even these inadequate facilities have not stopped the spirit of the people and some were baptized every year.

But now at last a real chapel has been built. It is small, though far larger than the upper room in Signor Gigli's home.



Virginia Wingo

It is beautiful with an arched doorway and a small balcony. On either side of the place reserved for the pulpit there is an arched window. The furniture and electric lights had not yet been secured the night the visitors from Rome were there.

But the radiance of a full moon and the glow of a tiny, primitive olive oil lamp held high by a smiling boy, lit up the interior. Through the windows could be seen the stars.

The chapel even has its bell tower. Somehow a bell must be provided, so that the Christians of Macchiavalfortore can have the joy of hearing it ring to summon them to services. More than the average church building, even more than most of those on a mission field, this church has a place in the hearts of its members. Their willingness to bear the responsibility for it was proved when the head of every family in the membership signed the contract drawn up at the time the land was purchased and the building started.

In all that territory of mountain villages, there is just one other Baptist church. It is at Ripabottoni, twenty miles away. The missionaries went there first on that late winter tour. One deacon in his fifties walked ten miles across the hills to go with them to the services at Macchiavalfortore. It is especially good that the fellowship between the two isolated churches is strong, for there is much opposition to evangelical work in that section. But, in spite of that, the work begun by Signora Giuseppina's grandfather years ago is continued with diligence and enthusiasm by his descendants and by other Christian families.

So the work that started as home missions in America and reached across an ocean becomes home missions in Italy today. There are thousands of people of other nationalities in the United States, and many will return to their homelands. Will they go back knowing no more of Jesus Christ than when they came, or will they be ardent missionaries for him? The answer lies with American Christians. You can win those around you and bless your

whole community. And you may help start the transformation of some "Macchiavalfortore" in Europe or on another continent.

## IF I WERE SENDING

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may be inferior in another. More is to be expected from a nation whose people have had exceptional educational and cultural advantages than from a nation who has been denied the advantages. Freedom of religion is one of the truly great achievements of the American way of life. So all students have a right to practice the religion of their choice and should not be frowned upon or ridiculed by others. There should be an attitude of respect and reverence for the religion of all students.

If I were sending my children to school this month, I would encourage them to live by the Golden Rule, realizing that this is done best by experience and good example.

## Suggested Visual Aids

BY MILDRED WILLIAMS

Aim: To show the need to match personnel of Advance with faithful stewardship.

Visual Aids: IN HIS NAME—35 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$10.

Pastor of a small church in an underprivileged section of a city and his congregation are satisfied with a routine program until an accident occurs. One day a group of boys was playing ball in the street next to the church when one of them threw a ball through the stained glass window of Christ breaking out the head of the figure.

The boy who threw the ball without revealing his identity immediately sent a note and eight cents (all he had) to Dr. James saying he wanted to pay for the window.

Because of the Christlike spirit and work of Dr. James and the church, the boy trusted Christ for his salvation and later dedicated his life to full-time Christian service.

# ANNUAL MEETING

## —Nigerian Style

THE W.M.U. has done wonders for the women and children of Nigeria, for these women who are the load-carriers, slaves of men, and generally the wage earners as well as the bearers of children. Miss Neale C. Young, the director, deserves much credit for her faithfulness. The president, Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde speaks equally well in Yoruba and English; though, of course, more rapidly in her own language. At the meeting on Monday, she wore a silver gray American dress, a lavender straw hat, and pendant gold earbobs. She presided with unquestionable efficiency.

Time was given in the meeting for teaching a new song, "Christ for the World We Sing," quoting in unison the old watchword and learning the new one in Luke 1:79. A group of African women sang a song a *cappella* from memory.

For relaxation, the people stood and with motions sang songs they had learned in W.M.U. schools.

The superintendents of the thirty-one associations in Nigeria and the Gold Coast came forward and presented reports on centennial goals reached.

In the devotional service, when the leader asked how many present would give their hearts to Jesus, twenty-five stood.

When it was mentioned that some members thought the apportionments in the associations were too high, they were reminded of their clothing accounts!

It was discovered that some young women are running away from the W.M.U. because it does not pay them materially. Also some churches are running the W.M.U. workers out; and it was promised that in next year's convention meeting such would be named.

Following the Better Babies' Contest the

Mrs. Owens was one of the visitors to the centennial of Southern Baptist missions in Nigeria, summer of 1950

women on the platform knelt while they sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." Five of the motherless babies from the Home sang three songs in Yoruba including "Jesus Loves Me."

On Tuesday morning, the W.M.U. young people's program was presented with a Sunbeam program demonstration, a report of the CA camp, and a playlet, "He Lives," which emphasized the resurrection power of Jesus in the healing of a blind woman.

In the W.M.U. business session Tuesday afternoon there were committee reports, discussion of report blanks, and presentation of awards. The awards included shields, appropriately lettered, to a W.M.S. member, a Y.W.A., a G.A., and an R.A.; and the Greatest Progress shield, which went to the Shaki Association. So astonished was the association to win the prize awarded that the woman to receive it came running down the aisle. There were awards in the Reading Campaign; a Bible to the man who taught the most women to read the Bible; two collection plates to the church with the most new readers; and a plaque to the association with the greatest number of readers.

The W.M.U. budget proposed 300 pounds for scholarships, money for a chapel, for the Motherless Babies' Home, world relief, and the Nigerian Baptist Convention; 800 pounds for workers' salaries; and among other items, money for the lights for the new church in which the Convention was held—making a total of 1,485 pounds or about \$4,032.35.

It was agreed that in the new year street would be put upon tithing.

At the public meeting on Tuesday night Mrs. George W. Sadler addressed the Convention. She is a former missionary and the wife of Dr. Sadler, now secretary in Europe, Africa, and the Near East. She told a story from the early days of Nigerian Baptist work. One woman had

by Mildred Nihills Owens

remained true during the time of the Civil War in the United States when we had no missionaries in Nigeria. That woman had won two women to Christ. One of these was the mother of Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, the present president of the W.M.U., and African representative in the Baptist World Alliance. What the W.M.U. has done for the home and Christian mothers should be a great encouragement for the future.

In the general convention, the report of the Motherless Babies' Home at Ogbo-mosho was presented by a native woman. The work started twenty-five years ago when Miss Ruth Kersey cared for the child of a dead mother. Now there are forty-six babies in the home. One of the services it renders is to teach mothers in their homes the better care of babies. Nigerian Baptists are being asked to make available additional money for a new building, for "small things for Nigerian Baptists have passed."

On Thursday morning, in the general

Nigerian women are proud of their record



Mrs. Sadler and her interpreter use the microphone together

meeting, the W.M.U. report was presented by illustrative posters held in the hands of seven women, who explained the centennial goals and presented their achievement. One poster on the Better Care of Babies, picturing a babe in arms as the right way, and on the mother's back as the wrong way, was held by Mrs. Ayorinde. Beautiful in a light blue Nigerian dress, Mrs. Ayorinde made one of the strongest addresses of the convention. She presented the work of the W.M.U. as the work of love and mercy and of freedom of worship. It has brought less suffering and less injustice among women. Thousands can now read and have the same privileges as men. Christian women through their homes will make Nigeria Christian. Mrs. Ayorinde made a plea against liquor, Sunday desecration, immorality, lying, stealing, and bribery. The W.M.U. is pledged not to sell strong drink, but the co-operation of the men is needed. She pled for church members to take a real stand against these evils. The call to her people was that in the new century, they think more of Christ and love him more.

This address was given in excellent English. Then, speaking rapidly in Yoruba, she gave the address with great emphasis and earnestness.

The Foreign Mission Board and the W.M.U. of the South have cause to rejoice over the accomplishments that the Lord has made possible through W.M.U. work in Nigeria.

## It Takes Christian Living!

**O**UT of the Panama Canal Zone, in a letter from missionary wife Mrs. Fred L. Jones, comes the story of how one proud mother has made Christianity live in her home.

On the night of the Recognition-Coronation service at the Cristobal church in the Canal Zone, Mrs. Lilleth S. Grant, president of that W.M.U., saw all four of her daughters crowned Girls' Auxiliary Queens.

Mrs. Jones reports: "Surely this family is making Christianity real among the people. Its members are not only faithful in all activities of the church, but during the week they are found doing acts of Christian service that reveal the spirit of Christ in their lives. Mrs. Grant told me that she would really have trouble on her hands if she told any one of her children they could not attend the church services.

