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# "The World to Christ We Bring WITH FERVENT PRAYER"

From Mabel Summers . . .

## Seasons Greetings Saved for You

The heartiest greetings from the Near East Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention and fellow Baptists here in Lebanon. May you have a greater New Year in every respect and may God richly bless and guide you in your manifold duties.

The work among women and children in Lebanon steadily grows. In our women's

group here in Beirut, we had a Little Moon Christmas program and the women decided to send seventy-five Lebanese pounds, or twenty-five American dollars, to the 1950 offering, so here it is. We have a membership of about 14.

I want to thank you again for the missionary magazines. I keep every copy and constantly refer to them and use them in compiling programs for the women and girls here in our Beirut church.

*Samples of Week of Prayer program materials and offering envelopes and boxes from different countries*



Ire. Via Oshagbo, Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Legends,

I want to tell you about our Christmas Week of Prayer program when I was program chairman at Awe Baptist Church.

We have three Weeks of Prayer in Nigeria, but the offering at Christmas is always largest. Miss Young\* and her helpers send out the programs many months in advance. They are usually distributed at our Associational meeting. We work very hard to make them interesting. Our programs usually begin at 5 a.m. on Monday morning, the third week in December.

The Sunbeams were in charge the first day, with my mother as their leader. They sang their choruses and Sunbeam song:

*"Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world,  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in his sight."*

only they sang in Yoruba—

*Jesu le awon omode,  
O feki nwon se eere.  
Alawo ti nwon le je.  
Yehive ni gbagbo nwon.  
Jesu le awon 'made ni gbagbo' aiyé."*

On Tuesday morning the G.A.'s presented the program. They had a candle-light service and gave a play on titling. They sang their G.A. song, "A Farin kan lo furilede" (We've a Story to Tell to the Nations).

Wednesday the Y.W.A.'s had their program about the fields of the world. They wore placards telling what country they represented, and talked about the needs of their country. I had to teach each one her part because some of them could not read.

On Thursday the W.M.S. presented the program. They had a play about a pagan home. One of the girls became a Christian after going to the mission school. The play showed how she won her mother and some old women in her house to Christ.

On Friday morning each organization was represented on the program. After the prayers we called the organizations and they brought their offerings.

Our money was used to promote the

\*missionary director of W.M.U., Nigeria

many projects of the W.M.U.—part was given to the Convention Fund, part went to the Motherless Baby Home, part to educate our women in America alongside their husbands who are given scholarships by the Convention.

We enjoyed this Week of Prayer greatly. With sincere gratitude for all your great kindness to us in Nigeria, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Adetoro Farinde,

Vice-President, W.M.U. of Nigeria

From Mrs. L. M. Bratcher . . .

## The Day of Prayer Around the World

Men, women, young people and children had gathered in the large prayer meeting room of the First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There was an air of expectancy as the pastor, Dr. John Soren, went to the pulpit and briefly sketched the history of the day. He concluded by saying, "This year as we pray for the various peoples and countries of the world, it is more real to me, for I shall be remembering these people as I saw them in the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland, and as never before I recognize the need to pray for each other."

At the close of the devotional, Dona Alice Neves Oliveira went forward saying, "How happy we would be if we could have friends from all nations of the world with us tonight. But since we can't we have arranged some representatives from many countries." Then as she talked and presented the requests of these people, two or three girls dressed to represent that country would come and sit facing the audience.

She had asked two missionaries, Mrs. Bratcher and Miss Neel, to represent the American women. As they went in, the girls representing the nations of the world stood and Dona Alice said, "All the women of the world stand in homage to Southern Baptist women. We honor them for their generosity in sending the gospel, in helping to build schools and churches, and for their consecration in sending their sons and daughters with the Good News of love and life to all people of the earth."

She then appealed to them to give of their means and their sons and daughters to help win the world for Christ.

## "The World to Christ We Bring..."

From Mrs. W. J. Webb . . .

### From the Offering and To the Offering

The material used for our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Honduras and Guatemala is a translation and adaptation of that in the States. I received the printer's proof and immediately went to work translating. We had the material in all the churches by the first of October. We made envelopes with the praying hands as design and words in Spanish, "My Offering for Foreign Missions."

We made some handbills to pass out during the month of November. With all this propaganda beforehand our offerings were much better. We have only seven societies as yet, but by letters and talking personally with the pastors we are able to make it a week of prayer for foreign missions in all our Baptist churches.

We presented the play, "Her Lengthened Shadow." I translated that and mimeographed it and sent it out to the churches. I directed it here in one of our churches in the capital on the last night. It proved very effective, so much so that the lady who played Lottie Moon was in tears when the curtain closed. There was complete silence during the entire play.

Our goal this year was \$100 but we went nearly \$50 over that. That seems small but when you realize that we are only four years old, and know the people who are giving, it is an enormous sum. It is truly an offering of sacrifice on the part of these dear brethren and sisters here. They do without many things themselves so as to be able to give. A dime to them would be a dollar to many in the States. We send our offering up to the States, of course.

*Ecus Misioneros* (Missionary Echoes), our official W.M.U. paper, is made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It has programs for the women, Y.W.A., Sunbeams, R.A. and G.A. We are very happy over it and it is helping our work.

I hope that this little bit of information will help our women back in the homeland to get a view of our women here as they come bringing their little "mite" that others may know of him.

From Bertie Lee Kendrick . . .

### Gifts to God from Hawaii

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that women and young people throughout the Territory of Hawaii meet each year during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions to join hearts and hands with other women around the world in this special effort of praying and giving for world missions. Among all peoples of the world where Southern Baptists are working to make Christ known, surely there are none who should feel more grateful for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than the people of Hawaii. There is no project of work here that has not been blessed by this offering from Woman's Missionary Union members. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped in the building of every church, purchasing land for church building lots, schools, the summer assembly property, church buses and cars for transportation purposes.

Feeling their need for joining with women of like faith in a great chain of prayer around the world, the members of the Kahului Baptist Church on the island of Maui observed Friday in the first week of December, 1950, as their Day of Prayer. At 7:00 A.M. on that day the doors of the chapel building which is being used for a church were opened to begin the day of thanksgiving, praise, and supplications to God. The allocations and goal for the offering were placed before the people along with a missionary map of the world. Information was given about each object.

A special hour of prayer was held from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. because more of the members could be present than at any other hour of the day. There was deep earnestness and purpose in prayer throughout the day members of the W.M.S. made their petitions to God with praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings he had given to us as a result of this week of prayer. Great concern for fellow Christians around the world was shown, especially for those who are suffering in the name of Christ.

It was a blessed experience when



District leaders Japan W.M.U. at lunch. Mrs. Hava and Mrs. Hikasa at right front. R.A. leader Tomita San (now a pastor) the only man! Missionaries Dorothy Garrott and Floryne Miller were at the meeting.

out the week each junior organization in the W.M.U. family of the Kahului Baptist Church had its own program and observance of this time of prayer, bringing gifts for the Christmas offering which does so much in making Christ known here in Hawaii.

From Floryne Miller . . .

### Hope for a Battered World

We are grateful for the increased interest in our week of prayer observance in Japan. All but two of over eighty churches had blessed times of prayer and sent good offerings. Our goal for gifts was 200,000 yen. We were afraid that was perhaps too high. How thankful we are for 240,000 yen and more (about \$650). This is divided between foreign missions through the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board and our evangelistic Department of Japan Baptist Convention.

This really is a large gift not easily given. It means our women and young people began to plan and save for their gift back in the fall when we first sent out the folded love offering boxes which they put together. (See inside front cover.)

Every age was represented in the meetings from Sunbeams to W.M.S. In my church we brought in extra stools to seat the crowd. I feel a thrill of hope for our sadly battered world when I hear women and young people pray for people around the world as if they were personally concerned and back up their prayers with gifts and service and prayer. The same thing is happening in the States and on every mission.

From Mrs. Jacob Meister . . .

### Greetings from West Berlin

It is my sincere desire to send the Season's greetings for a happy Christmas and joyous New Year to you and all sisters in your country.

In many women's meetings since the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland I was privileged to report about my experiences in the USA. News about the union of all Baptist women upon the earth created great joy. All hearts moved in warm sympathy at the idea that we as women of our denomination should enter into a closer fellowship. Our women will take part in the Day of Prayer on Friday, December 7; we will know ourselves to be united with all Baptist women upon the whole earth. This thought makes us especially happy.

I made a trip into the Eastern Zone, and held prayer meetings in four different places. The meetings were well attended. Once we had to gather by candlelight. There was a lively spirit of prayer. At the end we all sang the international song: "Blest be the tie that binds . . ."

I shall not forget the visit to a sister who was deaf and blind. She asked me to write with my finger into her hand what I wanted to tell her. When I informed her that we wanted to have in this week, prayer fellowship with all Baptist women in Europe and the whole world she said: "Is such a thing really possible today? I am so happy about this. I shall pray with you."

In Berlin we have to overcome new difficulties every day. Our sisters in the Eastern Zone need our intercession. They feel that great darkness and uncertainty surround them, especially in view of the influence upon their children. Please, do pray for them!

United in the love of Christ I want to greet you very warmly on behalf of all Baptist women in Germany.

From Mrs. M. C. Garcia . . .

### Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico Celebrates Week of Prayer

Like the Psalmist we can exclaim: "The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad." This has been a year of blessings spiritual as well as material.

Great interest in the Week of Prayer for World Missions has developed among our missionary societies. The program material which has come to us already translated and adapted to our needs has been a great help in the arrangement of our programs during this week. It has also developed a great interest and knowledge of the needs in other fields for which we pray. It is exactly what we needed to bring forth a revival of prayer among our women and the different departments under their supervision.

One woman's group of a very small church had never held a Week of Prayer. This year when the subject was brought before them, a young member of the group said: "I don't believe the people would respond in this church; one week is too long. I think that one day would be enough to pray for the needs in the mission fields." After the president told them of the blessings and privileges one could have by joining in prayer all that week with the Baptist

women around the world, it was decided to hold this Week of Prayer. The leaders arranged for the organizations to have a part every night, and even the little Sunbeams were eager to have some part in the dramatization of the stories.

The Woman's Missionary Union of this particular church is formed of six women, seven Ambassadors, ten girls in the Auxiliary and about eight Sunbeams. Not one member of this group was absent during these precious nights. Attendance was doubled and their missionary offering went from the goal of thirty-five pesos to eighty-five. After this week of missionary study and prayer they have kept on praying for the different needs mentioned in our programs.

Let us take another group, the Emanuel Baptist church in Guadalajara. They had daily attendance of over one hundred. Each age from the Sunbeams to the women took over the responsibility of one night. Each group had their own goals in attendance and offerings. Every night each group saw the blessing of uniting in prayer and overpassing their goals.

Just as these two W.M.U.'s met, so did eighty-four others who reported wonderful meetings, a great revival of prayer and a wide-awake interest in World Missions. Our National Union had set (Turn to page 26)

Mabel Crabtree sent this picture of the W.M.S. of Vila Isabel Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro. Of course they must bring the children on the Day of Prayer



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## BAPTIST WOMEN AT Prayer Around the World ON DECEMBER 7

Our W.M.U. President, Mrs. George R. Martin, is also the Chairman of the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. One effort of this committee is the promotion of the Day of Prayer around the World, December 7. Woman's Missionary Union already had our Friday program planned before these requests were received from the women representing other lands and ours in their committee meeting last August.

You will want to add these petitions as your society meets on Friday or to present them to the Heavenly Father in your own devotions on that day. You will want to share in these prayers rising in faith from women's hearts everywhere.

### A Message from the Chairman of the Women's Committee of the BWA

"Around the world Baptist women meet,  
On this holy island of time,  
Called by the throb of the African drum,  
Or the bells of the city chime,  
Or just the beat of a loving heart,  
Full of a purpose sublime  
Sisters in soul whether near or far,  
In the light of the self-same sun  
Whatever our color, or language, our race,  
We are praying today as one.  
'Our Father in Heaven Thy Kingdom  
come,  
Thy will upon earth be done.'"

