



*Your Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering*

Conversation of Our Hearts!

by Mrs. George R. Martin

ON June fifteenth Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Texas W.M.U., Drs. Rankin and Sadler and I began our Middle East-European tour. We stopped in Madrid and Barcelona to visit our Spanish Baptist work. The women's work is most encouraging due to the fine type of Spanish leadership which they have. They have all the grades of W.M.U. The one great need among our Spanish Baptists is missionary leadership. There are many discouragements for missionaries to face in going to Spain but we believe that with strong missionary leadership the work will continue to grow.

It was our privilege to visit four countries of the Middle East—Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel. In all of these countries except Syria, Southern Baptists are busy.

LEBANON—the smallest Mediterranean country—is in the heart of the Levant, but it actually looks Western. It is as old as the East, yet in growth and development has become quite modern. Who has not heard of the cedars of Lebanon? The cedar is still the beloved symbol of Lebanon. It appears in the design of the national flag, a symmetrical tree on a snow white background between two bands of red. The white background is itself a symbol, for it is said the word Lebanon, in the language of the old Samaritans, meant white—for snow.

In Beirut, the largest city, our missionaries, the Finley Grahams and Miss Mabel Summers, are doing a splendid work. Here we have a well-organized growing church. Every member of the church is a tither and the prayer meeting is as well attended as the church service. It was a thrilling experience to meet with a large group of

Baptist women and tell them about the Baptist women in other lands. Many of the young people are in W.M.U. organizations also.

In Tripoli, the second largest city in Lebanon, we have a very fine work. During this week of prayer, let us pray for our missionaries in Lebanon! Let us pray that two more couples may be sent there soon.

ON our journey from Lebanon to Jordan we passed through Syria, spending a few days in Damascus, considered the oldest city in the world. There we were guests of the Paul Gerens. He is a former R.A., once a missionary to India, now in diplomatic service in the American embassy. Not only did they show us all the places of interest, but they gave us illuminating information about the city.

OUR next stop was at Ajloun, in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. There Dr. and Mrs. Brown and Dr. and Mrs. McRae are located. Dr. and Mrs. Lovegren were there for the summer, resting from language study.

A reception at the hospital compound brought all the official dignitaries to meet us. The sheik, the president of the Parliament, and other officials brought greetings. One of the officials reminded us that the Arabs like Americans, but do not like their politics. He said our politics had brought them great disaster and heartache. He asked Dr. Rankin to convey this message to the American people.

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The Story of Your Lottie Moon Picture

WHEN the Week of Prayer committee asked that a picture of Miss Moon be made available for sale to you, Miss Winfield began hunting for one. She wrote our Foreign Mission Board—no success. She wrote Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence who did so much research on Miss Moon's life in writing *Lottie Moon*—no success. Then she wrote Mrs. W. B. Glass who was known to have been in a picture with Miss Moon. Mrs. Glass replied, "I had to leave all my pictures with all my earthly possessions in China when we repatriated." Then from Ella Jeter Comerford, Mrs. Glass secured the picture and told this story about it.

"Miss Moon objected very, very much to having her picture taken. After I went to China, fifty-one years ago, almost every time, there was a mission meeting someone brought a kodak, and would announce that at a certain time everyone was asked to meet for a 'mission picture.' Miss Moon never came.

"Because I was from Virginia she was very lovely to me, calling me her 'little Virginia girl.' When on a furlough, she wrote my mother she wanted to visit her. Mother enjoyed her for three days and after Miss Moon returned she invited Miss Jeter and me to spend two weeks in her Tengchow home. One day a letter came from my mother, and Miss Moon asked me what my mother had to say. I told her my mother asked me to send her a picture of 'Miss Lottie.'

"Immediately she said, 'Well, let's do,' and she told her cook to get a certain photographer to come right after we finished eating. When we finished he was in the yard and she had the cook take the chair out on the porch. Ella Jeter and I stepped away but she said, 'You girls come stand beside me.' That was the only time she had her picture taken in China."

The valued picture is faded and

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There is a picture story life of Miss Moon for G.As. and R.As., price 20c from the same address.

indistinct in places, but our best photographer made an expert copy of it, so as to give Miss Rachel Colvin, our art editor, a good negative from which to work. She made a print 18 times the size of the original photograph, retouched it and built up the detail in the features. Then the engraver made a fine copper cut from which the printer made your 8 x 10 inch portrait of Miss Lottie Moon. A copy of her own signature is under the picture.