"When we need extra help in any phase of the work and call for volunteers we can always expect someone from this busy family to respond. They are living in a small one-room apartment in one of the worst sections of Colon, but in spite of all the inconveniences they are always neatly attired, and have bright sunny dispositions

that speak well of the true Christian spirit in the hearts of all of them. Mr. Grant has not yet given his heart to Christ. He loves his family and they love him dearly and pray constantly for his conversion. I feel sure prayers will soon be answered for him."

Now let's turn to Mrs. Grant's own testimony for a more personal picture of their home.

"I am the only child of my parents. They are Christians. I grew up from cradle roll in a Baptist church. I took an active part in the Sunday school when I was old enough. I was baptized at an early age. I really had a true spirit of conversion because I felt the change in my heart. I taught a Sunday school class, and sang with the church choir.

"I finally became the mother of seven children—four girls and three boys. My four girls and one boy are now active members of our church. The other two younger boys have made professions of faith. One was just baptized in February.

"I have resolved to serve the Lord whom I learned to love. And I'm striving to build a Christian family."



## A Church in My Home

*Honorina Lemos, valedictorian of the 1948 graduating class in the North Brazil Training School, told Mrs. John Mein this interesting story about how a church was organized in her home.*

**I**N 1938, my oldest brother, knowing that he would be conscripted by the army joined the navy. His lengthy letters from distant Rio de Janeiro to the country village where we lived were read and reread. Then one told of his acceptance of a new religion. His letters after this were filled with little else except his new found joy.

My parents were sorely distressed. My mother who was the only one who knew how to read well began to skip the part about his religious beliefs. She even got to the place where she merely opened the letters to see that he was well and put them away. She feared that his enthusiasm for his faith might influence her and us.

Then my brother came home unexpectedly. In spite of having walked the last miles in order to spend two days of his short leave at home, he stayed up the whole night with the Bible open on his knees, while all the members of our family stood around listening to him tell how the Lord Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead. He left the Bible behind with passages marked to be read.

Each evening after supper mother would light the flickering kerosene torch and all the family would listen as she read. Just as they were about to accept this new doctrine an insect stung mother on the eye and she couldn't see to read for over a week. Our relatives were sure that she had been punished for reading the Devil's Book. Many of them refused to come to our house now.

When mother got better, she would slip the Bible down from its hiding place and read some. When my father discovered what she was doing, he insisted that she read aloud. All my family began to listen again. Mother and father were convinced that it was true.

About this time father accepted a job with a company which was reclaiming desert land in another state. The first

night in the new village they heard ringing and were told that it was a group of believers holding services.

For the first time they attended an evangelical service and their hearts were filled to overflowing with what they heard. A neighbor told them that the Bible they had was false and that the priests had the only true Bibles. Then began the hunt for a Catholic Bible to compare with theirs. But they could not find one. Months later they heard that a man living about ten miles from there had one. Both mother and father walked all day to his house and asked to see the Bible. They found that it was exactly like the one they had except for the Apocrypha, extra books in a Catholic Bible. As they walked home that night under a starlit sky, they told each other, "I'm trusting the Lord Jesus as my Saviour." All doubts had fled.

Soon we moved back to our former home. My father had begun to study and could now read God's Word for himself. He was appointed to a government tax collector job and was given an automobile to go from town to town. Everywhere he went he told all the story of Jesus.

At home all of us children became believers. One of my older brothers became a Baptist preacher. I felt that the Lord was calling me to mission work so I came here to the Training School. I've given my heart to a seminary student and we are going as missionaries to the unevangelized highlands of Paraiba. Since her conversion my mother has held services each night in our home. Some of our relatives were saved. The neighbors became believers in the Lord Jesus, and then there came the happy day when two pastors, an evangelist, and Missionary Joe Underwood came to our home and organized the church. We felt like Priscilla and Aquilla of old who had "a church in their house."

## *It's Happening Now*

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Women who read this page regularly will delight in a book the author discovered this summer. A Christian businessman, for ten years a member of Congress from California, has said what many a Congressman would like to say about *The Christian in Politics*, a 136-page book in the Haddam House series of Association Press, the Y.M.C.A. publishers.

Jerry Voorhis says he cannot claim to be a "Christian politician," but his book rings true to Christian ideals and he has devoted himself to public service as a Christian vocation for a long time. He believes the United States can be a Christian nation. He believes it requires Christian statesmen to make it one. He believes that Christian voters make Christian statesmen.

But where, he asks, are the Christian voters? "The Christian politician, however earnest and however devoted to Christian principles, cannot as of the present time count on the faithful support of the membership of the Christian Church," he contends. "America has some 60,000,000 professing Christians. . . . But not all of them . . . carry their Christian conscience with them as their principal guide when they enter the ballot box. They will readily vote against a candidate who has offended one or more of their most strongly held beliefs. But few of them will . . . cross party lines to vote for a candidate who, they know, has tried to do the will of Christ in all things."

After tracing the history of Christianity in its relation to society and government, and stating that government must act in full accord with the Great Commandments, Mr. Voorhis points out the Christian political issues today. He shows the opportunities for Christian service in membership on the school board and the civic council. He indicates the service to be rendered in the state legislature. With ample illustration from his own career, he proves how vital it is for Christian office holders to

have adequate backing among Christians at home.

Between the extremes of communism and fascism is the "Christian middle way," the author asserts. Two false ideas about democratic government exist in people's minds: the idea that government is a necessary evil and everything it does is bad (therefore, no Christian ought to "stoop" to politics); and, on the other hand, that government is here to solve every problem and meet all the people's needs. The middle way is "when voluntary action by the people, expressing voluntary mutual aid among the people, promotes by the people's effort the welfare of the people."

Mr. Voorhis' logical conclusion is that man has not conquered himself. The powers he controls threaten to become the means of mass race suicide. It is up to Christian citizens to decide whether government of the people, by the people, and for the people is or is not going to perish from the earth. "The center and core of American policy must be something more than beating Russia," and it can be if Christians will assume their responsibility as citizens.

All of which has been said many times before in other books and by other spokesmen, but rarely so well said or so convincingly. For \$1.75 this book is a good investment in self-education.

### AT WORK WITH THE WORD . . .

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## A Real Missionary Home

by Louise Woolfolk

IT was a privilege to see and even help a little in the work carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sieg, missionaries to the Laguna Indians at Laguna, New Mexico. They visit in the homes of the Indians and have weekly Sunday and midweek prayer services, Vacation Bible schools and revival services so Mr. and Mrs. Sieg keep busy. They minister to both the spiritual and physical needs of their people.

The Sieg home is a real home—one in which their love for God and for each other is akin to God's love for us. Beginning the day with God in morning devotional periods in reality lifts them to realms above, glorifying each task of the day.

It was about 9:30 o'clock on a Wednesday evening when we arrived at the little one-room chapel built many years ago for a service station. Pastor Sieg was taking one group home from the services. The others were waiting for him to return and take them. Each person who comes to the services is brought there and taken home by the pastor. Even when someone comes out time after time and calls, "No one is going, Robert," he stops by every time.

When there was no house available, some of the Indians helped the Siegs clean and curtain off the one-room chapel. Someone even furnished a washtub to catch the muddy water which always comes down through the hole in the mud roof made for the stove pipe. The back of the room served as bedrooms and the front as living room, dining room and kitchen until time to transform it into a chapel. But in spite of crowded conditions, extreme heat in summer and cold in winter and other sac-

*Miss Woolfolk spent several weeks last summer helping Mr. and Mrs. Sieg in their mission work. Since then our Home Mission Board has been able through Southern Baptist gifts to build a house for these valiant missionaries.*



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sieg

rifices too numerous to mention, it was a mansion in spirit and love and helped each one who entered it to come closer to God.

They do not stay because they see many and quick results of their untiring work and hardships. The work there is slow and discouraging. There are many difficulties which will take years and maybe generations to overcome and no one realizes it more than Pastor and Mrs. Sieg. It takes time and patience to win people whose lives have been governed by fears and superstitions for many centuries. They know they may be shunned or even cast out by their friends and kinsmen when they come to Christ and allow him to transform their lives. But some have completely surrendered and others are leaning toward surrender. And they all love their missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Sieg who love God and have heard and answered his call. They are standing on God's promises and know they are firm.

"It (God's Word) shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11b). "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20b).