On this day which has just dawned Baptist women around the encircling globe are lifting their voices in prayer to God for the extension of his kingdom of love everywhere in the hearts of mankind. There are no time limits and no clime limits, no race limits, no space limits; Baptist women, as one, praying to the Father for a sin-sick and war-torn world. Baptist women on six continents join hearts and voices today making this the greatest concert of prayer Baptists have ever known.

Our hearts are strangely stirred as we try to imagine and picture these world groups; the weather conditions as they meet, the heat, the cold, the rain, the drought, the ice and snow and mud and dust; their dress, their color, their lan-

guage, their singing, their place of worship and above all their prayers expressing the faith which is theirs in these chaotic days.

The theme of the program for today is "Unto You a Saviour is Born." These lines will be read as the birthday of the Prince of Peace draws near. Let us pray that God will gird us for the critical hour in which we live. Long ago, at a time when heaven and earth waited breathlessly for the decision which meant eternal life or eternal loss, a lonely Man faced his crisis. With eleven men he went to the place of prayer. He said, "Tarry ye here and watch with me." A little later he came and found them asleep. He said, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" They slept when an hour of prayer might have prepared them for a crisis.

I plead with you, in the words of the Master, to watch with him. Our mission aries need your prayers! The unsaved need your prayers! Your own souls need the daily communion with God. Could ye not watch with him during this day of prayer? In this hour of turmoil and stress we know that Christ our risen and enthroned Lord still lives and rules and guides in the affairs of men. Let us thank God that we are workers together with him in the greatest and most Christlike enterprise on earth.



MRS. GEORGE R. MARTIN

"As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doing heard on high."

### LET US PRAY:

#### Requests from Baptist women of Australia

That Baptists of Australia and New Zealand may heed the call of God to serve in these days of need and opportunity.

That the special Home Mission Advance and Campaign to Women efforts in Australia may be used to the extension of God's Kingdom.

For the New Australians—many of them ignorant of the gospel—that they may be led to Jesus Christ.

For the mission work among the aboriginal tribes in Central Australia.

For missionaries from Australia and New Zealand and their work in New Guinea, East Bengal and Pakistan.

#### Requests from Baptist women of Africa

That God may call more young men into the ministry.

That an African Women's Day of Prayer World Alliance may inaugurate a new

That more souls may be won throughout the continent.

For the new College for Ministers in South Africa. For all native men and women who are spreading the gospel here.

#### Requests from Baptist women of Asia

Prayer for our missionaries and native workers. Prayer for the innocent victims of famine, disease and war.

Prayer for the peaceful solution of the tremendous problems confronting the new nations of Israel, India, Pakistan and Burma.

Prayer for the future of our work in China and Korea.

Prayer that the isles of the sea may soon proclaim Christ as Lord.

#### Requests from Baptist women of Europe

That the countries who have religious and political liberty may use this liberty aright.

That God may grant liberty to the European countries now without it.

That God may give victorious steadfastness to those who face persecution and want, and guard the Baptists living under better conditions against complacency and coldness.

That young people may not be led astray, but may see the glorious vision of the Kingdom of God and dedicate their lives to it.

That we Christians may have a new realization of the brotherhood of all mankind and have burning evangelical spirit in all our work.

#### Requests from Baptist women of South America

For young people to hear and follow God's call to mission work.

That the Christians may be true witnesses and may not lose their opportunities to spread the gospel.

For all the unsaved people in South America.

For those blinded by error that they see and be enlightened by the word of God.

For those who are persecuted for their faith.

#### Requests from Baptist women of North America

Prayer for the leaders of governments.

Prayer for the Christianizing of our varied national groups.

Prayer for the re-awakening of churches for the lost in our communities.

Prayer for those of our fellowship who are enduring persecution and suffering in the cause of our faith.

Pray for righteousness and peace.



## A Wise Man Out of the East

by Mrs. Frank W. Chase

IT all started when I was to give our Jean Barb Circle program. It occurred to me that a bit of human interest would add to the article, "Who Will Educate Nigeria?" in *The Commission*. I wrote a letter to Mr. Samuel A. Lawoyin asking if he knew Miss Mary Ellen Wooren and Miss Jean Bach of Baptist Girls School, Abeokuta, Nigeria, who used to live here in Bellevue, Kentucky.

He had been Headmaster in the Baptist Boys High School, Abeokuta, before accepting a scholarship in the United States to become a Baptist minister. His reply was indeed interesting and the Circle seemed pleased with my extra effort for the program.

For a year Mr. Lawoyin and I corresponded, for I thought he might be lonely here. Then he received an invitation to speak on Missionary Day in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and asked me how close we lived to Louisville. It was arranged to have him stop with us and speak in our Bellevue Baptist Church the following Sunday.

With some misgivings my husband Frank and I awaited his visit. How would our five

children react? We have no colored people in our town and while we had no particular prejudice, still we were raised in Kentucky. But I told myself a true man of God would be all right whatever his race.

Mr. Lawoyin's visit was such a success and pleasure we invited him to spend the Christmas holidays with us. He arrived two hours early December 23rd. I had saved those last hours to clean up the family, so we were tired and dirty when the doorbell rang. After taking his bag up to Nan's room which she was so pleased to give to him, and returning to the dining room, he sat in a rocker next to the Christmas tree. Our second son came in and sat next to Mr. Lawoyin in a straight chair. I noticed Jay's chair inching closer and closer to the rocker, until it touched and the next thing I saw him reach out his hand and put it over Mr. Lawoyin's hand out stretched on the arm of the chair. No one said a word about it and conversation kept going but I thought, "This is a good omen for this visit."

CHRISTMAS morning we always eat breakfast first, then go to the tree. After the children had settled down to play, my parents and maternal grandparents came in and we distributed our gifts. A few of our church members had given gifts to be put with ours for Mr. Lawoyin and while it all wasn't a great amount he knew our hearts were there. His gift to my husband was a snakeskin wallet and to Mrs. Byland, my pastor's wife, and me he gave beautiful native handmade shoulder strap purses.

After everything was opened I noticed Mr. Lawoyin playing first with one child, then another. He helped Jim set up his small printer and printed cards for the next R.A. meeting. He watched Jay and Jerry work jig-saw puzzles. He joined in playing with his gas station and



David, Jerald, John, James, Frank Chase —and Virginia Chase holding Dianna

and Nan, our three year old daughter, served him play tea by the hour. She also had a crybaby and found she could tease him by "making Titi cry." She is named Titi for his eldest daughter.

One of my mother's gifts to me is fixing Christmas dinner and this would be special this year as we had a distinguished guest. We had planned to eat at 2 p.m. About 1:00 p.m. Mr. Lawoyin went across the street to our pastor's house to present the purse to Mrs. Byland.

They were preparing to sit down to their Christmas dinner and invited him to join them. He accepted. I called at 2 o'clock to tell him that dinner was ready and Mrs. Byland told me that he had just finished over there. Imagine my surprise! I thought, "Well! Men are the same the world over, aren't they?"

His amazement at the children's capabilities was interesting. Our children are average, I'm sure, but he made us feel we didn't half appreciate the opportunities we have here and the know-how of teaching our children and developing their minds so rapidly.

During the Christmas visit I found that through our giving him friendship, we were receiving much in return. His simplicity, his simplicity and humor, I found my own idea of being a Christian inadequate. I must learn a more real Christianity.

This family invited a Nigerian teacher for a Christmas guest

WE invited him to come again in April at the Easter recess. By then Nan brought him the now bedraggled Titi to tease him with her cry. The boys argued over whose turn it was to sit next to Mr. Lawoyin at the table and Nan always sat on his left between him and her daddy.

Early on Sunday morning Mr. Lawoyin, Jim and I started in the car for Florence Baptist Church, leaving the family at home as the four youngest had chicken pox.

Mr. Lawoyin preached a fine sermon, and following the service we went to Green Acres farm to have dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Luther Bach. Jean Bach in Nigeria is their daughter and she is teaching Mr. Lawoyin's two daughters in the Girls School now. Knowing he would see Jean before they would give added interest to that visit. Then Rev. Don R. Gambrell of Erlanger Baptist church who had asked to have Mr. Lawoyin for the evening service came to take his guest and we returned home.

By this visit he felt completely at home. One day we heard piano music. We found him playing hymns very capably. He played several pieces he had learned at home by memory. He said every teacher must know how to play the piano and he had learned in school.

Mr. Lawoyin worked on his thesis a little, while here. Later we received a letter telling us his thesis was "Lovingly Dedicated to Dare, Jare and Nan who have already started learning about the Saviour." Nan being our daughter and Dare and Jare his five-year-old twin sons. I am proud of this and I know she will be in years to come.

Only eternity will reveal the effect this man, a native of Africa, will have on our family now and in the future. Our friendship is a strong bond that distance cannot affect.

How many more lives has he touched in the four years he has spent in our country?



Marjorie M. Armstrong



Ewing Galloway Photo

BEIRUT is the capital city of the Republic of Lebanon. It is the chief seaport of the Levant States. Built on a promontory with the Lebanon Mountains behind, it has a population of almost 150,000. It has extensive trade and is connected by highway with Damascus and Bagdad.

## Finding Southern Baptists in Beirut

A BUSY intersection in the city of Beirut, Lebanon, is at Musvatabee where Basahtah crosses Mar Elias. From early dawn until late evening, the streets are thronged with loaded hand-pushed carts as the peddlers call out their wares—vegetables, fruits, bolts of cloth, kitchenware, hot coffee, or candies. Men and boys with trays, varying in size from round metal sheets of thirty inches in diameter to wooden boards two feet wide and six feet long, balanced gracefully on their heads, try to sell their breads and cakes.

Small, patient donkeys go clippety-ing along with a child or a full-grown man atop the loads which appear larger than the beasts themselves. Occasionally one of the donkeys will decide to bray and in that one mode of expression he seems to pour all the woes and difficulties of the universe; it is difficult to imagine a more mournful sound. Horse-drawn kerosene tank carts move along slowly as the driver calls, "Kaz! Kaz!" School children in their royal blue, black, or red-checked smock uniforms make the streets ring with their mer-

riments as they pass to and from school. Many a doorbell jingles as a result of their mischief.

In the mornings, the flocks of goats are driven along. Anyone wishing to buy milk may see how fresh it is and how clean, for the goat is milked at the door of the customer. Accidents are many but the startling thing is that there are not more of them. Hurrying, constantly honking and cursing loudly through all these activities go the taxi drivers with their latest models of American cars. The streets were not built for automobiles, there are almost no sidewalks, and the people walk leisurely and unafraid down the middle of the street. It seems true that few people are ever in a hurry except the missionaries and the taxi drivers.

The dress of the people is as varied in style and color as their activities. There are the dark, long flowing robes of the occasional Bedouin men and women. Women from the more isolated mountain villages and some of the Palestinian refugees in the city, dress in the same long

## by Ruth Swann

style costume but use very bright colors. Men wear baggy trousers, an ankle length coat effect, or Western clothes. Most of the people dress as people in any American town. About half the residents of Beirut are Moslems. The veil for the women is losing its significance. A few women may be dressed in black with the veil but more of them dress in Western styles with make-up and jewelry, tying a veil over the head and face. The veil is the equivalent of a sheer black, brown, or navy blue silk scarf, the color depending upon what is most suitable with the rest of the costume.

Within a few yards up and down the streets from this intersection are to be found a school, a restaurant, a carpenter shop, a dry cleaning establishment, a tailor shop, a butcher shop, and a reading room kept by Brocher Saleem Ashsharuq, a faithful member of the Baptist church who works as a lay evangelist.