Ella Jeter (left), Miss Moon, and Mrs. Glass in the yard of Miss Moon's Chinese home, 1905



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COVER—Praying with you December 1 to 5, are women and young people who will read the theme for the Week of Prayer: "Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep" in the ten languages shown on the cover.

Your answer to Christ's questions, your obedience to his command, mean freedom and life or bondage and death to millions who do not know even the simplest lessons in the language of love.

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A Baby Really Special

"We have only been on the mission field a little over four months, but we have fallen in love with our work and wanted to share this little part of it with you. We took over the George W. Truett Home after being here only six weeks. You can imagine how helpless we felt. Hideya, the character of this story, is only one of the nineteen bright-eyed Arab children with whom we work."

MRS. PAUL D. ROWDEN



Hideya, and Becky Rowden

I AM Hideya, known as the "Christmas Baby" of the George W. Truett Children's Home in Nazareth. My story begins early one morning during the week before Christmas, 1948. I was only a few hours old when either my parents or some friends laid me carefully on the steps of the English hospital in Nazareth. They must have loved me because they took me

to a place where they knew I would be cared for.

In another part of Nazareth, the sixteen children in the George W. Truett Home were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. All of them had asked for something special, but three-year-old Lorraine had asked for something really special—a real live baby!

Dr. Bathgate, the kind white-haired doctor at the English hospital, had always played the role of Santa for these happy youngsters and this year he did not fail them. Nor did he fail little Lorraine, for on Christmas morning in he walked with a real live baby and placed her in Lorraine's outstretched arms. I was that baby. My black hair straight then, is now a mass of soft ringlets. I was accepted as part of the family from the very start and my "brothers and sisters" began to love me very much.

Although I'm nearly four years old, and although there are now nineteen of us in the Truett Home, I'm still "the baby." I may be a little bit spoiled because I've been pampered more than the others. I'm really too young to understand yet but someday I will be eternally grateful to those who so kindly took me and provided for me the necessities of life.

You have sent your missionaries here with your money and your prayers. You have provided a big house to live in, and nourishing food to keep my body strong and healthy. You have sent me pretty dresses to wear and toys to play with. I

sleep in a blue bed with clean white sheets. I have my very own nice pink chair beside my bed. There are five of us in my room and we have a good time together. My eight other "sisters" are in pretty rooms across the hall. They have youth beds decorated with teddy bears and chickens. My six "brothers" have a nice room downstairs which they have learned to help keep neat and clean.

Since there are so many of us we can't have separate birthday parties. Three times a year we have a "big" party and those who have had birthdays in the past four months celebrate all together. We always have ice cream and cake and all the trimmings. At Christmas we have nice gifts under the tree. Last Christmas Aunt Hannah and Uncle Elmo (missionaries Mr. and Mrs. B. Elmo Scoggins) gave each of us a Bible for our very own.

Could you be with us at breakfast some morning? Just before we eat we have Scripture memory work. We can say about thirty Bible verses from memory, and some are difficult and long. We sing a prayer

and then we eat. After breakfast all the household takes part in our morning devotions. There are thirty of us in all, counting two helpers who speak only Arabic. We children speak both English and Arabic.

All of us go to the Baptist school here in Nazareth which has 325 students. I'm still in the nursery but before long I can go to kindergarten, where I will learn the Arabic alphabet. On Sundays we go to our Baptist church. Missionary Dwight Baker is the pastor. All the people comment on how pretty we look and how quietly we sit during the sermon. It is a long uphill climb to our Home after church so we're really ready for our Sunday dinner.

By this time you see that I am a very happy little girl, and I want to thank you for having such a big part in making me that way. Often your missionaries talk about giving our lives to Jesus. I'm sure I will want to do that when I am older, for this is the same Jesus who put it into your hearts to care for me when I was an unwanted Christmas baby.

From Secret Correspondence to FULL JOY

by Mrs. Finlay Graham

WHEN my husband and I, as Southern Baptist missionaries, moved to Beirut, Lebanon in November, 1948, we found a small group of consecrated believers meeting together regularly for worship, Bible study and prayer. Two among them were responsible for the conversion of nearly all the others. These two were Mr. and Mrs. Salim Sharouk. For more than thirty years they have devoted much time and effort in prayer and witness for the Lord in Beirut. Back of this practical expression of Christian love, are dedication to Christ and a sincere desire to see others call upon him as their Saviour.