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

## To Stewardship Chairmen

This is the season when most churches observe Church Night of Stewardship. We hope these suggestions will help you with a program for this very important service in your church year. In July we suggested some plays which could be used effectively in this program. In August we gave a program outline. This month we bring you program plans worked out by the stewardship chairmen and young peoples' secretaries of two states.

In planning one year, they chose "Leaves of Gold" for their theme. Covers for mimeographed programs were in the shape of leaves cut from deep yellow paper. This would be especially appropriate if the programs were given in October when leaves are turning to gold. The program included "Golden Dedication"—a devotional service led by six Y.W.A.'s based on material found on page three of *We Have A Treasure* (10c a copy from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama); "Shining Examples of Stewardship"—stories from stewardship booklet told by Sunbeams; "Golden Examples in Tithing"—personal experiences given by Intermediates; "Words of Gold from the Book of Books"—brief talk by pastor. —Mrs. C. D. Creasman

## To Community Missions Chairmen

What have you planned for shut-ins in the county homes, children's homes, homes for the aged, or in their own homes? Has your ministry of Christian fellowship been limited to a brief religious service? In one home a man said, "We're all Christians here and appreciate the women coming, but why do they always just preach to us?" In addition to your religious services, plan other activities.

One circle of young women took the Home for Aged Women in their association as a year-round activity. One month they played games with them, and another month gave a musicale. Once they took them riding to see the gardens in bloom,

and another time gave a fashion show of the "Gay Nineties" followed by a tea. The old folks had the time of their lives, and the young women enjoyed it, too.

Another circle plans a birthday party for each child in the local detention home. On each birthday, three or four women go to the home, read Scripture passages, tell a missionary story, take cake and ice cream, and sing "Happy Birthday!"

In one association the women from the different churches worked together to discover the needs of the County Home, and used their influence to get the county commissioners to take care of the badly needed repairs and to supply the necessary physical equipment for the home. This same group of women planned, cooked, and served a Thanksgiving dinner to those who lived there. And at Christmas time they provided the first Christmas tree with electric lights that many of the people had ever seen.

Whether your shut-ins are in institutions or in their own homes, you can plan a varied ministry of Christian fellowship that will brighten their days and add new joy to living. —Edith Stokely

## FOR THE SAND PILE SET THE TWO-YEAR-OLD

"See, Mommy? A bug!  
You a'mos step on litt'a' bug."  
Who can match the wonder in her eye?  
Just a tiny bug—an ant.  
I have ceased to wonder at a mere ant  
In his busy little world at my feet.  
There are bigger things to see,  
Lots of important things to do.  
Yet ought I not stop a while,  
Sit beside the two-year-old,  
And learn a thing or two?  
Watch with her the tiny creatures  
And perhaps recapture some of the wonder  
I too used to know?

## To Mission Study Chairmen

When school begins and young people go back to classrooms, adults want to study also. Your Foreign Mission Board offers you its graded series on Latin America to make a fascinating course for you. Read all the books no matter which you use as a text for all will give you the more-than-you-pupils' information you need. Also write the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia, for helps. Notice lists of movies and other visual aids which are available and use some of these. You just must have maps to see where you are going, of course.

Adults—*Pilgrimage to Spanish America* by Everett Gill, Jr. • Price 80¢

Young People—*Inca Gold* by H. W. Schweinsberg Price 60¢

Intermediates—*Under the Southern Cross* by Anne Sowell Margrett, 50¢

Juniors—*Keys to Brazil* by Edith Ayers Allen; *Teacher's Manual* Price 75¢

*Pupil's Workbook for every Junior*, Price 25¢

*Off to Brazil* by Nina Millen, \$1.25

Primarys—*Dickie in Mexico* by Marie Saddler Eudaly Price 50¢

## PROGRAM TOPICS

### October 1951 to October 1952

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## My Hostess Was So Gracious

BY ELEANOR RUTH STEPHENS

*My hostess was so gracious  
That as we talked awhile,  
I waited to discover*

*The secret of her smile.  
Her home was very busy  
With many a transient guest;  
She surely had a secret—  
Her spirit had such rest!*

*Then one day she told me  
That when she swept the hall  
She listened for the Master,  
To hear his footsteps fall!  
With many interruptions  
She was patient all the more,  
For she was always watching  
For the stranger at the door.*

*Each time she set the table  
With simple, wholesome meat,  
She did it that the Master  
Might come with them and eat.  
And when she did the guest room  
And daily made the bed,  
She whispered to the Master—  
"Lord Jesus, rest thy head!"*

*And so, I soon discovered,  
In all things, great and small,  
She did them for the Master—  
The secret! That was all!  
It filled her soul with sweetness  
Though days in toil were spent;  
She saw him in each duty,  
Life became a sacrament!  
But—did he come? you ask me,  
With half indulgent air—  
Ah, yes! he came for often  
I've come and found him there;  
I've felt him, heard him, seen him,  
He ate there—we were three,  
And when I left that morning  
He laid his hand on me!*

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IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**Our New President**

BY DR. CARRIE U. LITTLEJOHN

As we look toward the opening of the 1951-52 session I consider it a privilege to devote my last official contribution to *ROYAL SERVICE* to a presentation of our new president. Miss Lansdell enters upon her duties in July and will, therefore, with the next issue take over the responsibility for this Training School page. Gifted with a keen mind and marked ability in expressing her thoughts in the written word, this page should take on new life.

It is a blessing to live in a country where one is not ostracized by a poor family background. On the other hand, the child with a good family heritage has every advantage and fewer handicaps. Miss Lansdell has been singularly blessed in this respect. Her denominational heritage and the accomplishments of her family in the educational world have given her a fitting background for this strategic position. Add to this her own interest and experience in education and missions and you have a "natural."

Her maternal grandfather was a Baptist preacher, educator and author. Her father, the late Dr. R. A. Lansdell, was a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the founder and first president of Bluefield College in Virginia and field representative for the University of Richmond for many years. Her cousin, Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick of New York, started his teaching career at Mercer University. After receiving his Ph. D. degree from Columbia University he was elected to the faculty of Teachers College on which he served with distinction until his retirement in 1938. He continues his work in the field of education as an author and lecturer.

Miss Lansdell has an A. B. degree from Coker College in South Carolina, an M. A. in English from Duke University and an M.A. in Oriental Culture from Yale. She has done other graduate study in the University of Georgia, Columbia University, W.M.U. Training School, and the College



*Miss Emily K. Lansdell*

of Chinese Studies in Berkeley, California. Her own teaching experience includes several years in the high school of her home town, Hephzibah, Georgia, and a year at Campbell College in North Carolina. After appointment under the Foreign Mission Board she taught at the University of Shanghai for three years. Since illness in her family brought her home two years ago she has made a distinct contribution to the Personnel Department of the Board in visiting colleges, presenting world missions and counseling with students interested in the field.



**Texas**

We wanted so much to have a BWC for the many business women of our church, but we never had had a BWC in Robstown. We—the circle chairman, BWC adviser, and the WMS president—were hostesses to all prospective members. We sent invitations and planned a program to explain the purpose and procedure of BWC. Delicious refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed tea table.

The women voted to organize and elected the chairman and adviser we had in mind. Two weeks later supper was served to twenty-two business women with the three circle chairmen of the day circles and the adviser of BWC serving as hostesses. At this meeting the officers were elected, chairmen appointed, and all installed by the associational W.M.U. president.

Mrs. John Burrons was elected program chairman and the circle was named for her sister, Miss Ruby J. Howse, missionary to Chile. Now we have a lot of real BWC enthusiasm.

**Illinois**

BWCers in Illinois have two state gatherings each year. One is in the fall, the other is a banquet in connection with Illinois W.M.U. Annual Meeting.

Last spring about 145 women were present from all sections of the state for the state BWC Federation banquet in Du-Quoin.

The president is Mrs. Ralph Squibble, and adviser is Mrs. Maude Hathaway.

**Virginia BWC Executive Board**



**North Carolina**

Tar Heel BWCs have an occasional bulletin with an outline of North Carolina as masthead. The state Community Missions, Stewardship, and Mission Study chairmen each have a brief chock-full-o-plans letter in the bulletin.

A special North Carolina BWC plan in connection with evangelism campaigns is to give each new church member in the given Baptist church, a copy of *Your Life and Your Church* by James L. Sullivan.

The North Carolina BWCers are all set to disprove the author who says, "Up to this time we have only dreamed we wanted God, and now we have nothing else in our hands but a newspaper and nothing in our ears but the din of radio."

They are also having two state BWC camps and a large representation at Ridgecrest.