On one corner is a large stone work yard where rough marble is smoothed to a glass-like appearance by men pouring water and rubbing stone against stone. A large wood shop is located on the northwest corner. The steady hum of electrical motors and hand saws is heard above the din as a steady stream of women and children carry away on their heads bundles of shavings which have been purchased for fuel. Surrounding an abode residence beside a barber shop on another corner wall, is a fa-

vorite stopping place for mule-drawn carts which haul the products of the wood shop. The fourth corner has a grocery store on the ground floor. On the second floor is located the headquarters of Southern Baptist work in Lebanon.

From the doorway of the mission is seen the sparkling blue water of the Mediterranean Sea. The beautiful mountains of Lebanon, rising from the outskirts of the city, may be seen from the east windows. The snowy caps of the higher peaks are orange, reflecting the color of the sunset, and tower above the grey-green of the acres of terraced olive orchards. As darkness comes, the shimmering lights from the streets and windows of the many villages vie with the stars as viewed by the city-dwellers.

In the mission there is a large central room which serves as the church auditorium for the local Baptist group. The other rooms provide a home for the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Graham and their family, and for Miss Mabel Summers. Always the study-living room and the dining room are available for study, conferences, and prayer meetings. Each Sunday morning, practically every room in the house becomes a place for a Sunday school class.

Beirut being half Moslem, much of the business of the city continues on Sunday as every other day of the week. But at the mission from seven o'clock in the morning until time for Sunday school at nine, children gather until there are fifty to seventy-five. How quickly they learn Scripture verses, hymns, and choruses under the direction of the Sunday school superintendent, Ruzqallah Qasanteen! How eagerly they listen to the Bible stories as classes are taught by the superintendent, by Lily Nasrallah and her sister, and by the missionary, Miss Summers! As yet, it has been impossible to have the lessons printed in Arabic but they enjoy the colored pictures on the lesson leaflets which illustrate the story.

The Sunday morning worship service of the church is held at a mission point in another part of the city. Sunday evening and during practically every day of the week, mission activities are carried on by members of the local church in co-operation with the missionaries. Preaching services, Bible study, prayer meetings, and socials are held. (Turn for page 10)



Woman's Mission  
Beirut Baptist Church



## MISSION STUDY CLASS CHRISTMAS DAY

by Marie Saddle Eudaly

**T**HIS handsome lad is Jaime Cavataio, one of the two boys in Latin America who has earned the rank of Counselor.

If Jaime had asked you to teach a mission study class to a group of Intermediate R.V.'s and G.V.'s beginning Monday morning, Christmas Day, and to continue every morning during the week, what would you have said?

This tall youth has piercing brown eyes and with a voice so well modulated that we can almost see some of the furter sex "wooing" as they see him and hear him speak—yes, Jaime has all of these characteristics but he also has one other that is of supreme value—he knows and loves Jesus and practices his faith in him.

Jaime rang my doorbell. After having greeted me most cordially and politely as is the Latin custom he invited me to teach the Intermediates of our church during Christmas week. My thoughts flew—visitors were coming from the United States; this was the only week that my son and my husband would have vacation from school and from the Seminary; there was the tree on Christmas morning for our two eager children ages 7 and 4 and then the customary Christmas dinner. How could I say yes? But—those eyes—those piercing brown eyes—I could not avoid them. I thought of the

various counselors who had led him along with the others and how the boys and girls had studied and had passed so many steps and ranks. Now here he was—an Intermediate boy with only one week of vacation from school and he along with the counselors was planning a mission study for that week.

I asked you what you would have said if it would have been just what I did. "Yes, Jaime. I shall be happy to try to assist you."

Christmas Day arrived. Early in the morning we had our tree and watched the children receive the lovely gifts that uncles and aunts and grandmothers had sent in with us the previous July when we were in the States because they knew that due to the protective laws that each country has they could not mail packages into Mexico without our having to pay a high duty to receive them.

It was my first time to teach any type of study course or mission study on Christmas Day. We arrived at the church before ten o'clock trying to decide just what the class would be like. We wondered if many of the Intermediates and Juniors were really sufficiently interested to go to the "temple" as we say in Spanish, just to study.

All our thoughts and questions were soon answered when we counted thirty-five eager boys and girls. As we made our outlines and prepared our notebooks and asked questions we saw many evidences of the work of the counselors throughout the year. We shared the joy that Miss Viola Campbell and Mr. Cecil Johnson have each week as they work with the boys and girls. (They are two of our missionaries and seminary professors here in Torreon who serve as counselors.)

After the close of the first class session we returned home and found a delicious Christmas dinner ready and waiting.

Two children and their grandmother, who was visiting us, were happy because they had helped us in this way.

The original plans had been to offer classes for only Juniors and Intermediates but such a large number of Sunbeam children came that we soon had the third class in progress. This was taught by a Junior girl who is very advanced and is planning to give her life in special religious service. In the preparation of the handwork and so on, she was assisted by the other teachers, Senora Corona, wife of one of the professors in the seminary, and I.

The week passed swiftly and by the smiles of happy contentment that we saw on the

faces of the Royal Ambassadors and the G.V.'s, and the little Sunbeams we knew that they were enjoying their week of "vacation." We heard nothing said about Christmas presents but we felt certain that as this lovely group of young people studied the work of missions they were celebrating the birthday of him who came to bring peace to the world and who himself was the greatest gift that the world has ever known.

The climax of the week was reached when in the closing worship service on the last day, after Mr. Eudaly had brought a brief message, we saw two from this little group accept Jesus as Saviour.

## African Devotion

**P**ASTOR Julio had an uncle who nourished me deep hope in his life. He wanted his son to become a minister of the gospel. The patient denied himself everything possible to help his boy through high school preparatory to taking his theological course.

The lad worked hard but found that the money he had would not suffice to purchase food. Sending to his father who lived at a distance the student said: "Father, I must give up; I can't get myself food."

The father had always been so poor that he could not afford a pair of shoes and was forced to wear simply a bit of cloth, as his money was never enough to buy him a pair of trousers. But he acted immediately and unhesitatingly. It was a year of hard struggle owing to the failure of the rains. One sack of corn only remained in the house for the rest of the year. He sold the sack of corn for about six dollars (E15.00) and sent the money to the son with the message:

"Get on with your lessons; slack not nor be weary. If you fail in your examinations don't ever come to your father's house again!"

The lad, receiving the money, had hard and passed his examinations which enabled him to continue his studies. He did not know of the time of the sale of the corn until he had returned home and found a delicious Christmas dinner ready and waiting.



For the chapel of Alagoas Baptist College, Dr. Mein laid

## The Cornerstone in the Ground

by Mildred Cox Mein

**G**OD has given a special blessing to missionaries in Brazil that many in other lands do not enjoy. Missionaries here have been granted the privilege of buying the land, planting the seed, watering the plants, and harvesting the fruit as God gave the increase.

On August 16, 1951, John Mein placed the heavy cornerstone in its rightful place on the site for the new auditorium of the Alagoas Baptist College, in Maceio, Brazil. He founded this institution, nurtured it and watched it reach its present phenomenal growth of 550 students and a course that extends from kindergarten through college.

Thirty years ago, in 1921, when John and Elizabeth Mein arrived in Alagoas to begin their missionary work in North Brazil, they found the small Baptist church in a warehouse. A school was organized with twelve courageous pupils. Two teachers both named Dona Clotilde were employed.

The next year Missionary Mein rented a residence up on the high cliff by the side of the school which was already a "lighthouse." By making his home the

dormitory for the few Baptist boys and girls who had no opportunity to learn, the school began to grow. The former servant quarters at the back served as classroom. Mrs. Mein taught mathematics, baked bread, instructed boys and girls in domestic tasks, and cared for her own brood of five. Mr. Mein organized and pastored various churches in the city and surrounding country, supervised building projects and lent his counsel to the fast growing institution.

The gospel in those days was really "news," so that many families were ostracized by the community when they became evangelical Christians. The Bible was unknown. When the missionaries' lives were threatened in small country villages they sought the protecting influence of the state governor and became his personal friends.

A priest under a *nom de plume* published a daily article in the paper for over three years, denouncing the missionaries, their religion, and their school. But when a satellite of the priest challenged Mr. Mein to an open debate, the priest lost his case for he accepted the Lord Jesus as his savior.

As soon as the governor sent his daughter to our primary school "the

*When Mrs. Mein returned to Pernambuco from this unusual experience in the capital of Alagoas, she hastened to write us about it.*

Zion" were heard in the governor's palace.

One day when Mr. Mein returned on his faithful horse from an evangelistic trip, a girl about eighteen, but less than five feet tall, jumped down. She had ridden behind the missionary's saddle, the thirty-five miles from her sugar-cane farm home to school. Her father had by chance bought a Bible and when Mr. Mein found them, all the grown members of the family were ready for baptism, though they had never seen another believer. Today that same girl is a pastor's dedicated wife.

A lay evangelist begged the missionaries to accept his rebellious adolescent nephew in the school because the boy was almost blind and a constant care to the family. The wild, troublesome boy is now an outstanding pastor in Pernambuco and a teacher of Greek in this North Brazil Seminary.

A struggling little church up in the northern part of the state sent four boys and two girls to the school. Three of the boys now serve as pastors of three of the largest churches in North Brazil and the two girls were teachers and now mothers, serving the Lord through Christian homes.

From this school the first single woman missionary went out to the Indian territory under the auspices of the Brazilian Home Mission Board, and today the name of Marcolina Magalhaes has inspired dozens of young people to give their lives in service to the Master. From the ranks of recent graduates one more missionary now serves under the Home Mission Board. Others are pastors of large churches, doctors, lawyers, teachers, businessmen, farmers, housewives and even a state representative who bless the name of the school that was the instrument in the hands of God to bring them to a knowledge of him.

In 1937 with the additional help of missionaries Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bess and Miss Onis Vineyard, the high school course was added to the primary school. The C. White family of Cadiz, Kentucky, gave a special donation for school purposes, but since the school has attained the standing of a college, the school president, Dr. Co-

rinto Ferreira, da Paz, appealed to the North Brazil Mission for funds for expansion. The Mission voted to present the requests to the Board for inclusion in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. So in recent years a primary school building, a girls' dormitory, and an administrative building have been added to the original purchases. And now the much needed chapel has come from the same source of money for foreign missions.

This edifice with a seating capacity of 800 will be used for daily chapel exercises with the word of God preached in all freedom to win the large number of non-evangelicals in the school. Graduation, civic and patriotic programs will be held there. But best of all the school auditorium will be a central gathering place for Baptists of the state. Since no Baptist church here can seat more than 300, conventions, institutes, and rallies will meet here.

Alagoas Baptist college is typical of dozens of other institutions of Brazilian Baptists. In a few years it has become a power in the community, its graduates penetrating into all phases of the nation's life. Schools and churches are the spearhead of advance against the tremendous enemies of illiteracy, ignorance, and superstition which dominate Latin America's largest territorial nation. It is one of the channels of life you have opened through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Photos sent by the author

*The president of Alagoas Baptist College addressed the students at the ceremony*





Lepers worship in Lockett Memorial Church, Nigeria

CAN you imagine yourself with us on the afternoon before Christmas, December 24, 1950? As we drive along the dusty road from Ogbomosho we see a large white sign on our right which reads, "American Baptist Mission, Ogbomosho Leper Colony." We turn into the colony and can see many people going into the Lockett Memorial Baptist Church. It is almost time for the discharge service to begin.

All the benches in the open-air church have been filled and many patients are sitting or standing outside in the shade of the building.

There are some distinguished guests on the platform. The missionaries from the Ogbomosho mission station and their guests for the Christmas holidays have come to witness the service. Two of our Baptist pastors from Ogbomosho have a part on the program. The pastor of the Methodist church in town is also present.

The pastor of the Lockett Memorial Baptist Church is a young man studying for his degree at the Baptist Theological Seminary. He opens the service by leading the people in the singing of a familiar Christmas carol—in Yoruba, of course. Then Pastor Odebunmi of one of the town churches leads in the invocation. Dr. Robert F. Goldie welcomes the visitors and patients to the service and the visitors on the platform are introduced by Mr. Dairo Otunla, the nurse supervisor of our Baptist leper work.