When Minnie (Mrs. Sharouk) was ten years old, her father sent her and her eight-year-old sister to Beirut to a German Protestant boarding school. Until that time, Minnie had always gone with her family to worship in the Catholic church

in her mountain community. She was amazed to hear the German missionary say that one should not pray to statues or pictures of the saints. He emphasized that no earthly mediator was needed in prayer and worship "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). These seeds of truth found fertile soil in her heart and before the school year ended, Minnie accepted Christ as her Saviour.

ON the first Sunday after she returned home for summer vacation, her family prepared as usual to attend the Catholic church. But Minnie told them that she

was going to the Protestant church. Her parents threatened to beat her if she did not attend services with them. When she remained firm, her mother beat her unmercifully. During the three months, Minnie did not attend church anywhere for, in spite of repeated beatings, she would not go to the Catholic church and her parents forbade her going elsewhere.

With the coming of fall, her parents debated about sending her back to the mission school. They knew that the scholastic standards were high and tuition fees low. With the feeling that she would "outgrow these foolish notions," they decided to return her to Beirut. She continued in school there five years but grew stronger in her faith that Jesus Christ is sufficient.

When Minnie was about fourteen years old, a young man, Salim, came to work for her uncle who was a shoemaker in her mountain village. When the young man saw Minnie one summer he fell in love with her. True to Arab custom, he did not dare to speak to the girl, but requested her uncle to ask her father to give Minnie to him in marriage. Her father refused, stating that he had planned to engage her to a rich man who had asked for her. He was a very wicked man and Minnie did not want to marry him.

IN the meantime, Salim had been discussing the New Testament with a blind man whose wife did the laundry of the mission school in Beirut. That fall, Salim sent

Minnie a letter by the blind man who had passed it on to his wife who gave it to Minnie. A secret correspondence was begun. As Minnie learned of Salim's increasing interest in the gospel, she became more determined not to marry the wealthy wicked man her father had chosen. As Salim wrote of his desire to seek and follow the truth, Minnie knew that Salim was God's choice for her.

THAT summer, Minnie and Salim did the unheard of thing in the Arab world—they eloped! The first evening of their married life, they knelt together and dedicated themselves to the Lord. Soon after their marriage they were baptized and became a part of the small group of Baptist believers in Lebanon. Through the years their home and their lives have been challenging influences and vital witnesses of God's grace.

Their eldest daughter, Yvonne, at the age of thirteen, defied the persuasive efforts of three nuns to get her to enter the Catholic church. She stated her New Testament position so thoroughly that the nuns remarked to her mother, "You must have given her the Bible with her milk." Yvonne's oldest daughter, Lillie Nasralah, now a student at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, is planning to return to proclaim Christ to her people.

Through the years Minnie and Salim have shared unselfishly "the joy of their salvation."

This is how they deliver groceries in Nazareth!



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How Many Days Make a Week?

by Virginia Wingo

IN Italy our week grows longer. In the first years of our "Love Offering" (our name for what you call the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) there was just one general meeting of our different Woman's Missionary Societies. But last year there were two and daily cottage prayer meetings in three different parts of the city. Our three Baptist churches in Rome are small. The three missionary societies have fewer members than in three circles in many Southern Baptist churches. So during the Week of Prayer all come together for two meetings in the Baptist chapel at Piazza in Lucina, in the heart of downtown Rome.

At one of these meetings last December there was general presentation of the needs throughout the world, with prayer for each. At the other two, causes for which our Love Offering was to be used were presented with colored slides and a big world map. The missionary society from Ariccia, not far from Rome, came to town for this meeting as did women from two or three missions. The girls of our Armstrong Memorial School were there, representing our Y.W.A.

Our Italian women do not yet have a special Week of Prayer for Home Missions. So our Love Offering is divided between missions in Italy and missions abroad, and both are stressed in our meditations and prayers that week. In last year's offering we provided salaries for two Yoruba Christian women from Nigeria who work with our Southern Baptist mission on the Gold Coast.

Here in Italy the funds helped two students at the Italian Baptist Seminary in Rivoli, with special provision for the evangelistic work they would do during the school year and during vacations. When the offerings were given, some brought their individual envelopes, and others took one envelope with the offering from a society.

In our publicity for the program we used the same beautiful poster you had. Our offering envelopes were extra large because all our money is paper, and a

fifty lire piece worth about 7½¢ is as big as a dollar bill. We had also two printed pages with pictures of the work we wished to help and a description of the needs. These were sent in advance to the societies, and helped insure a generous offering.

In many of our scattered churches outside Rome, this was one of the best days of the year, with generous gifts made even by many people who are in actual want.