Hats off to North Carolina.



*Mrs. Hugh W. Page*

**Virginia**

The state BWC Federation handles most of its business and new plans through semi-annual executive board meetings. At a recent one held in Lynchburg, the presidents of most of the twenty local federations and all of the state officers were present. Plans were made in the meeting for the state BWC banquet and a week-end summer retreat. State mission goals and objectives were set, including a special camp project requiring about \$1,000 in extra gifts. A new report form was adopted and other routine business completed.



### Crying Needs

from Mrs. Fred L. Jones

We are busy now in the Vacation Bible schools for the children who attend the Spanish schools. Their vacations come at a different time from those of the Canal Zone schools, so that makes it necessary to have two sets of schools to reach the children. V.B.S. has certainly been an asset to our work here. Many parents will let their children come to these schools who will not let them come to the regular Sunday services. We have reached into many Anglican and Catholic homes this way. We are not trying to pull others away from their church, but we do believe that if some are ever taught the Bible plan of salvation, Baptists are going to have to teach it.

Our hearts were made sad last week when we learned of the death of one of the boys we always have in Vacation Bible school at the Red Tank church. He was drowned, but we had the happy privilege of leading this boy to know Jesus and we firmly believe that he is now with Jesus. We shall miss Billy Ferrero this year, but as we remember him we shall put forth more effort to reach many more boys and girls with the same gospel message. What if we had failed to make the way plain to Billy? As I think of that my mind goes to the many, many whom we do not reach who are called to eternity each year. I think of the boy who was hit by a car on the highway; of the family in the wrecked car that didn't get back to the safety of the home; also I think of the boat load of people coming in on Gatun Lake. The boat was tossed by a storm onto a tree limb and was lost. All I can say for these and hundreds of others, we hope someone told them the plan of salvation, we didn't!

With these crying needs all around us, we are planning to do more than we have

ever done to reach these people. We have planned nineteen weeks of Vacation Bible schools besides regular revivals, study classes, mission Sunday schools, and other services. One V.B.S. is planned for one of the twelve villages around Gatun Lake where there is no Baptist work. It is not easy to reach the people on the lake for the water gets very rough. It is a bit dangerous to make these trips but we have God with us, and where he leads we will not be afraid. I feel it is more dangerous not to take the message of salvation to the spiritually destitute people and leave them to die without God than it is for us to have God with us and risk death to reach them.

### Kindle the Fire

from Sam T. Mayo

Do not let the evangelistic fire go out in your community for there are many migrants in your town or nearby who have never heard of Jesus. My soul is burdened for the millions who roam our highways and byways and who are saying, "If we ever know Christ as a Saviour, Southern Baptist home missionaries must come to us, for we are lost."

May we go to these people who make our way of life possible and tell them of Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let us rekindle the evangelistic fires that the Lord may use us to tell men, women, boys and girls about Jesus. Only through prayer and the rededication of our lives to him can we keep the fires of evangelism burning.

### Through the Bush at Night

from Mary Catherine Adams, Nigeria

A few nights ago our usual routine of life at the Baptist College, Iwo, Nigeria was interrupted. Pastor Keku came to the dispensary with a plea from the people in a village about eight miles away where he goes to preach every fortnight. Miss Rines, our nurse, got her motor ready and asked me to go with her.

We reached a village, called Papa, on the main road, and found it necessary to leave the motor and walk to a second village where the woman was. Several years ago when the Papa villagers burned

their church, the Christians moved out further into the bush and built their homes where they could have a church.

Men from the new settlement met us at the main road. As we wound along the path, grass higher than our heads on either side, the way lighted by the lanterns of our dark guides, we remarked, "What would people at home think if they could see us now?" This was one of the rarer romantic and adventuresome experiences missionaries have occasionally.

We found the woman and a fine baby boy lying on the floor of a small six feet by six feet, smoke-filled room, partly on a grass mat and partly on the dirt floor. A small fire burned on the floor not two feet from the woman's body. They had lain there unattended since the baby's birth that morning. We cared for the baby, put the woman on a stretcher and started back to the motor.

I wondered what these people were thinking as they saw the baby carried away in the arms of a white woman, and one of their own women borne away on a stretcher. It might have been mysterious to many illiterate people with their superstitions, fears, and wariness of white people. I think it was their contact with Christianity that caused them to trust us in their need. Our African pastors and teachers usually encourage their people in these small villages to come to the dispensary.

Little did we realize that in just a short while we would be coming back over the same path bearing a breathless body. For the woman died soon after reaching the dispensary. If she could have had a blood transfusion she might have pulled through. But we didn't have the equipment to try it, or a doctor to do the work. So we went back to Papa the second time.

The experience had lost its glamor and left us feeling helpless. A boy went to the village to get carriers for the body. The people gathered again in the darkness to meet us, some watching silently, others mourning audibly. The husband was grief-stricken. He was from a far place and he and his wife had no relatives here. There is no one to care for the baby. It is at the dispensary temporarily but will probably have to go to the Motherless Children's

Home in Ogbomosho, which is supported partially by Nigerian Christians, through the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

The little fellow has no name yet. It is the African custom to have a naming ceremony on the eighth day after birth. The father did not come to name the child, so we are calling him David. His father's name is Alabi, so we have David Alabi.

Pray for our African Christians that they may be strong in their faith. Just as at home, there are many influences pulling away from the church and Christian living in this country.

### A New School and A Sick Leper

from Annie Rines

Last August the mission voted to begin their first school for missionaries' children. Of course some mothers feel that they can't allow their children to board away from home but a large percentage voted for the school. At the time there were fourteen mothers privately teaching their children. I was approached about being nurse-teacher. Since my furlough comes next May I would have time to complete the first year. So I was assigned here with Mr. and Mrs. Roberson. I will have five little girls living with me and five little boys will live with the Robersons.

Our little house is filthy dirty. The mud walls are good so we are scrubbing with caustic soda to clean it.

Yesterday I went to Iwo to church. It is only twenty-two miles from here. Soon after lunch we got news of the illness of one of our Sunday school teachers in the leper colony in Iwo. Miss Montroy and I drove out to see her. She was in almost constant convulsions from tetanus. We returned to the clinic on the compound to get antitoxin and sedatives; also something to relieve pain. I would have stayed because it will take about four weeks, but Dr. Goldie was due to make a visit there today. If I should do four weeks private duty for this woman to get her to live, she could and would do more for her people than I'll ever be able to do. I left a note for the doctor offering my services if needed. He may want to transfer her to Ogbomosho. I love the lepers. There is a colony four miles from Oyo which I plan to help in often. (Please turn to page 25)



"This was a good day. I'm glad God made me! Are you glad God made you, Mother?" So spoke and asked the four-year-old as he was being tucked in bed one evening.

"Are you really glad?" the mother asked herself. "Do your children know that you are happy? Do you get so busy getting things done that you forget to laugh with the children? Do you listen to and show your appreciation for the little jokes and stories that are so interesting to them?" Just how this mother passed the self-examination will be her secret. Perhaps she would be ashamed to reveal her grade.

A few days later the unconsciously persistent son again brought the mother up short. She had stepped to the door to look up the street for another son. It was almost dark outside and he should be returning from visiting a friend. When she was back in the living room the small boy asked, "What was the noise?"

"Noise? Oh, those are crickets you hear."  
"Oh, no, Mother, I guess they're lightning bugs jumping up in the air and turning their faces on."

The small child should not become dependent on his parents for entertainment. We should not invade their world, but parents and children can have wonderful fellowship. There are times when it is better to let the house go uncleaned or the dishes unwashed for a while than to pass up an opportunity to enjoy playing, reading, or just sitting with the children. One evening because it was a few minutes past his bedtime I refused one son's request for a particular story. "But Mother," he said, "any other time you're too busy." As I was in the midst of cleaning the kitchen one morning our four-year-old and two-year-old son and daughter came marching through the room under a blanket they had pulled from the baby bed. My first impulse was to grab the blanket and lead the children back into their room. But there is something especially appealing about two pairs of big blue eyes peering out from under such cov-

## Is Your Face Turned On?

BY MRS. DOUGLAS HARRIS

ering to see how Mother feels about the situation. So I weakened and entered into the spirit according to their ideas of the moment. It took only about five minutes and the two continued their playing in the next room happy that Mother had been properly impressed. Speaking from experience, I can say that the opposite approach would have taken a much longer time and parent and child would have been left feeling fussy.