Mrs. Joel Ferguson from Oyo sings "Joy to

the World" in Yoruba. The patients greatly appreciate this special song in their own language.

The message for the afternoon is brought by Rev. S. A. Adegbite, the only Nigerian professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary and also the pastor of the Ori-oke church in Ogbomosho. At the 1950 centennial celebration of the Nigerian Baptist Convention the degree of Bachelor of Theology was conferred on him by the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. His message is timely as he reads the Scriptural account of Christ's birth and emphasizes the humble circumstances under which he was born. He speaks of the opportunity the patients in the colony have of hearing about the Lord Jesus Christ and believing on him. Some have come here to be treated who have never heard of Jesus and when they leave, they go as Christians. Mr. Adegbite urges those Christians who will be leaving the camp to return to their homes and villages to live for Jesus.

People in the church have remained quiet and attentive yet we can sense the tension in the air. For the past several weeks, Dr. Goldie has been examining patients for discharge. Although many are examined, the ones who are ready are not told until they receive the discharge certificate at the service.

After prayer led by Mrs. William Williams, and a congregational hymn, Dr. Goldie gives some spiritual and medical advice to those who

## Christmas, With the Lepers

by Edna M. Goldie

are to be discharged. Now comes the time that the patients have been waiting for—the clerk of the colony, Afolabi Lalaye, who has called the names of these patients for injections twice a week for many, many months, calls the names now for the last time! Some patients answer quietly as if they can't quite believe it's true; others practically shout! Each one comes quickly to the front of the church to receive his certificate which states that he has been treated for leprosy in the Ogbomosho Leper Colony and has been discharged as an arrested case.

One young man from eastern Nigeria bounds to the front as his name is called; he has been the head injector at the colony for the past year. Another very happy voice calls out "here" as her name is called. Dinah has been with us for two years. The disease was detected early in her case because she was a student nurse in the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Ile Ife. One of the teachers from our colony day school is named. Next a man who has been in the colony for ten years. I think of the patience this man has had—year after year he has seen other patients discharged yet he has remained to continue his treatment.

So the names are called—53 patients have come to the front of the church. Dr. Goldie pauses for silence again. This last case is one of sadness. He tells the people about a woman

who had leprosy and was cast out from her family and friends; she had no one to turn to for help and wandered about with her small child. When she realized that her child too had leprosy she found her way to our settlement in Ede. She and the child began to receive treatment immediately. Because of the advantages of the school in the Ogbomosho Colony for the child, the mother and child were transferred here from the Clan Settlement. That was two years ago. Today the little girl is being discharged—but not the mother. The disease is much further advanced in the mother. This shows the importance of early treatment. Even though the discharge service is a happy time for some, it is a time of sorrow for little Gbenjo and her mother because they will be separated. A good home will be found nearby for the little girl where she can attend school and visit her mother at the camp until she is discharged also.

The Methodist pastor leads in the closing prayer and benediction. The visitors sign the visitor book and many of the missionaries take pictures.

There is joy on the faces of those discharged but there are many tearful eyes and sorrowful faces of those whose names were not called. This service has been a hard one for them. As they face another year of treatments pray that they will find joy and peace in our Saviour.

Photographs by  
Dr. V. L. Seate

All rejoice with this boy holding his paper which says "Clean." Dr. Goldie, the author's husband, is behind the pulpit stand.



## I Didn't Need An Interpreter

AT

# Christmas

by Martha Knox

**I**F I understand the words of the people about me here in Japan, and if they understand what I say, there must be an interpreter around. But it has been thrilling to find many things above the language barrier. The realities of worship and Christian fellowship and the language of smiles and kindness often do not require words.

This seemed especially true my first Christmas in Japan. I didn't need an interpreter to understand the joy and peace that pervaded as the story of Christmas was portrayed. I didn't have to understand words to feel the power of the story of God's love that gave Christ to the world as I saw the young people of Mejiro-ga-oka and Keisen churches interpret it in a pageant. Many of them were new Christians and you felt how much they really wanted to share the real meaning of Christmas.

Two children's groups acted out the Christmas story and I was so happy that these children were going to know about Christ's love from childhood as I had. Yet I could not help but think of multitudes right here in Tokyo who know nothing of Christmas—except the Christmas trees and Santa Claus decorations that were in all the stores here. How could they know that Christmas is Christ's birthday if they have never heard of Christ?

The first verse of *Joy to the World* was the only carol I learned in Japanese, but I didn't have to have the words interpreted, though they were really only sounds, to feel their joyous message as I heard them sung in the churches and elsewhere. It often made me stop and pray that many more hearts might "prepare him room."

This first Christmas in Japan was a

happy one for it brought anew many times the realization of the peace and security that comes from knowing Christ. Never had the message been dearer than it was the day I tried to share the meaning of the second chapter of Luke with a class of teachers at a Girls' Delinquent Home. It was the first meeting of a Bible class that the teachers had requested for themselves, after we had been there several Saturday mornings to teach the girls in the home.

Christmas seemed to bring anew the realization that I'll have to be content to use an interpreter for words. But if I can give my life to God completely every day, surely he could use it to help someone understand his love for them. Unsaved people here, just as anywhere, seldom read the Bible—multitudes do not even know about such a book. All that they know of Christianity is what they read in the lives of those they know who profess to be Christians. Someone has described a Christian as "a man who makes it easier for other men to believe in God."

I pray that I will let God make my life an interpretation of his love for lost individuals, that they might accept it and in turn their lives can interpret to others who do not know his love.

*WE have never stretched our sacrifices—we haven't even pulled them. — JOHN L. SLAUGHTER*

## The Rice Pots of the Lord

**I**N a village in India the people were so poor that they could only afford one meager meal a day. They lived in tiny huts; they worked from dawn to dark; they had but one scant garment each. And yet, because they loved the Lord Jesus, they wanted to give him a gift. So one day, when they gathered for worship in the rough clay and thatch church they had built, their pastor pointed to a row of common clay pots near the altar.

"These are such pots as you use for your rice," he said, and they all nodded. "But look," he went on, "what sign is upon each pot?"

"It is the sign of the Lord Jesus," they said. "It is the cross."

"Yes," said the pastor, "these pots are the rice pots of the Lord Jesus. And any one who wishes may take a rice pot of the Lord Jesus into his home. And you! O mothers, when you measure out the rice for your meal each day, then from what you had meant to eat will you take one handful and put that into the Lord's rice pot, eating so much the less? Then on his day, when you come for worship, bring this pot with you, and offer to him his rice. After, the rice will be sold, and the money thus raised will be your gift to his work."

So they took the rice pots. Day by day, in the little huts one handful of the scanty meal was set aside for the Lord; and every Sunday the rice pots were emptied before him in the little church.

**S**OME months later the pastor was telling in church the sad story of Ananias and Sapphira, who had tried to cheat God by pretending they were giving him more than they really were ready to give. He made the story very solemn, and just as he finished, there, before them all in the church, a poor woman stood up and began to speak. How she ever found the courage, no one knew; but there was something she felt she had to say:

"O friends," she said. "Alas! I am like the people in that story. Day by day, it is true, I have the Lord's rice in his rice pot. But oh, we are so poor; there is so little rice, the children cry with hunger; and sometimes"—her voice was very trembling and shamed—"I have taken rice out again from the Lord's pot and given it to hungry mouths. And then I have brought the pot as if it were all I had given."

**T**HEN, one after another, people stood up in that church, and bravely confessed the ways in which they had been pretending to God; and they pledged themselves to a new start that day.

Now, faraway from that village, a preacher and his family, supported by the handfuls of rice from hundreds of Christian homes, carry the gospel of Christ to hill people of that land.

They never knew that we should hear the story; that we who have so much and give so little would be made ashamed by the devotion of these new Christians who have so little and gave so much.

FROM BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, 1946



The little boy in the center lost his triangle during the rhythm band number



Junior boys hold their "Believe Jesus" mottoes

I REMEMBER the uneasy feeling which came over me when I first learned to sing, "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?" I wondered if I would be embarrassed by the lack! I have never seen so many stars at one service as I saw the closing day of our Vacation Bible School, Sunday, April 15. (April, May and June are the three hottest months in Manila.)

We had nine workers for the 123 children of all ages—and this was their first Vacation Bible School. Our principal, Miss Theresa Anderson, worked out a flag and Bible pledge ceremony, using the Chinese flag and the Christian flag with the Filipino flag in the background, since this is our adopted land. Everyone sang the Chinese National Anthem lustily in the national language. This was a good introduction from the known into the unknown for most of them. The children enjoyed

## There Are Stars In Their Crowns

by Jewell L. Abernathy

the "sit-down" and "stand-up" chords as John Lane made the "termite wrecked" piano almost talk!

One of the flag-bearers was a little Catholic boy, but he came faithfully every day, even on the last Sunday morning when we had our commencement exercises. It so happened that he was the one who bore the Christian flag. It is our prayer that one day he shall take his stand and bear in heart and life the banner of the Cross.

Most of the stories, object lessons, and so on, centered around the theme of salvation. Every time an appeal was made almost every child's hand went up.

We know that seeds of truth were planted in their hearts which will not soon be forgotten. I believe some will be able to pray little De Anne's prayer, "I thank you, Father, because I am your child. It tickles me every time I think of it. I love you, Amen."

The handwork was planned so Scripture verses would go into each home. My twenty-two Junior girls memorized the Beatitudes and wrote them on the eight sections of their "Eight-Happiness Fan." The Junior boys modeled a wall motto out of plaster of paris and then painted it. They selected the motto, "Believe in Jesus," because they all said they wanted to believe in Jesus.

The closing commencement service was the climax. The children came dressed in their best. They knew they were on exhibition and really played the part. I was

thrilled as they lined up to march into the building. Each was wearing his "Five-Point Crown," and each point was tipped with a gold star if he had made a good attendance record. For those whose attendance was perfect, there was an award of one larger star in the center of the crown. We really had a goodly number of "Six-Star Generals." Bright faces, multi-colored crowns, and the five or six hundred sparkling stars were enough to thrill anybody, especially those of us who had been associating with these "precious jewels" throughout the week. We pray that someday he will make them shine like stars in heaven. "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

The rhythm band held the congregation spellbound. We used makeshift instruments—twenty-penny nails bent into triangles, suspending them on a string and playing them with another nail; beating together

"gourds" made of coconut shells, with seeds placed within, and so on. They learned "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart." In the middle of the performance one little boy on the front row dropped his triangle. He quickly ran down off the platform, picked it up, and hurried back to his position, so he could play some more before it was over.

The attitude of the parents expressed genuine appreciation for what we had been able to do in the five days. We awarded eighty-four diplomas, which we gave out only to those chil-

Mrs. John Abernathy is in the Philippines witnessing diligently while her husband represents Christ and Southern Baptists in Korea. He is preaching to Korean refugees and Chinese prisoners of war; he is giving relief as we supply money for such relief. Mrs. Abernathy had hoped to go to Korea with Mr. Abernathy but the authorities did not give permission. Few couples have been moved about and separated in their mission service as much as Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy.

children who were present three or more days. The children were as excited as though Santa had paid a visit when they began collecting their handwork which had been on display. Soon they were asking, "Will we have another Vacation Bible School next week?"

My Junior girls with their "Eight Happiness Fans"



# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## Community Missions Chairmen

The beauties of Christmas are a thousand-fold. Think of just a few—twinkling, colored lights, gayly decorated store windows, shiny packages, children with sparkling eyes, manger scenes, and lighted stained glass windows. Yet there are those in every community who cannot see with their eyes any of the loveliness of Christmas. There is something else they cannot see—the Christmas story as we love to read it in the Gospels. While we thank God anew for the gift of sight, let us remember our neighbors who do not have it.

Your women and young people can make it possible for the blind to read the Bible. Why not begin this month? With the help of your welfare office, a community survey, and the knowledge of your members, get as complete a list as possible of the blind in your community. Assign the names to different members, circles, or young people's organizations. Go to see these friends you have discovered. Talk with each: find out his interests; see if he needs someone to read to him or run errands. If he can read Braille, ask if he would like to have a Bible of his own. Offer to put each person in contact with the American Bible Society, which provides Bibles for the blind. Find out which book of the Bible he would like first; write the letter for him; enclose the small fee; include the name and address of the blind person to whom the book will be sent, and mail to American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

You should know what is available from the Society and what arrangements can be made. According to Miss Ruth Barrett, the secretary of the work for the blind, the American Bible Society has the Bible in the Braille in four editions. A Braille Bible in Grade 1½ requires twenty large volumes. This is the system most widely used and taught in all the schools for the blind. For those who cannot read Braille, there is the Bible in the Moon System, which re-

quires fifty-eight large volumes. For the many blind who cannot read any system with their fingertips, there is the Bible on 169 Talking Book Records. All of the above volumes and records are offered direct to blind persons at twenty-five cents for each volume or record, plus a small amount for postage. (Please do not request that a supply be sent to you. Each must go directly to the blind man or woman, boy or girl.) When a blind person is unable to meet even the small fee, the American Bible Society offers two or three volumes at a time as a full donation. The twenty-five cents is a very small fraction of the actual cost of each volume and record. The difference between the cost price and this special price is met through contribution to the Blind Fund of the American Bible Society by those who are concerned that the blind should have the Word of God.

Some in your community may choose records rather than books. If they do not have record players, the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind, Washington, D. C., loans the machines to any blind person unable to buy one. The person may keep the machine as long as he has use for it, and the government will keep it in repair.

As your heart is thrilled once more as you read the Christmas story, make it possible for those deprived of sight to read it, too. Days once desolate and lonely can be come filled with many happy hours passed reading or hearing the Word of God.

—Edith Stokely

## Stewardship Chairmen

December, Christmas, Stewardship! The three go together! December brings Christmas, Christmas brings giving, and giving is an important part of stewardship.

The stewardship chairman will be alert in using every opportunity which the month brings to promote faithful stewardship in W.M.U. organizations. Of course,

the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the special emphasis of the month. The stewardship chairman will realize that she has a definite responsibility for promoting this offering. She will be sure the offering envelopes are distributed among all members of the Woman's Missionary Society and the young people's organizations. She will lead the societies and auxiliaries in setting definite goals for their offerings, making them large enough to be a real challenge. She will urge that this be a real offering of love over and above the tithe. She will be faithful in her attendance at the daily prayer meetings of the Week of Prayer and will pray earnestly and constantly that the W.M.U. of her church will surpass its goal and so help in reaching over the total goal of \$1,800,000 set for the 1951 offering.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society the stewardship chairman may add a seasonal touch to her report by giving to each one present a bookmark bearing a Christmas stewardship message. These may be made of green construction paper cut in strips about one and one half inches wide and five inches long, slit at each, with red ribbon running through. In the center place a Christmas seal. Above print the words: *God Gave His Son for You*; below: *What Have You Given to Him?*

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

## Mission Study Chairmen

Would you like to have a different kind of meditation or worship when you study *Pilgrimage to Spanish America* and *Inca Gold*? Try this adaptation by Carol McAlee Morgan of "America the Beautiful" found in *Guide on Latin America*.

*Call to Worship:* Soft music

*Read Psalm 95:1-7*

*Soloist (reads):*

"O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain—"

*Leader:* Yes, the rolling grain of the plains of our Midwest and the shimmering fields of wheat across the pampas of Argentina.

*Soloist (reads):* "For purple mountain majesties—"

*Leader:* The towering Rockies of Canada and the United States and the snow-

capped peaks of the majestic Andes above the fruited plains.

*Soloist (sings):*

"America! America, God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea."

*Leader:* From sea to shining sea: Yes, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

*Soloist (reads):* "Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet—"

*Leader:* Blessed feet of our own pilgrim forefathers and mothers who gave us our Protestant heritage of a living Christ and the open Bible.

*Soloist (reads):* "Whose stern impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness."

*Leader:* Indeed, freedom of North America and freedom of South and Central America: freedom gained through tears and bloodshed; freedom dearly won, never to be lost.

*Soloist (sings):* "America! America!

God mend thine every flaw;  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law."

*(reads):* "O beautiful for heroes proved,  
In liberating strife."

*Leader:* Heroes? Yes, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Simón Bolívar and San Martín, Bernardo O'Higgins and Benito Juárez.

*Soloist (reads):*

"Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life."

*(sings):* "America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine."

*Leader:* Then let us join the noble band of patriots, black and brown, white and yellow, who make up our great Western Hemisphere. With them let us dream dreams and work unflinchingly toward that day when God's alabaster cities shall gleam, undimmed by human tears!

*Soloist (sings):*

"America! America, God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea."

*Prayer*

—Mrs. William McMurry

## OKLAHOMA

Women of Tulsa-Rogers BWC Federation go on assignment Saturday afternoons to Hillcrest Hospital and help receive hospital visitors. This is a great help to the hospital, the nurses and the people.

## ALABAMA

"Toward a Better World—Looking, Loving, Lifting" is the theme for Alabama BWC Federation this fall. They are out for more circles and more than their 27 Federations. The state W.M.U. office tries to supply the Associational BWC meetings with a missionary or state leader as speaker. Federations frequently meet the evening before the associational W.M.U. meeting and enjoy hearing the speakers that housewives will listen to the following day.

Birmingham First Church BWC, French Circle, is on the proud side now. One of their members, Mrs. Margaret Harper, won the Good Neighbor Golden Rule Award on September 27. Mrs. Harper is loyal to all the church life in all its organizations and meetings. In addition she gives three nights a week to visiting the polio wards of Jefferson-Hillman Hospital. She reads by the hour. She projects movies and slides, sometimes on the ceiling for patients who can look only in that direction. She serves novel refreshments to cheer them too. It was a nuisance to be borrowing a projector so Mrs. Harper just gave a complete projection unit and now it is available all the time.

In presenting the award on the nationwide radio hookup, Walter Mason said, "No question about it; you are indeed a good neighbor. God bless you for your gentle generosity."

See why First church is proud?

## KENTUCKY

BWC of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, gave \$1172 to the Lottie Moon offering in 1950. Wonder what their gift will be this year? And your BWC? And you?

## MISSOURI

The theme "Sailing with Christ," was featured at the quarterly meeting of the Greene County Baptist Federation. There were 87 present from 18 BWCs of the county. Miss Buetta Breshear's devotional message was "Sailing with Christ." Special music was furnished by the Republic BWC and the mission study book was taught by Mrs. Junior Bryant. Mrs. Howard Davis, president, was in charge of the program and the business session. Ships and other nautical symbols were used in banquet decorations. A special project was the pledging of gifts to the W.M.U. Headquarters Building at Birmingham, Alabama.

The Kansas City BWC Federation officers were elected in July and installed in October. The Baptist Mexican Mission Nursery was one place for giving relief during the devastating flood in Kansas City. Food, clothing and shelter were distributed to many, especially to the Mexican people that were in the flooded area. Rev. and Mrs. Enoch Ortega gave many hours to this work.

## W.M.U. of Mexico . . .

(Continued from page 4) a goal for the missionary offering of \$3,500 pesos. Our treasurer reports that over \$7,000 pesos have come from the different organizations in Mexico which met for prayer during the week. "Great is the Lord, and merciful!" How we rejoice when we can testify to his material blessings. How small we feel when he gives us more than we ask for, and how grateful that he gives us the opportunity to be partakers in his great work.

We are grateful to the Lord and to Southern Baptist women who have made it possible for us to obtain such wonderful material for our programs. Our recognition also to our National Committee who translated and beautifully presented the material and program suggestions to us. It is a great inspiration to think that during a week we join hands with Baptist women around the world, kneel before the same throne of mercy, ask for the same things and daily expect the same answer.

"Grandes cosas ha hecho Jehova con nosotros, estaremos alegres." Psalm 126:3—"The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad."

# Is this your question?

by Miss Nancy Cooper

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ARKANSAS W.M.U.

• Is it permissible to combine a monthly missionary program and a season of prayer observance using parts of each program?

The seasons of prayer should not be tacked on to nor displace any other activity. The Standard of Excellence requirements are that each society have at least one missionary program each month and that the three seasons of prayer shall be observed. The monthly missionary program and the seasons of prayer are two separate activities and each claims its rightful place in the schedule of any missionary society or B.W.C.

• How many meetings are required in the observance of a season of prayer?

Program material is furnished and plans are promoted for a five days' observance of the weeks of prayer for foreign and home missions. All Woman's Missionary Societies are urged to meet for at least one hour each day and to consider the fields, to pray for the work and the workers, to give a worthy offering. But Point VII on the Standard of Excellence can be attained by observing only one program in each of the three seasons of prayer (i.e., foreign, home, state) with an offering for each, but isn't that a "cheap" way to observe them?

• In order to meet the Standard of Excellence requirement must the weeks of prayer be observed on the suggested dates?

Local conditions may make it feasible to change, but as stated in the *Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*, "Because there is an added sense of togetherness, of fellowship in the Lord, when all observe the seasons of prayer on the same date, it is strongly hoped that as nearly as possible the suggested dates will be followed."

• To whom should offerings taken during the seasons of prayer be sent? What disposition should be made of offerings that come in late?

Offerings should be sent to the state headquarters according to the usual plan of your state, not to the southern Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham.

Be sure to indicate for what purpose every offering is made and make check payable to the state treasurer. Offerings are always acceptable and will be used for the designated purpose regardless of the time remitted. The needs are current and the sooner offerings are made, the sooner the needs can be met.

• What is the advantage of keeping up to date and before the society a Standard of Excellence chart and a Membership chart?

These two charts serve as records and as promotional aids. They keep before the society accomplishments, challenges, the course ahead, in order to complete a year of balanced missionary activities. Order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price each 10c.



**B**EFORE Christmas a little girl had been busy preparing gifts for brothers and sisters, cousins, and friends. When Christmas morning arrived, she stood spellbound as she viewed with great excitement the gifts received from others. "Mother," she asked, "who started this lovely idea of Christmas?" "It was God who started it, dear," her mother replied.

# Margaret Fund Students 1951-1952

The following students have matriculated for the scholastic year 1951-52. Nine additional applications were made for scholarships but by October 1 requisitions for checks had not been received.

## ALABAMA

Dotson, Betty, *Rhodesia*, Howard College, Birmingham.

## ARKANSAS

Berry, Betty, *Brazil*, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

## CALIFORNIA

Taylor, James, *New Mexico*, Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley.

## FLORIDA

Dotson, John, *Rhodesia*, Hampden-DuBose Academy, Zellwood.

## GEORGIA

Caudill, Margaret, *Cuba*, Mercer University, Macon.

Johnson, Etie Jeanne, *Brazil*, Mercer University, Macon.

Johnson, Elton, Jr., *Brazil*, Mercer University, Macon.

Westbrook, Carol, *China*, University of Georgia, Athens.

## ILLINOIS

Swenson, Ann, *Argentina*, Wheaton College, Wheaton.

## KENTUCKY

Johnson, Joan Riffey, *Brazil*, W.M.U. Training School, Louisville.

Enete, William, *Brazil*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Jester, David L., *Nigeria*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Owens, Rosalind, *Palestine*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Parker, David G., *China*, Georgetown College, Georgetown.

Parker, Joseph, *China*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Wade, Martha Jacob, *China*, Western Kentucky State, 1548½ State St., Bowling Green.

## LOUISIANA

Anderson, Henry Lee, *China*, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans.

Gillespie, Paul, *China*, High School, 1239 Washington Avenue, New Orleans.

Snuggs, John, *China*, Tulane University, New Orleans.