Have you ever noticed the genuine laughter on the part of your children when you take time to show them that you have a sense of humor they can understand? One morning we had a concert with each person taking his turn at the piano. I was very flattered after my performance to have one son say, "Boy, you really looked like the real thing." Did you ever put on an impromptu show wearing hat and dress of several seasons ago and then throw in an "aria" for good measure? If occasionally we allow our children to know that we can laugh with them and make them laugh, our life together will be less filled with the tension that seems to touch the lives of even our small boys and girls.

What I am saying the small boy said more expressively, "Is your face turned on?" There are great possibilities in our living in a family group if that is the predominant spirit.



## THE FOURTH R

BY MARGARET BRUCE

During the Baptist Student Union Retreat at Ridgcrest one of the speakers used "The Fourth R" as the subject of his address. Of course we all knew what the first three R's were: Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic, but we wondered what his fourth R would be. His message was most timely for he discussed Righteousness, the fourth R.

School days have begun or are approaching, and young and old are thinking again about "dear old golden rule days." There is another fourth R that crowds my mind as I think of the missionary education of young people. My fourth R is rewarding.

Young women will be leaving home for the first time to go to college or to schools of nursing. Some of them will go from churches where they were privileged to be members of a Sunbeam Band, a Girls' Auxiliary, a Young Woman's Auxiliary. It would be tragic for their missionary education to be neglected during their college days or during their nurse's training, but it will be rewarding for them to be members of Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. If you live in a town or city where there is a college, university or school of nursing, will you feel the responsibility for enlisting the young women in Y.W.A.? I can assure you that it will be rewarding for your missionary society to foster these Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

Your fellowship with the young women will be rewarding to you and to them. They need mothers while they are away from home. They need the missionary education which Y.W.A. offers, schools need the influence which Young Woman's Auxiliary can spread to the students and faculty. The cause of missions requires the preparation of missionary minds, hearts and hands and Y.W.A. is the answer for young women.

The new year for Woman's Missionary Union begins in October, therefore there are many things to which we must give our attention in September. Early make preparation for promotion services. There is a suggested service in your W.M.U. Year



Book and you can secure free promotion certificates from your state W.M.U. headquarters. Such a service will be rewarding to your work. It will help to keep your organizations properly graded, it will give importance to missions as the church recognizes the continuous missionary education provided. An effective promotion service will also serve as an enlistment agency for W.M.U.

The election of counselors and officers of Woman's Missionary Union necessitates ordering new manuals, year books, membership charts, standard of excellence wall charts, leaflets and other materials. See the lists of available materials in the W.M.U. Year Book, your organization manual, and order free materials from your state W.M.U. and priced materials from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama. It will be most rewarding for counselors to study their Leadership Course and the other materials which are essential for good work.

Many states observe their State Mission Season of Prayer in September. Remember how rewarding it really is to have the seasons of prayer for young people. These programs help to give missionary information to the young people as well as to encourage them to pray for the missionaries and their work and to bring an extra offering.

As our W.M.U. year closes check carefully the standard of each organization. Will you find that each organization attained its standard? I hope you will have an A-1 Full-graded Union. Such a record will be most rewarding.

In her last message to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in 1915, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck wrote, "Bring all your powers into the best service of the best King. Thus shall your work abide and be abundantly blessed of God to your own joy and the joy of the world . . ." Such service is rewarding.

# Program

## Parallel Progress In Stewardship

by Mrs. Peter Trutza

### Program Plans

In carrying out this program have purses of different colors and sizes on the table in front of the society or B.W.C. Let the speaker pick up a bright red purse and balance it against a dull blue one as she talks about "Purses Must Match."

Notice two direct quotations from Dr. Rankin which should be read by the same person, perhaps your pastor. Write the figures on blackboard or use flannelgraph or poster to have them before your women as they are mentioned.

Invite a young man and a young woman to speak as indicated. Ask the women to bring their copies of ROYAL SERVICE or mimeograph the responsive reading on page 25 so that all may read together.

Instead of quoting the poem, invite a soloist to sing "Rise Up, O Men of God."

### Program Outline

**Topic:** Parallel Progress in Stewardship

**Hymn:** "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

**Devotional Thoughts:** "She Hath Done What She Could"

**Prayer** that we be willing to do what we can

**Hymn:** "O Zion Haste"  
Purses Must Match  
Can We Appoint More Missionaries

**Responsive Reading**  
Family Council  
Worthy Gifts

**Solo:** "Rise Up, O Men of God"  
Checking on Ourselves  
Selfishness Stifles Stewardship  
Enter Faith

**Closing hymn:** "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Mrs. Peter Trutza of Oklahoma was our missionary in Romania. She and her husband cannot return to that distressed land now.

### Devotional Thoughts

#### She Hath Done What She Could

by Pen Lile Pittard

**Hymn:** "Something for Thee"

**Scripture reading:** Mark 14:3-9

**Comment:** In these seven verses are contained one of the most stirring dramas and one of the most significant object lessons in all the Bible history.

**TIME:** A Sabbath dinner hour, just before the crucifixion

**PLACE:** The home of Simon the Lepet, Bethany

**SCENE:** A dinner party in honor of Jesus

#### CHARACTERS:

**SIMON**—a man whom Jesus had healed from a loathsome disease

**LAZARUS**—a man whom Jesus had raised from the dead

**MARTHA**—a practical, industrious housekeeper, sister of Lazarus

**MARY**—another sister of Lazarus, devoted to her home and family and to Jesus

**THE TWELVE DISCIPLES**—mainly peasants unaccustomed to luxury and unrefined by the social graces, generally unlettered, but followers of Jesus

#### THE MASTER

It must have been an hour of the tender

est intimacy for this rather oddly assorted, yet mutually devoted circle of friends. Outside were gathered the venomous forces of ecclesiastic aristocracy, lying in wait to put the Saviour to death. Inside was gratitude and love, perhaps a sense of apprehension, yet deep "togetherness" in the face of danger.

Perhaps there was uneasiness on the part of many, sadness in the hearts of all, wonder in the minds of the disciples, guilt on the conscience of one—the betrayer—and the quiet eloquence of love in their midst.

Suddenly, perhaps in an impulsive gesture of devotion, Mary appeared before Jesus with her box of spikenard, very precious. It would have cost approximately the equivalent of a woman's salary for a year then, it was an expensive gift in any case. Bursting the cruse, she poured out the ointment upon the head and feet of her Lord, wiping his feet with her hair. She had trusted that among his disciples her demonstrativeness would not be misunderstood. But she was wrong.

People through the years since have felt that Judas censured her waste from the lowest of motives. Surely the other disciples who joined in his protest did not share his motive but it is so easy a thing to spread a critical attitude even among the best of people. They must have been thinking honestly how unlike Jesus it would be to want anything uselessly lavished upon himself that would not really help someone else.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone . . . She hath wrought a good work (and the word he used for "good" means beautiful, noble, lovely) . . . She hath done what she could."

He even went so far as to say that she had anointed him for his burial and that wherever the gospel should be preached, the simple and beautiful thing she had done would be told as a memorial of her!

Is it astonishing that God, who is love, should accept an act of pure devotion without relation to any tangible, practical project? Is it possible to miss his meaning; that the giving of all else is incidental and less important than the gift of personal love to him? This is the greatest stewardship—it is the all-inclusive. She who loves, not only has done, but will do, what she can in loyal stewardship of all else. She has done what she could—a matter of motive rather than manner, of quality rather than quantity. Have you?

## PROGRAM

### Purses Must Match

As Mrs. Average Member of Woman's Missionary Union, you and I face a serious problem, along with all the other more than seven million Southern Baptists. Our problem is one of purses. Matching purses! Our purses must match our personnel.

You remember in 1948 we launched a Foreign Mission Advance. Our deep feeling was that a convention as large as ours should certainly support more than 500 missionaries. So we set out to increase the number of our representatives, bearing the gospel message to lands beyond our borders.

And an increase was made. In 1944 Southern Baptists had 504 foreign missionaries; on January 1, 1951, the number had reached 803, 111 having been appointed in 1950.

But the gifts of our purses do not match the number of our missionaries. This fine increase of personnel is rosy with promise and hope. Our purses are dark and foreboding with fearful and restrained giving.

When families discuss budgets frankly and earnestly women know how to solve budget problems so that every phase of family life and interest receives its proper share. Let us make an investigation of our larger Baptist budget, and then seek to find an answer to the puzzle of the purses that do not match.