Strother, Joyce Carolyn, *China*, Louisiana College, Pineville.

## MISSISSIPPI

Cooper, Annie Glenn, *Argentina*, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain.

Jacob, Mary, *China*, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain.

## MISSOURI

Enete, Happy T., *Brazil*, Southwest Missouri Teachers, 1407 Benton Avenue, Springfield.

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

## NORTH CAROLINA

Gillespie, Arthur S., *China*, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.

Gillespie, James P., *China*, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.

Lide, Mary, *China*, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.

Patterson, Billy, *Nigeria*, Campbell College, Buies Creek.

Payne, William E., *North Carolina*, Western Carolina Teachers, Cullowhee.

Tumblin, Ann, *Brazil*, Bowman Gray Medical, Winston-Salem.

Owens, Robert F., *Palestine*, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

York, Alice, *Florida*, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

York, Elizabeth, *Florida*, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

## OKLAHOMA

Worthington, Geneva, *Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Olive, Bruce, *China*, Furman University, Greenville.

Patterson, Mary Nelle, *Nigeria*, Anderson College, Anderson.

Snuggs, Margaret, *China*, High School, 106 Parkwood Drive, Greenville.

## TENNESSEE

Bausum, George R., *China*, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Bausum, Howard T., *China*, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

McCormick, Betty Jean, *Hawaii*, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

## TEXAS

Bagby, Anny L., *Brazil*, Baylor University, Waco.

Cooper, William, *Argentina*, Baylor University, Waco.

Cooper, Davis, *Argentina*, Baylor University, Waco.

Enete, Joy, *Brazil*, Baylor University, Waco.

Fielder, Florence Ann, *China*, Baylor University, Waco.

García, Samuel, *Texas*, Baylor University, Waco.

Gonzales, Olga, *Texas*, University of Texas, 707 E. 14th Street, Austin.

Hernandez, Humberto, *Texas*, Baylor University, Waco.

Judson, Mary, *Nigeria*, Baylor University, Waco.

Manston, Charles, *Texas*, Baylor University, Waco.

Moore, Betty, *Chile*, Baylor University, Waco.

Miller, Daniel A., *Mexico*, Baylor University, Waco.

Nichols, Buford, *China*, Baylor University, Waco.

Nichols, John, *China*, Baylor University, Waco.

Parker, John, *Texas*, Baylor University, Waco.

Parker, Robert L., *Texas*, Baylor University, Waco.

Porter, Nathan J., *Brazil*, Baylor University, Waco.

Ray, Mary Dee, *China*, Baylor University, Waco.

Stapton, Mary Ellen, *Mississippi*, Baylor University, Waco.

Ware, James, *China*, Baylor University, Waco.

Arpaio, Charlotte, *Oklahoma*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bell, Paul C. Jr., *Canal Zone*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Cowart, George B., *Brazil*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Fielder, Gerald, *China*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Leach, Milton S. Jr., *New Mexico*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Oliver, Bruce, *Brazil*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Parker, Wendall, *Texas*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Ray, Daniel, *China*, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Hernandez, Carlos, *Texas*, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

McCullough, W. Don, *Columbia*, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Sanz, Josephine, *Texas*, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Sims, Abel T., *Texas*, Texas Western College, El Paso.

Gonzales, Orfalinda, *Texas*, University of Texas, Austin.

Hernandez, Ruben V., *Texas*, University of Texas, Austin.

Rodriguez, Adelaida, *Texas*, University of Texas, Austin.

Lide, Frank P., *China*, Rice Institute, Houston.

Lopez, Mike A. Jr., *New Mexico*, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

Muller, Pierre, *Mexico*, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

## VIRGINIA

Bosick, June, *China*, Westhampton College, Richmond.

Hawkins, Joe, *Argentina*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Hipp, Jackson, *China*, University of Richmond, Richmond.

Johnson, Mary Frances, *China*, Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond.

Westbrook, Mary, *China*, Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond.

## CUBA

Calleiro, Laura, *Cuba*, Institute of Marianao.

García, Idida, *Cuba*, Institute of La Vibora, Havana.

Gomez, Israel, *Cuba*, Institute of Sancti Spiritus, Las Villas.

Gomez, Loida, *Cuba*, Normal School, Las Villas.

Gonzales, Moises, *Cuba*, University of Havana, Havana.

Machado, Ruben, *Cuba*, Baptist Seminary, Havana.

## MISCELLANEOUS

McCormick, Kathleen, *Hawaii*, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Yearwood, Vernon, *Canal Zone*, Medical School, University of Colorado, 2211 Marion Street, Denver.

## Your Circle Program

"Let us worship and bow down"

No one ever has enough time to sing carols as much as they would like, so plan to have your circle to sing to the sick and shut-ins in your neighborhood. This could be included in Community Missions plans.

Read the article in the December number of *The Commission* entitled "Christmas in Other Lands."

From *World Comrades* read the picture story "Christmas in Many Lands" and tell the interesting "Christmas Near Bethlehem" by Mrs. J. T. McRae.

In *Southern Baptist Home Missions* read articles about Christmas on our home mission fields.

Ask your Junior RA counselor to have three of his boys present the play "Appointment by Starlight" given in the December *The Window of Y.W.A.*

Glean from all your circle members so that everyone shares in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

# W.M.U. Training School

IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

BY EMILY LANSDELL

THIS forty-fifth session of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School is marked with many changes.

For the first time in thirty years Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn is not with us, though on every hand we are aware of her careful planning and vision. The new president of the training school was officially inaugurated on the evening of September 10. At the neighboring seminary Dr. Duke McCall has come to begin his duties as head of that institution.

Our staff has had other changes. We have a new house director, Mrs. Mary Crouch, who served in a similar capacity at Stewart's Home School in Frankfort, Kentucky, for nineteen years. Mrs. Crouch's efficient attention to the many details, her quiet charm and thoughtfulness have made us grateful for her coming. Miss Kathryn Bigham has returned to the training school as director of field work and instructor of social studies. Miss Bigham holds the A.B. degree from Winthrop College and the M.S. degree in social work from Boston University. From 1947 until the fall of 1950 Miss Bigham taught at the University of Shanghai and worked in the social centers sponsored by that school. It is our hope that her presence in our group will make for an increased and enlightened interest in world missions and that her experience in the urgently needed field of social work will have far-reaching results as she touches the lives of student volunteers.

Beginning this fall both the seminary and the training school have shifted the school calendar to include two semesters rather than three quarters. Our second semester will begin January 14, 1952.

We have many new students this year. A student body of 174 (101 boarding students, 73 day students) enrolled at the beginning of the session. The boarding group is larger than last year and the day student group correspondingly smaller. The enrollment by states is as follows:

Alabama, nine boarding and four day students; Arkansas, two boarding and three day; California, one day; Florida, twelve boarding and eight day; Georgia, five boarding and nine day; Illinois, one boarding and three day; Indiana, one day; Kansas, one boarding; Kentucky, fourteen boarding and fourteen day; Louisiana, five boarding; Maryland, one boarding; Mississippi, one boarding and one day; Missouri, four boarding and three day; North Carolina, twenty boarding and six day; Oklahoma, one boarding and one day; South Carolina, four boarding and five day; Tennessee, three boarding and four day; Texas, two boarding and one day; Virginia, fifteen boarding and three day; Italy, one day; Japan, one boarding.

Among the visitors who attended the inauguration service were Mrs. George R. Martin who presided, Miss Alma Hunt, and Mrs. Frank Burney. For sixteen years Mrs. Burney was southwide chairman of the Margaret Fund and from 1937 to 1942 was president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union. Her presence was a special joy to the new president of the school whose home state is Georgia. Dr. M. Theron Rankin of our Foreign Mission Board presented the new president most graciously.

Another visitor during the opening days was Miss Hazel Irene Smith, director of the Baptist Good Will Center in Avellana, Argentina. She spoke to the students in chapel, served Argentine tea to groups, exhibited curios, and as she mingled with students in the dining room and in the halls, answered questions and brought Argentina and mission work there nearer to us. We are appreciative of such contacts that push back our horizon and make us more aware of our neighbors around the world.

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 ★ A wish— ★  
 ★ A prayer— ★  
 ★ A song in the air— ★  
 ★ And peace. ★  
 ★ The gift of those who dare. ★  
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# GOD WILL SEE

BY MARGARET BRUCE

An old heathen artist was chiseling on the back part of his statue. "Why do you carve so carefully the tresses on the head of your statue?" asked someone, "it will stand high in its niche against the wall, and no one will ever see its back." "The gods will see it," was the reply.

An important lesson can be learned from this heathen artist. We must do our work just as honestly where it will never be seen by human eyes as where it is to be open to the scrutiny of the world; for God will see it!

To plan the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering among our young people may seem unimportant to some. The work required may not be seen by many but its influence will be felt around the world and will be seen by God.

The November and December numbers of *The Window of Y.W.A.*, *World Comrades* and *Ambassador Life* carry much information for the week of prayer. The actual time for the observance of the week of prayer program is to be used largely for directed prayer and the ingathering of the offerings according to the program sent out from the state office.

See page 16 December number of *The Window of Y.W.A.* for answers to "How can we make the week of prayer really mean something in our Y.W.A.?" "Our offering is too small. How can we increase it?"

Counselors and leaders will want to set challenging goals for their organizations and use the offering envelopes. They will want to use many of the materials sent to the W.M.S. as well as their own program folder: the large colored map of the world, the Foreign Mission Board Annual Report, the recorded message of our president, Mrs. George R. Martin.

The attractive publicity poster with the theme, date and offering goal can carry the information for each organization. The lighted cross and the Christmas packages can be used for the young people as well as

# Our Young People

the W.M.S. if you wish.

As we approach the season which reminds us again that "Unto You a Saviour is Born" let us consider Christ's gifts to us and be constrained to give ourselves, our substance and our service to him. He will see our efforts, he will hear our prayers, he will bless our gifts.

## ... Southern Baptists in Beirut

(From page 13) groups, and Sunday schools are conducted at the mission of Mar Elias, in homes of the city, in Tripoli, in villages along the coast and further inland among the mountains. Just two blocks east of the present location of the mission is a plot of ground which is to be the location of the Baptist school and mission compound.

Eight nations are represented in the membership of the Baptist church with a native pastor, Rev. Elias Saleebe. The roll of fifty-five members includes Jerjas Sulamaan who is an Egyptian, and Jameel Muhaysen, a former Moslem of Transjordan, both of whom are now studying at the International Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland. Abou and Uum Gattaas are among the Palestinians and Borislav Smolich is from Yugoslavia. Other national groups represented are Lebanon, Armenia, Scotland, and the United States.

Most of the members are faithful in attendance upon the services and many others come regularly to the meetings. Often their first time to be present is due to the seemingly overwhelming Arab curiosity which prompts them to enter the open door by the street to see what is happening.

Where cross the crowded, busy streets of Mar Elias and Basahtah in Beirut, Greek Orthodox, Moslems, and men and women of no particular religious conviction join with Baptists in coming quietly aside to bear of the Christ, to know him, and to seek to follow him.



by Mrs. Joe W. Burton

### Program Plans

Select the women carefully for each talk. Instruct the first speaker to study her daily paper that she may bring the news items up-to-date. She could hold the latest edition in her hand as she speaks. A globe, a map of the United States, a replica or picture of a home and church would provide good interest centers.

### Program Outline

**Topic:** Where Advance?

**Hymn:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**Prayer for peace**

**Devotional Thoughts**—"Whatsoever Thou Shalt Loose"

**Advance We Must**—In the World

**Hymn:** "This is My Father's World"  
Advance in the Nation  
Advance in our Churches  
Advance in our Homes and Business

**Solo:** "God Give Us Christian Homes"  
Advance in the Heart and Life

**Hymn:** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

**Season of Prayer**

### Whatsoever Thou Shalt Loose

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

*Singing of Christmas Carols*

*Scripture Reading:* Matthew 16:13-19

*Period of Silent Prayer* (with medley of Christmas carols as a musical background)

*Comment:* When Peter made his magnificent acclamation of the Christhood of Jesus—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"—he was stating simply the most significant single fact of the ages. There was no longer any doubt in Peter's mind about his deity; he must openly assert his faith.