Dr. M. Theron Rankin

We shall hear directly from the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary, speaking:

*(Read clearly and effectively preferably by male voice, hidden):*

"Advance in foreign missions has moved forward during the past three years so rapidly that all margins between income and expenditures have been reduced to the smallest possible amounts. In past years, we have held appropriations for current work 10 per cent below our anticipated receipts. This provides a sound margin of safety. When the budget for 1951 was made up last October, however, requests from the fields for increased funds were so urgent

that appropriations were increased to a point that reduced the margin to less than 3 per cent. Even when that was done, \$230,000 was cut off the requests from the fields.

"In 1950 the Cooperative Program budget for all the agencies of the convention was fixed at \$6,500,000. In addition to its share of this budget, the Foreign Mission Board received all Cooperative Program receipts over \$6,500,000, which amounted to \$675,000. On the basis of these funds, we are appointing 100 missionaries in 1951.

"The Cooperative Program budget for this year, however, has been raised to \$7,000,000. Therefore, if the Foreign Mission Board is to receive the same amount of money in 1951 that it received in 1950, the churches must increase their contributions for the Cooperative Program to bring the receipts to over \$7,500,000.

"If the churches fail to do this, then what? Sharp reductions will have to be made in 1952 in the appointment of missionaries and in appropriations for field work."

### More Missionaries

So we face a danger—danger that our advance will be unable to continue as steadily as it has in the past. In 1945 the Board appointed thirty-eight new missionaries, in 1950 the number of new appointees was 111. But we must remember that retirements, resignations, and deaths automatically reduce the size of our missionary staff. With the 803 missionaries now actively engaged as our Southern Baptist Convention representatives, we have only 50 per cent of the ultimate goal of 1,750, the smallest number we really should have to "go, tell" for our family of more than seven million.

Because of the extra \$675,000 given by our Southern Baptist family in December of 1950, the Foreign Mission Board is able to appoint 100 missionaries in 1951. Will our purses in 1951 provide for the same number of appointees in 1952?

Now there are volunteers who will be ready to go. But this personnel will depend on our purses this year. During the 1951 Missions Day at Golden Gate Seminary, it was announced that fifty of 200 students are overseas volunteers. Of the 1,455 students enrolled in Southwestern Seminary

during 1950-1951 \$20 are foreign mission volunteers. Southern and New Orleans Seminaries as well as the new Southeastern Seminary will have also approximately 25 per cent of their students volunteering for service overseas, making a total of more than 500. Woman's Missionary Union Training School women, likewise, offer volunteers of life and talent for work in one of our twenty-seven areas of foreign service. Will lack of generous giving on our part hold these volunteers in the homeland? Or will our purses match this vibrant personnel?

*(Young man and young woman speak, representing the 500 mission volunteers now in seminaries)*

"We speak for the 500 mission volunteers for service on Southern Baptists' foreign fields. Our hands join and in imagination we reach out to touch the working, praying hands of another, and another, on and on, 1,000 hands uplifted in surrender to God our King. We are the ones who responded when you have said, 'Let the decisions be made clear. Let us send more laborers into the vineyard.' We are the Christian children who have heard Christ's call for volunteers, and have answered, 'Here am I, send me!'

"We have come with eager, quivering hearts to Sunbeam Band, to Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary or to Royal Ambassador chapter meetings. With searching, seeking hearts we have gone to camps and conferences which you have planned for us. There, in great and holy moments at the altar, when we saw the Lord high and lifted up, our lives were offered to him as 'living sacrifices.' Years of preparation in seminary and Training School followed. At last we step forward to carry on our work on the soil of another country. You will not forsake us now, you who have mothered and fostered us through years of preparation. You will give us financial support now as you have so generously given us of your love, your time, your inspiration in the past. You have guided us to this point. Will you now permit selfishness to hold back the means of support which would send us to the mission fields of the world?"

*Responsive Reading (two women)*

The World says, "Riches bring all the

### LETTERS

*(Continued from page 19)*

#### While in Language School

from S. H. Cadburn

It is indeed evidence of the Lord's gracious enabling power that we have been able to make at least some effort towards presenting the gospel in the language of the people. We consider it one of the great privileges of our experience so far to have been able to bring the message in the series of dedication services at the Naranjo church.

Naranjo is a town of average population, strategically situated on the proposed route for the Pan American highway. The pastor is a remarkably able national who is thoroughly consecrated and enthusiastically giving himself to the building up of a great work.

In Alajuela a splendid lot for building has been purchased in a very strategic part of the town and the prospects for a growing work in that community are very promising. The prospects generally for Baptist work in Costa Rica seem to be the brightest ever and much of this progress is due to the splendid work of Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes. Mr. Hughes has a knack for leadership and for inspiring others with his own enthusiasm. It was a suggestion of his that gave to the Baptist missionaries here in language study the opportunity to contribute for each couple monthly what in a year's time will pay most of the cost for erecting the small but attractive and useful little "templo" in Naranjo.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Jose, Rev. Aurelio Gutierrez, and his family are splendid examples of national leadership and a thoroughgoing justification for the effort and investment which we are trying increasingly to make in the development of strong national churches with indigenous leadership. Brother Gutierrez has been most generous and unselfish in the offering of opportunities to the missionary group in the language school and takes as much pride in our progress in learning the language as though we were members of his own family. In this blessed fellowship we find that we are truly "one in Christ."

things in life that one can desire."

Jesus says, "How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

The World says, "Give to others but be sure that you keep enough for yourself first."

Jesus says, "Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

The World says, "Religion is all right but I can worship God just as well without going to church and taking part in the services."

Jesus says, "No man can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The World says, "If you don't look out for yourself first, no one will."

Jesus says, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

### Family Council

Perhaps as we look at the sums of money used each year, the amounts we can expect in the next few years, and the needed budget for our expanding program, we shall see what is to be done. We have already spoken of the good fortune which came to our Foreign Mission Board in December, 1950, when all money coming above our convention basic Cooperative Program budget of \$5,500,000 was channeled to foreign missions. This additional sum was \$675,000, given after the basic sum of \$5,500,000 was reached in November. Although the basic budget of the convention for 1951 is increased to \$7,000,000, the regular share which our Foreign Mission Board will receive will not equal the receipts of the Board in 1950. That is the reason for Dr. Rankin, our Foreign Mission secretary saying:

"Southern Baptists must be informed that Southwide Cooperative Program receipts must be increased from the proposed \$7,000,000 to approximately \$7,650,000 during 1951 to give the Foreign Mission Board as much income from this source as in 1950.

Furthermore, Southern Baptists must be made aware that Southwide Cooperative



Program receipts must be increased to not less than \$8,150,000 during 1951 to assure a margin for continued advance."

What does this mean for Mrs. Average Member of Woman's Missionary Union? For you and me? It means we will be saying, as any woman who checks over her household budget, "We must decide what is most important." The carpet in our church parlor is worn, but Japanese women in a host of large cities and villages have no parlor at all, not even a building in which to worship. Our young people's department needs redecorating, but missionaries in Japan say that student centers are most needed near large colleges where Bible classes can be taught and a program of Christian activities be projected. We want to buy expensive visual aid equipment and it would be desirable and helpful in our local program, yet the Japan Baptist Convention has asked for a total of 100 missionaries in 1951, twenty-eight more than we now have. Shall we always see the local demands in preference to the critical needs farther away?

"The salvation of people within the United States of America is no more urgent in the heart of Jesus than the salvation of peoples in Asia, Europe, Africa, and South America. We have 7,000,000 Southern Baptists in an area of the world which contains approximately 3 per cent of the world's population. In 1950 we contributed \$197,000,000 for all purposes. Of that amount, \$191,000,000 was used within the territory where 3 per cent of the people of the world live, and \$6,000,000 was used in all the rest of the world," Dr. Rankin reported. Can our vision reach out to the 97 per cent of the world's population? Is it possible that 7,000,000 Baptists average less than a dollar a year in gifts to lead the 97 per cent of the peoples of our common globe to Christ?

There is a growing problem of inflation and increased taxes for defense.

As Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., has said:

"The continuation of the bloody Korean War has had serious repercussions in Latin America. For the first time in human history we are realizing that if communism should sweep over all Asia and Europe, the Western Hemisphere would remain the last bastion of human freedom."

Our first line of defense, the actual physical defense, is in the foreign mission enterprise. It is true that to give to this enterprise is to live.

*"Dead is the hand that is not open wide  
To help the need of a human brother;  
He doubles the length of his lifelong ride  
Who gives of his fortunes to help another;  
And a thousand million lives are his  
Who carries the world in his sympathies.  
To deny is to die."* —AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." (2 Cor. 9:6)

### Worthy Gifts

A missionary was asked to visit a woman's meeting one afternoon. That evening he wrote to his wife about the occasion. "I saw a remarkable sight today. As I sat on

the platform waiting to be introduced, I beheld women wearing on their heads dispensaries, small chapels, surgical equipment, and village schools." Was that not a vivid way to tell us that we adorn ourselves with money which could do wondrous things on a mission field? In a world on such a dangerous precipice as ours is today, what matters the headpiece we wear? The new fields we have entered in Asia and South America cry out for all the physical equipment any pioneer situation demands. Our sisters in many lands weep because of the needs, the lacks, the shortages which hamper their lives and the growth of their children around them. Should not even the investment we make in a hat or dress or deep freeze be considered in the light of needs of people half-a-world away? Should not our love for Christ touch every bit of our lives?

"Is my gift to missions a worthy one?" is the question for every member of Woman's Missionary Union. "Is there anything of sacrifice in it?" "Is it truly a part of me?"

*"Savior is there anything  
I have failed to bring?  
Lies my offering at thy feet  
Incomplete?"* —AUTHOR UNKNOWN  
There is such a vigorous call to service in these verses:

## Your Circle Program

### "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse"

Why not invite your stewardship chairman to have charge of this program.

Select songs and hymns suitable to this theme of tithing and stewardship.

Ask your young people's director to plan with counselors and young people to share what they have learned in their month by month stewardship studies; there will not be time to use all their verses and stories and dramatizations on the Church Night of Stewardship Pro-

gram so use some in this meeting.

From September *Southern Baptist Home Missions* tell the truths presented in "Where Stewardship Begins" by L. O. Griffith.

From September *The Commission* retell the thrilling story of the stewardship of Ciudad (See-u-dad) Nueva (New-e-va) Church in Asuncion, Paraguay, entitled "They Tithed—With Joy!" by Frances McCaw Goldfinch.

*"Rise up, O Men of God!  
Have done with lesser things:  
Give heart and mind and soul and  
strength  
To serve the King of Kings.*

*"Rise up, O Men of God!  
For you God gave His Son;  
Your all upon His altar lay  
Till all the world is won."*

### Checking on Ourselves

A boy ran into a grocery store and asked to use the telephone. "Hello, Mr. Jones?" he asked when he had the number. "I hear you are looking for a new office boy. What? Oh, you're not? You're perfectly satisfied with the one you have? Oh, well, thank you."

As the boy expressed his thanks for the use of the telephone the proprietor asked him: "Looking for a job, Sonny?"

"No sir," the boy replied, "just checking up on myself."

It is a wise thing for every Christian woman to check up on her spending and on her giving. For, "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Have we been faithless givers or faithful stewards of all the goods entrusted to us year by year? Have we obeyed God's commands or failed to do so? Did he not say: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him" and again "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house," or "Go ye into all the world"?

To make such a checkup, we have only to ask ourselves: For what do I spend money, month after month? Is it for myself and my family? Certainly, we take adequate care of our needs but "where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also." If our resources are kept and spent for our own use and that alone, our hearts are selfishly concerned with our own welfare alone. We have left out our loyal support of Christ's cause.

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**STEWARDSHIP** is not only a question of management of the amount of money I handle but it is a question of managing all that God has given me—eyes, ears, feet, tongue, talents, job—all. —J.L.S.

### Selfishness Stifles Stewardship

Do you recall the little verse:

*"I had a little tea party  
This afternoon at three.  
'Twas very small—  
Three guests in all—  
Just I, myself and me.  
Myself ate all the sandwiches  
While I drank up the tea.  
'Twas also I who ate the pie  
And passed the cake to me."*

Jesus told the story of a man, whose farm yielded abundant crops. But he was entirely self-centered. In the few words he spoke, the word "I" occurs six times and "my" or "mine" six times. He did not have any feeling for others. There was no sympathy in his heart. "What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits?"

Dr. George Buttrick says of this question. "Was there no sickness to heal, no nakedness to clothe? Were there none on whom a sharper problem pressed, who were compelled to ask, 'What shall I do, because stark poverty has come to be our guest?' Deliberately this man proposed to spend the rest of his days on the pleasure of his body: 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry.' He was heedless of his comrades of earth." Can it be that in our materialistic, money-loving age we are like this rich man, whom Jesus called a "fool"?

Contrast with this foolish rich man, a Protestant saint of France named Oberlin. Many decades ago Pastor Oberlin transformed his parish by two great disciplines: prayer and tithing. A man of great spirituality he would get down off his horse, kneel and with tears streaming down his cheeks, pray for the needy people in his community. His prayers were intercessions for his people.

For his tithing, he used three boxes. To the first one he placed deposits which could be used for the worship of God, for building and repairing churches and school rooms, the purchase of Bibles and pious books or anything connected with divine worship. The second tithing box was for such practical purposes as repair of roads in churches and schools, teachers' salaries, and Sunday dinners for poor persons. The



third box was for the service of the poor. With this fund he could give to rebuild or replace losses by fire and he could buy wood, clothing, and bread for the needy.

Among the questions he asked himself and his church people were: "Are you frugal in the use of wood? Do you keep a dog unless there be absolute necessity?"

Frugality is almost a lost word in our country. Waste and excessive spending are the order of the day in our age. How much more we could help our foreign missions program if 7,000,000 people practiced simple economy! Does it not seem sadly strange that in the same world there are millions who go to bed starving day after day, year after year while other millions only twenty-four hours away are trying to reduce in weight because of overeating?

Our prayer may well be: Father, forgive us when, in our desire to possess and to enjoy, we seek for our own more than our well-earned share of this world's goods. Teach us that no man liveth unto himself. May we hold all that we have as a trust to be used for the furtherance of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

### Enter Faith

**FAITH:** I am Faith. Because I am Faith, I believe that we can make progress in our stewardship. I believe that our young people will show forth their spirit of Christian adventure. I believe there will be no fear of crossing the ocean, no flinching from duties which bring sacrifices. I believe there will be enough serious young Baptists to make possible the goal of 1,750 missionaries on foreign fields.

I have faith that the enlarged vision and the enlarged giving of Southern Baptists will increase so that budget needs may be met; that lives of youth will be matched by funds. I believe that more than 231 millions out of 25,000 will come to understand

that their offer to serve must not be limited to convention-wide territory, when the field is the world. I believe he call for 149 new missionaries for Latin America will be answered; that the forty-nine missionaries requested for Japan will be granted; that the sixteen teachers, a doctor and several nurses so desperately needed for Nigeria will be found; that the preachers and teachers needed for the Near East will be forthcoming.

I believe that Woman's Missionary Union will help to provide support for these projects through increased giving. My faith is rooted in you, Mrs. Average Member of Woman's Missionary Union. So much depends on what you give, on what you inspire your husband to contribute, and on what you teach your children to share. With increased giving by all of our vast family of seven million, additional funds will be available to carry out the enlarged plans to bring abundant life to women everywhere.

Princess Eugenie of Sweden sold her diamonds that she might build a home for incurables. One of the sick women became a Christian after the matron had told her about the Saviour. On one of her visits to the patients, the Princess found the woman radiantly happy. On her return to the palace she told her husband, "I saw the glitter of my diamonds today."

Perhaps we will not see the "glitter" of our gifts for missions until that day when Christ comes, and his own shall be gathered from the East and from the West. But then our joy will be great if our purses have matched our personnel.

### A Chinese Proverb

*If there is righteousness in the heart,  
There will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character,  
There will be harmony in the home.  
If there is harmony in the home,  
There will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.*

Copied from "Listen," May 1951

# Is this your question?

Miss Janice Singleton  
Executive Secretary  
Georgia W.M.U.

## What is the purpose of a Business Woman's Circle Federation?

Business women, as a rule, cannot attend the associational and district meetings which mean so much to other W.M.S. members so they miss a great deal. A B.W.C. Federation in an association or city provides (1) fellowship with other Christian women and often with state leaders and missionaries; (2) an opportunity to develop leadership and accomplish greater tasks together than any one circle could alone; (3) a sense of being a part of the greatest business in the world—the business of Christian missions; (4) a means for growth through the organization of other Business Woman's Circles. Free leaflets may be ordered from your state W.M.U. office entitled, *Have You A Question About the Federation of Business Woman's Circles*.