Much has been said and written about Christ's answer. To whom was it addressed? To Peter only? To the twelve? To all disciples of all ages? If the latter is not true in this special instance, then we may still assure ourselves that such authority and power still was laid upon the members of his church by the Master a little later.

*Scripture Reading:* Matthew 18:18.

*Comment:* Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven! Heaven itself will sanction and sustain our action of loosing and binding! We may choose either to loose the evil and bind the good or to loose the good and bind the evil. It is an overpowering commission, a grand and awful responsibility!

Whatsoever thou shalt loose! What shall we loose?

Jesus, beholding a woman with a crippling disease one day, drew upon this power. He said to her, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity" (Luke 13:12). He could have been speaking to women of all time for he has loosed us from the infirmities of subjection, the restrictions of age-old taboos, to freedom for expanding, abundant living.

Once Jesus came to a home where a friend was bound by death and his family by intense grief. Having prayed, the Master drew upon his majestic power and called the one that was dead to come out of the clutches of death. He then said, "Loose him, and let him go" (John 11:44).

Sometimes it is not people but possessions that must be loosed for the ongoing of the kingdom of God. Christ's disciples were loosing a colt one day, when a stranger asked them, "Why loose ye the colt?" and they said, "The Lord hath need of him" (Luke 19:30;34).

If we would employ the great loosing power in our hands to release people from physical, social, and moral burdens—if we would use it to cut the bonds of spiritual death, we must master the art of loosing the material possessions that the Master has need of for his work.

When Jesus was led to his trial, the masses had a spectacular choice to make

Pilate said to them, "Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?" (Matt. 27:17).

The people, not knowing what they did, shouted vehemently, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18).

An ignorant, suffering, desperate world today still clamors for the release of Barabbas with his murder and sedition rather than to face the philosophy or acknowledge the divinity of the lowly Nazarene, who—if they only knew—would release them eternally. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Pilate held in his hands the power to bind or to loose the physical Christ, and he was willing to have him bound at the people's demand. In your hand is a power greater far—to bind or to loose the power of Christ in your community and throughout the world by your action or inaction. He has given you this power because he has faith in your love—he has confidence in your stewardship. Does the world need loosing from its ignorance, its heartache, its purposelessness, its futile struggles and vain faith? Do its people need release from eternal death?

Let the words of the Christ be an eternal, awesome, splendid goal and glory for each of us, "Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." What will you loose?

### Advance We Must—in the World

"And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries" (2 Chron. 15:5).

These are timely words from the ancient chronicles of Israel's kings. To talk about world conditions with any measure of accuracy we would need to get the latest news on the hour, every hour. Events seem designed to try the most sincere optimism: Mr. Truman makes a deal with Generalissimo Franco though he does not grant re-

ligious freedom, because Spain occupies a strategic spot in the Mediterranean. Iran becomes a bitter memory for Great Britain after Prime Minister Razmara is killed by a fanatic Moslem assassin. The black people in the Union of South Africa are crying out for the right to vote.

Korea is a country of tragic destruction no matter what happens now. While the doors are open we must hurry into South America and Japan, Hawaii and Israel; we do not know how much longer missionaries will have free entrance anywhere.

On every hand we see trouble and tension.

"This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget

### Visual Aids for December

BY MILDRED WILLIAMS

#### Foreign Mission Films

Two new films on foreign missions will help enrich your December program.

All phases of Baptist mission work in the Hawaiian Islands as seen through the eyes of Rev. Victor Koon are presented in **ADVANCE IN ALOHA LAND**. 22 minutes; sound; color; rental, \$5.

**ADVANCE IN SOUTH BRAZIL** is based on the life and work of David Gomez and shows other Baptist mission work in Brazil. 27 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$6.

#### Broadman Releases

**BIBLE ON THE TABLE** is the story of Johnny Martin, delivery boy for a neighborhood grocery, who finds Christ as his Saviour and leads his family to have family worship every morning at breakfast. 28 minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$8.

#### Filmstrip

**... AND ON EARTH PEACE**—30 single frames; color; with manual; purchase price, \$5.

The aim of this new filmstrip is to help us appreciate the significance of the birth and ministry of Jesus and realize that only through him can there be peace in the hearts of individual men and women and in the world.

Order all material through  
your Baptist Book Store.

*That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done,  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one."*

Three little girls, their voices blended in lovely harmony thrilled hundreds of Southern Baptists as they sang this simple hymn in San Francisco last summer. We need the reminder that this is our Father's world. Blind, deaf and dumb, wonderful Helen Keller said: "No man has the right to complain of a universe that God made good and which thousands have striven to keep good." Despite all the evil forces among men and nations there are loyal followers of Christ who are striving to keep God's world good.

In our newspapers behind the frightening headlines, in mission journals and in letters from friends in all parts of the world, encouraging notes can be found: Madame Chiang Kai-shek has organized a Chinese Christian Women's Prayer Group on the island of Formosa. They meet weekly to pray for China. They are constantly active in mission work among the troops and in hospitals. The Generalissimo has asked the Pocket Testament League to distribute Chinese gospels and testaments to members of his armed forces and to the civilian population of Formosa. From several states the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has sent cans of fruit juice to Korea to counteract the more than one million cans of free beer that two breweries are sending to the fighting men. The H.C.J.B. (Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings) interdenominational radio station in Ecuador has increased its broadcast power till it can reach the heart of Soviet Russia with the gospel message. A Baptist orphanage burns to the ground in Japan and women in a North Carolina church send a generous supply of clothing. Baptist missionaries studying in language school in Costa Rica pay for the first church building that Costa Rican Baptists can call their own.

And in our regular Cooperative Program plans advance is the keynote of our foreign mission program. But Dr. Rankin says: "Advance has caught up with us." Appointment of one hundred eleven missionaries



*Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hunker (Jeanette Roebuck) went out to China and then evacuated to continue their language study and witness in the Philippines*

during the past year breaks all previous records. At the moment, even though advance seems stopped in China, missionaries home from China are being deployed in Thailand, the Philippines, Formosa, Indonesia, and Malaya, etc. The largest advance of the year was in Japan. Eighty-four missionaries are under appointment to serve in that country where in 1940 we had fewer than twenty. If this high note of expansion is to be maintained, Southern Baptists must increase their gifts to missions. For every one hundred missionaries added to the staff a minimum increase of \$300,000 must be added to the operating budget. The advance of the past several years has completely absorbed the Board's receipts for operating expenses.

Yet advance we must, with a world-wide vision!

### *Advance in the Nation*

The first prayer in our nation's Congress was offered on September 6, 1774. It was led by Reverend Jacob Duché, rector of Christ's Church, Philadelphia, on the third morning of the first session of the Continental Congress meeting in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. Samuel Adams and Thomas Cushing were responsible for a resolution on the day before requesting the prayer. Even today Congress asks for God's guidance at the opening of every sitting of both the House and Senate.

Rooted and grounded as it is in Christian faith, our nation confronts many handi-



*Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galloway (Sara Betty Ellis) were among our first Southern Baptist missionaries to open the way for our advance in Thailand*

in the path of Christian advance. The American people saw one grave difficulty during recent months through the miracle of television. Across the screens in thousands of American homes paraded the faces of criminals as they appeared before the Senate Crime Committee. Americans were amazed as they saw this awful drama spread before their eyes.

A sense of righteous indignation is developing among Christian people. Many are realizing that we must throw off our apathy and face the problem of the breakdown of morality in state and national government. Laws must be enforced to combat evil. But the real remedy lies deeper than law. There must be a quickening of the spiritual forces in the lives of our men and women and young people.

There is much evidence that America is aroused about the non-Christian life in our country. Former President Herbert Hoover said recently, "Our greatest danger is not from invasion by foreign armies. Our dangers are that we may commit suicide from within by complaisance with evil or by public tolerance of scandalous behavior. Or by cynical acceptance of dishonor. These evils have defeated nations many times in human history. . . . Congress can well widen the laws to catch the new kind of bribes and benefits they have discovered, but the Congress cannot reach intellectual disorders. In its frustration, Congress is groping for some sort of code of ethics. . . . Our strength lies in spiritual con-

cepts and in public sensitiveness to evil."

But high moral codes and uprightness cannot be assured except through Christ. If ever a strong program of home missions was needed it is now. Nothing less will solve our national problem.

In our homeland there is every evidence of advance in mission work. The work of our Home Mission Board has been on the march in recent years. In the one hundred six years of the Board's history the record shows that for every \$34.97 spent there has been one profession of faith. Speaking to the convention in San Francisco, Dr. Lawrence said, "The field and the task of home missions have increased in importance until today we have a vast field stretching from the Atlantic to the Golden Gate of the Pacific and reaching north to Alaska."

In the past ten years the convention has added 988,642 square miles to the home mission field. This is an increase of 78 per cent and gives the Board a larger task than ever.

We must advance in our own mission work at home for the sake of the rest of the world. Never has our nation been so feared and despised as we are in Asia today. The continent of Asia is big and imposing though backward and leaderless. For the most part their women are in bondage, their peoples illiterate but they are ready for progress and power. Europe is a mass of confusion—a continent struggling to breathe after the illness of war. Africa is still the dark continent. South America is under the cloud of catholicism. Yet we have so much material power, so much wealth! We have more schools and automobiles and comforts than any other nation. We do share our material wealth with other nations to a certain extent. We have given to the International Children's Emergency Fund, to the International Bank for financing backward areas, to the Palestine Refugee Organization and we have loaned money to other nations for rehabilitation. But compared to the need of the rest of the world can we feel we have given enough?

Yet we may well be compared to the rich young ruler—one thing we lack: Christian fortitude that leads to a feeling of responsibility for fellow men so that we become a true Christian witness to the rest of the world.

## Advance in Our Churches

Advance we must in the local church. The beauty of our nation has been enhanced by new church buildings. From the small village church to the large city church, we are becoming better equipped to minister to the people at home.

There are other areas in which we must advance. One pastor was showing a visitor through the new educational building, complete with chairs, tables and even pianos built to scale for each department.

"What about your workers for these children?" the visitor asked.

"We have the very best trained superintendents for each department," he answered.

For twenty years that church has been committed to a program of training for leadership. Many men and women had prepared themselves to do their best work. Now they are ready to advance in Sunday school, Training Union and W.M.U. missionary education organizations.

In our churches we must advance in evangelism. It was an inspiring sight, when at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco thousands of Christians knelt to pray for lost people. Then the lost people in that great audience began to come to the Master. Young men and young women in military uniform came. Old men came, and boys and girls. The young man at the controls of the public address system sent this message to the front: "Tell the preacher I can't leave my place but I accept Jesus." More than a hundred professed Christ that night. In all our churches we could witness a great outpouring of the Spirit if we would advance in our praying, be faithful in our witnessing, be regular in our visitation.

But we need to advance in the practice of missions. Dr. Rankin is asking us, "How big is your church?" The answer is that a church is as big as its mission program. A certain fine deacon lacked enthusiasm for missions. Half-heartedly he gave through the church budget and felt that he had done his part. Then his pastor asked him to teach a class of Junior boys in the mission of his own church. As he saw the need of his boys, as he saw the mission pastor spending himself to give the gospel to needy people at home, he caught a world



Dementl Mueller  
Margie Shumate (left) and Olive Lawton moved from stricken China to hopeful Formosa in our missionary advance

vision. Missions became real to him. We must look around in the neighborhood of our own church and move out into nearby areas of need. We must be careful that we keep our gifts reaching beyond our church to the entire world. We must indeed practice missions, and pray for and give to world need.