## How much time must be allowed for a mission study class?

Since a mission study class is not a lecture nor a book review, time enough must be allowed for the actual teaching and for participation by the class. Usually an average of an hour's study and teaching is needed for each chapter in the book. This will require several sessions. If the textbook is in the hands of the members to be read and studied previously, some good work can be done in an all-day class where a minimum of three hours teaching time is spent.

## When should officers be elected?

The nominating committee should be appointed in July to report in August so that officers can be installed in September and take over their work in October. If you follow the calendar year move along three months appointing committee in October.

## How can we get leaders for our young people's organizations?

Too often we say rather hopelessly, "Where can we get leaders?" Should we not say, "Who of us will be the leaders?" Surely the leadership of W.M.U. organizations will naturally come from among those

most interested in missionary education of our young people. First, encourage a sense of responsibility on the part of the entire missionary society. Second, make it a matter of earnest and consistent prayer. Third, instruct your nominating committee to choose the best material for leadership before selecting other officers of the W.M.S. if necessary. It is more important to have a good mission study chairman for the women, if a choice must be made. And fourth, uphold the hands of your counselors by fostering the young people in the fullest sense of the term. In this way you can keep the leaders you get.

## What books shall we study before the Week of Prayer in December?

The new series of books on Latin America is listed on page 15. Order from the Baptist Book Store in your state. Books to be used for background studies are listed in a leaflet, "Helps for Teachers of 1951 Foreign Mission Books on Latin America," free from your book store.

Our Foreign Mission Board has free teaching helps for each book, write to the Board for them. Each mission study chairman should have a complete set of this series to present to her committee and should encourage her teachers to attend an associational institute or provide some teaching instruction for them herself.

## What work can be done to win Jews in our community?

Frank Halbeck, field worker, Department of Jewish Evangelism, has prepared a leaflet, *A Program of Jewish Evangelism*, which explains the plans and policies of our work among the Jews, and gives some fine suggestions for Jewish work in associations and churches. Other leaflets for distribution are *Many Jews Believed* and *A Jewish Ruler*. These are free from our Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

This is an important phase of Community Missions activity in towns and cities where there are many Jewish people.

# Our Daily Bread

by Mrs. B. A. Copass, Texas

1 Saturday "For he satisfieth the longing soul, And the hungry soul he filleth with goods."—Ps. 107:5

Rev. and Mrs. E. Carter Morgan, Waimea, Miss Erlene Paulk, Honolulu, Hawaii, evangelism

2 Sunday "Know therefore this day, and lay it to thy heart, that Jehovah he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath . . ."—Deut. 4:39

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis E. Sanders, Morgan City, Miss Troy Cunningham, Montegut, Louisiana, French evangelism

3 Monday ". . . The beloved of Jehovah shall dwell in safety by him . . ."—Deut. 33:12

\*Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, evangelism, \*Dr. and Mrs. W. Donald Moore, medical evangelism, China

4 "In peace will I both lay me down and sleep; For thou, Jehovah, alone makest me dwell in safety."—Ps. 4:8

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president, Baptist-Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Opening of fall session of the Seminary

5 Wednesday "Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the righteous . . ."—Ps. 7:9

Mrs. Ellis H. Shufflin, Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans, Louisiana, Miss Mabel Malone, East St. Louis, Illinois, Good Will Center

6 Thursday "Thou wilt show me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Ps. 16:11

\*Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly, Abeokuta, \*Rev. and Mrs. John E. Mills, Lagos, Nigeria, educational evangelism

7 Friday ". . . No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."—Ps. 84:11

Rev. Bert Lewis, Charleston, South Carolina, Dr. C. Loper McAllister, Selma, Alabama, Rev. Thomas D. Callender, Langston, Oklahoma, educational evangelism among their own Negro race

"One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
One day the stone rolled away from the door;  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!"

8 Saturday "It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth."—Rom. 14:21

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, medical evangelism, Miss Crea Ridenour, evangelism, Barranquilla, Colombia

9 Sunday "Better is open rebuke than love that is hidden. Faithful are the wounds of a friend . . ."—Prov. 27:5,6

Rev. Robert E. Pettigrew, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Brazil, emeritus

10 Monday "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack . . ."—Prov. 28:27

Rev. and Mrs. David N. Mayhall, Iwo, Rev. and Mrs. John S. McGee, Igede, Nigeria, educational evangelism

11 Tuesday "for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be judged by the law".—Rom. 2:13

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Rand, Miss Ella Keller, New Orleans, Louisiana, Rescue Home

12 Wednesday "Owe no man anything save to love one another; for he that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law."—Rom. 13:8

Rev. and Mrs. Robert R. Standley, Jr., evangelism, Fortaleza, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, educational evangelism, Natal, Brazil, Ann Tumblin, Margaret Fund student

13 Thursday "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."—1 Cor. 2:16

Miss Lucy Belle Stokes, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Watson, language study, Tokyo, Miss Pearl Todd, educational evangelism, Fukuoka, Japan

14 Friday "Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? . . . for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye"—1 Cor. 3:16,17

Mrs. L. F. Maynard (white), Mobile, Alabama, Negro evangelism, Rev. Joe Conley

(white), Louisville, Kentucky, Negro educational evangelism

15 **Saturday** "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not?"—*Isa. 55:2*

Miss Margie Shumate, China, evangelism, temporary assignment, Bangkok, Siam, \*Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, China, educational evangelism, Anne and John Snuggs, Margaret Fund student

16 **Sunday** "For ye are all sons of God through faith, in Christ Jesus."—*Gal. 3:26*

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh P. McCormick, Honolulu, Rev. and Mrs. Edgar J. Tharpe, Maui, Hawaii, evangelism, Kathleen McCormick, Margaret Fund student

17 **Monday** "Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil."—*Eph. 5:15,16*

Rev. and Mrs. Felix Torna, Buenavista, Miss Dora Solier, Artemisa, Cuba, evangelism

18 **Tuesday** "... God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."—*Phil. 4:19*

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Brown, Tahihina, Rev. and Mrs. Roe R. Beard, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

19 **Wednesday** "Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering;"—*Col. 3:12*

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Stover, publication evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, evangelism, Campo Grande, Brazil

20 **Thursday** "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"—*1 Thess. 1:2*

Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, evangelism, Nazareth, Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey, educational evangelism, Jerusalem, Israel

21 **Friday** "And we exhort you, brethren admonish the disorderly, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak, the long-suffering toward all;"—*1 Thess. 5:14*

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler, medical evangelism, Miss Frances Roberts, educational evangelism, Asuncion, Paraguay

22 **Saturday** "For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline."—*2 Tim. 1:7*

Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Garcia, Waelder,

Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

23 **Sunday** "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have..."—*Heb. 13:5*

\*Rev. and Mrs. Coleman D. Clarke, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Morris J. Wright, Jr., language study, Tokyo, Japan

24 **Monday** "... for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee."—*Heb. 13:5*

Miss Helen Meredith, Cartagena, Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Shoemaker, Barranquilla, Colombia, evangelism

25 **Tuesday** "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God... tempteth no man;"—*1 Jas. 1:13*

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26 **Wednesday** "Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you."—*Jas. 4:7*

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Stanley, Phoenix, Arizona, Miss Mary Etheridge, Miss Nina Gillespie, El Paso, Texas, Chinese evangelism

27 **Thursday** "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—*1 John 2:17*

Rev. and Mrs. Antonio Echevarria, Mrs. L. O. Cotey, emeritus, Home Mission Board

28 **Friday** "... not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins;"—*1 John 4:10*

Rev. J. W. H. and Dr. Margaret Richardson, medical evangelism, Shaki, Rev. and Mrs. Farrell E. Runyan, evangelism, Kaduna, Nigeria

29 **Saturday** "as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk... that ye may grow thereby unto salvation;"—*1 Pet. 2:2*

Mrs. Christine C. Chambers, Mrs. R. T. Bryan, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson, China, emeritus

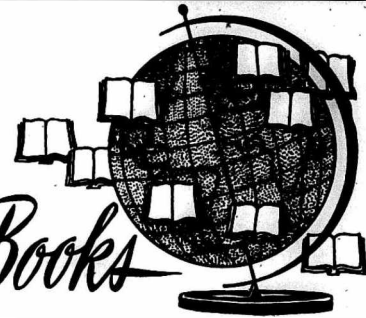
30 **Sunday** "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."—*2 Pet. 3:18*

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