## Advance in Our Homes and Business

We must spend more time advancing with Christ in our homes and businesses. The insistent demands of society give the American family little time together. The word "husband" comes from two words, house band, indicating that the husband is the one who holds the house together. The word "wife" is from a word meaning "weaver," putting the wife very definitely in her place at home beside the loom ministering to her family. Some Sunbeams were talking about their mothers, trying to decide which mother was the nicest. The unanimous decision was given to one mother when her small son said, "My mother is always at home when I come in from school." We need more home life even if mother must give up some of her social life; and father must curtail his outside interests.

With more time at home, the family can have a wholesome life together. The Christian family can come to know the joys of a dedicated home through three simple practices, namely: private devotions, grace at meals and family worship.

Perhaps when our children were born

we said in our hearts: "Here they are, Lord. Use them in thy service." We felt that they were ours and we wanted to dedicate them to God. But as these precious ones have grown up in our homes we have realized more with each passing day that they do not belong to us. While one mother watched her son come successfully through a polio attack she knew that he was not hers. He was simply put in her care for a while and God could claim him as his own at any moment. So she dedicated herself anew to the task of bringing him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

A fine Christian mother once said, "I do not understand why my prayers have gone unanswered. From their very birth I have prayed that the Lord would use my children in full-time Christian service. John could have preached. Roy would have been a wonderful educational director and Susan should have gone to the foreign mission field." Today John is a moderately successful business man, rearing a good family, an active layman in his church. Roy is using his musical talent on radio and television and finding time to be a church organist. Susan is a good Christian wife and mother. One wonders why their mother feels disappointed.

Many parents actually thwart their children's plans by refusing to let them follow the leadership of the Spirit. Children need encouragement in attending all the organizations of the church life. They need the mission heartbeat that throbs in a home where mission magazines are provided and where young people are reminded of mis-

Two playmates had been hearing about Miss Lottie Moon in Sunbeam Band. Then the older sister of one was married and one child was flower girl. Playing wedding became a delight. They dressed up again and again, and married in and out of the play church.

One day, mother overheard this, "Let's play get married and then start on our Lottie Moon."

ionary education organization meetings on the weekdays as well as the Sunday school and Training Union. Stewardship teaching needs the help of the home that children may be able to tithe.

So, we must advance with Christ at home, and in business, letting him be our guide and our strength. We can only place the hands of our children in the hand of the Master and pray that he will lead on.

## Advance in the Heart and Life

It was Disraeli who said, "Life is too short not to make it great." Robert Abraham expresses the same thought in a poem that was published soon after the bombing of Shanghai:

"Tonight Shanghai is burning  
And we are dying too.  
What bomb is more surely mortal  
Than death inside of you?  
For some men die by shrapnel  
And some men go down in flames,  
But most men perish inch by inch  
In play at little games."\*

If we would advance with Christ in the world, the nation, the church, the home, and in business, the individual Christian cannot "perish inch by inch in play at little games." And no Christian needs to play at little things. He has the biggest task, the most glorious way of life, the deepest joy that can come to mankind. In the Beatitudes we find the pattern for Christian living. Do we follow it? Jesus gives us the program for our lives when he says, "Ye are the salt of the earth," to preserve what is good, season what is tasteless. Our task is made clear in Jesus' words, "Ye are the light of the world." We are lamps, lighted by the Holy Spirit and set to shine.

Daily living for Christ is where our severest test comes. All of us are inclined to say, "Tomorrow I'll live closer to the Master." "Next week I'll visit that sick friend." "When school starts I will work at the mission or sew at the hospital." "After Christmas I am going to study my Bible more diligently." Procrastination is not only the thief of time, it is the destroyer of character. Emerson said, "Write it upon your heart: Today is the best day of the year."

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Baptist women must somehow keep out of the "little games" that would creep in and destroy our usefulness—What can we do?

In the first place we can worship in the early morning. Most housewives are the first ones up in the morning. Business women can set alarm clocks up. Could we not take a moment to "be still and know" (Psalm 46:10) before the day starts with its home and business duties and demands, its telephone calls, its radio or television programs? We should find time every day for making and keeping friendships.

Then we can each do some service for the Master each day. Every day we can pray for kingdom interests. Every day we can witness and serve: but do we? If we put the kingdom first on our daily schedule

we can claim the promise of Jesus' presence as we "Seek . . . first the kingdom."

We should find time in our well ordered day for self-improvement. The Christian woman should care for her body and keep herself attractive. The old adage, "Keep the weight down and morale up" is a good one. We should not let our minds grow stale. Our mission magazines and meetings will keep us alert if we let them.

Our lost, weary world flounders in dis may and perplexity. The hands of devoted Christian women, touched with the power of prayer and released from selfishness in the gladness of generous giving, can steady this tottering world and set it advancing on the path of righteousness. Will we do it: For Christ's sake?

## Where Can It Nest?

PEACE is almost impossible today because the moral and spiritual prerequisites are lacking. Russia's aggressiveness and communism's infiltration have much to do with it, but there is enough bad feeling even among



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non-Communist nations to prevent peace from becoming a reality. Yet if the nations outside the iron curtain were really bound together in Christian truth and love, that union of strength and purpose among the non-Communist missions would stop communism dead in its tracks as physical force can never stop it. When we come right down to it, the only place the dove of peace can be sure to find a nesting is where the principles of the cross are entrenched in the lives and thinking of the people.

## Our Daily Bread

BY MRS. B. A. COPASS, TEXAS

"O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight."

1 **Saturday** ". . . a Star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corner of Moab . . ."—Num. 24:17

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, and all secretaries and state board members working with him

2 **Sunday** "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until shiloh come . . ."—Gen. 49:10

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Tatum, Hilo, Hawaii, evangelism

3 **Monday** "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots."—Isa. 11:1

Pray for the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 3-7

4 **Tuesday** ". . . I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations."—Ps. 89:3,4

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, educational evangelism, Recife, Miss Alma Jackson, medical evangelism, Goyania, Brazil, R. Thomas Hayes, Margaret Fund student

5 **Wednesday** "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me . . . to be ruler in Israel . . ."—Mic. 5:2

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, evangelism, Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. A. J. Terry, educational evangelism, Recife, Brazil

6 **Thursday** "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . ."—Isa. 9:2

\*Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Knight, Kaduna, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Gold Coast, Africa, educational evangelism, Mary Littleton, Margaret Fund student

7 **Friday** "When Israel was a child, then I loved and called my son out of Egypt."—Hos. 11:1

Pray for the worldwide observance of the

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, and for the ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Woman's Missionary Union

8 **Saturday** "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."—Mal. 4:5

\*Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Shanghai, temporary assignment, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, \*Miss Blanche Groves, Soochow, China, educational evangelism, Paul, Arthur and James Gillespie, Margaret Fund students

9 **Sunday** "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord . . ."—Isa. 40:3

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, secretary of missions to Cuba, Havana, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Silva, evangelism, Batabano, Cuba, Miss Margaret Caudill, Margaret Fund student

10 **Monday** "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper . . ."—Jer. 23:5

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Afill, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Morris, Ada, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

11 **Tuesday** ". . . and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness."—Jer. 23:6

Rev. and Mrs. Sostenes Martinez, Beeville, Rev. and Mrs. Guillermo Garza, Brownsville, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

12 **Wednesday** "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief . . ."—Isa. 53:3

Rev. and Mrs. David Espurvoa, Edinburg, Rev. Daniel Aleman, Brownwood, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

13 **Thursday** "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? . . ."—Ps. 22:1

\*Rev. and Mrs. Burton de Wolfe Davis, Fortaleza, Rev. Blonnye Foreman, Arraias-Campos Belos, Brazil, educational evangelism

14 **Friday** "In that day there shall be a fountain opened in the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."—Zech. 13:1

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Levy, Lajas, Rev. and Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Corral Nuevo, Cuba, evangelism

15 **Saturday** ". . . behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."—Zech. 9:9

Miss Jennell Greer, Soochow, China, tempo-

rary assignment, Bangkok, Thailand, \*Miss Flora Dodson, Hong Kong, educational evangelism, \*Miss Lucy Wright, Wuchow, China, medical evangelism

16 **Sunday** "... If ye think good, give me my price: ... So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."—Zech. 11:12

Miss Ruth Womack, Rev. and Mrs. James A. Clarke, special appointees, Oghomosh, Nigeria, medical evangelism

17 **Monday** "... they pierced my hands and my feet"—Ps. 22:16

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. York, Tampa, Florida, Italian evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. Filomeno Hernandez, emeritus, Home Mission Board, Alice Carolyn and Elizabeth York, Margaret Fund students

18 **Tuesday** "They gave me also gall for my meat: and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."—Ps. 69:21

Dr. and Mrs. Heber F. Peacock, Dr. Claus Meister, educational evangelism, Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland

19 **Wednesday** "... neither shall ye break a bone thereof"—Ex. 12:10

Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Cassidy, San Marcos, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. Armando Alvarado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

20 **Thursday** "They put my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."—Ps. 22:18

Miss Pauline White, Jaguaquara, Rev. and Mrs. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, educational evangelism

21 **Friday** "... my flesh also shall rest in hope For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."—Ps. 16:9,10

Miss Rebecca Tarry, Tampa, Florida, Miss Jean Stamper, New Orleans, Louisiana, Good Will Center, Mrs. Paul Bremerman, New Orleans, Louisiana, Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center

22 **Saturday** "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."—Luke 24:27

\*Miss Helen McCullough, Shanghai, \*Miss Lila Watson, Hong Kong, \*Miss Ethel Fay Taylor, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

23 **Sunday** "... Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isa. 7:14

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sieg, Cubero, New Mexico, Rev. Jim Pickup, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

24 **Monday** "... Fear not: for, behold, I bring

you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."—Luke 2:10

\*Dr. and Mrs. William J. Williams, Oghomosh, Miss Amanda Tinkle, Shaki, Nigeria, medical evangelism

25 **Tuesday** "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11

Pray that all people will come to know the full meaning of Christmas Day so that peace and good will may abide.

26 **Wednesday** "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6

Rev. and Mrs. William M. Haverfield, Rev. and Mrs. Garrett E. Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, evangelism

27 **Thursday** "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end ..."—Isa. 9:7

Rev. and Mrs. John DeFoore, evangelism, Anchorage, Alaska, Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulton, emeritus, Home Mission Board, Charlotte Arpaio, Margaret Fund student

28 **Friday** "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet ... like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken."—Deut. 18:15

Rev. and Mrs. Deaver M. Lawton, educational evangelism, Kweilin, China, temporary assignment, Bangkok, Thailand, \*Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rankin, evangelism, Ku Kong, China

29 **Saturday** "... Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."—Ps. 110:4

Rev. James O. Powell, Charlotte, North Carolina, Rev. A. Walter Williams, Atlanta, Georgia, evangelism, Rev. S. M. Weaver, Houston, Texas, educational evangelism among their own Negro race

30 **Sunday** "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner."—Ps. 118:22

\*Rev. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Pingtu, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Morris, Shanghai, China, temporary assignment, Bangkok, Thailand, evangelism, Joseph and David G. Parker, Margaret Fund students

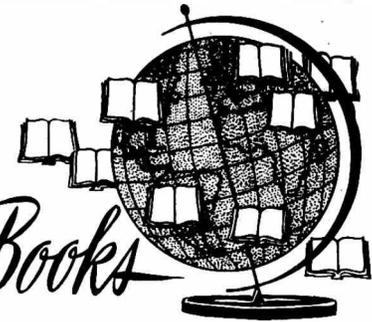
31 **Monday** "... Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."—Acts 7:56

Rev. Tolbert A. Welch, Kansas City, Missouri, Rev. D. D. Cash, Jackson, Mississippi, Negro educational evangelism, Rev. A. N. Murray, St. Joseph, Louisiana, Negro evangelism

\*—on Burlington

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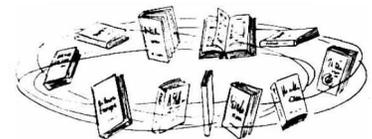
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