Here at Armstrong Memorial Training School the emphasis each morning in chapel was on the Week of Prayer. Then the girls spontaneously gathered for prayer services late each afternoon. Other such



Signorina Luisa Arena

Signora Zemira Grobbe and Signor Anselini



meetings were held at Mrs. Dewey Moore's home two afternoons. In another section of the city, there were prayer meetings at Mrs. Roy Starmer's home and at the homes of three or four Italian women.

Signorina Luisa and Signora Zemira came to the services at the school and at Mrs. Moore's. The Signorina is about forty-five years of age, and retiring in manner, and her friend, the Signora, is a large woman with a flashing smile, a hearty voice and the greatest of enthusiasm. When testimonies were given, the Signora spoke in a way that helped us all, and her prayers were fervent.

Signorina Luisa did not say much those afternoons, but listened gladly while the older woman talked. It was Luisa who, not long after her own conversion, had begun talking with Signora Zemira. She would not listen at first, but later began reading the Bible which she had reluctantly accepted from Luisa. Soon she too was con-

verted.

She testifies wherever she can—when she goes to market, when she talks with neighbors on the street, and especially in her own home, for her husband is not a Christian. Luisa, too, knows the meaning of living in a home that is not Christian. Yet, in spite of home difficulties and of the poorest health, she carries on a daily volunteer work of evangelization, visiting in the big housing projects nearby, trying to win to Christ those who will give her a hearing.

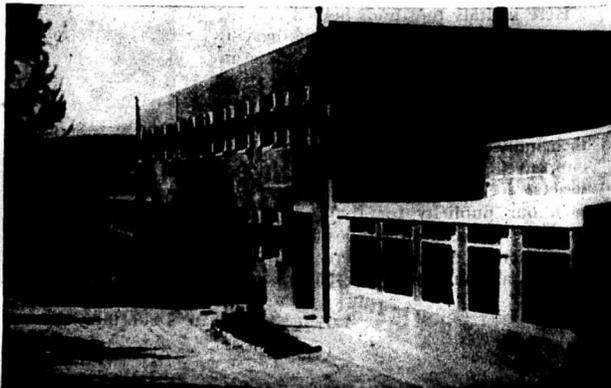
We see at the Week of Prayer meetings those who are the fruits of prayer. We see giving to missions those who are themselves missionaries among their own. We see around us at the same time the signs of the need of Christ in individual lives and also in the dominant religion of this land—all of which gives much meaning to the Week of Prayer and the Love Offering for missions here in Italy.

Touring the Lands of Our Lord

*A wonderful and
inspiring experience in travel
is shared with us*

by Eunice L. Davis

OUR tour of Bible lands last summer also included travel in Europe, Asia and Africa. By the Appian Way over which Paul entered Rome, we visited the catacombs and the Mamertime prison where it is thought he was a prisoner. In the famous city we saw also the works of more modern missionaries. The George B. Taylor Orphanage, located in a suburb of Rome, was founded by our first mission-



*Our Baptist
hospital at Ajloun
in Jordan*

ary to Italy (1875) and is now named for him. It houses eighty homeless boys and girls, and receives support through Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and other gifts from American friends.

A new dormitory for girls and a chapel with bells have been given recently. Pastor Veneziano is superintendent of the orphanage, and Mrs. Fasula, widow of one of Italy's greatest Baptist pastors, is devoting her life to the care of the children. Her eyes sparkled as she told of the Lord's care during the war years.

When they were without soap for the children, one of the Italian Baptist women made soap and brought it to them. Shortening was provided even during rationing and, she added, "Our orchard produced more fruit than ever before and our garden more vegetables, and the children were never seriously ill during that time!"

Our party attended the Teatro Valle Baptist Church and others. We heard Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, secretary of Italian Baptists, and enjoyed the singing of the great hymns in which everyone seemed to participate.

A great need and a remarkable life united to make possible the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome. The school is a memorial to Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, late president of W.M.U. In Italy it is known as Istituto Betania (Bethany Institute), in honor of Martha and Mary, with a dual purpose of reproducing the qualities of the two sisters in Bethany—fellowship with Christ and service to others. Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the women and young people of W.M.U. erected this handsome four story building on a hill overlooking the ancient city of Rome.

The school's president, Miss Virginia Wingo, welcomed our party and conducted us through the building. There is a remarkably expressive portrait of Mrs. Armstrong appropriately in the foyer. The chapel is finished in white with draperies of peacock blue, creating an appearance beautiful and effective. This and other Baptist lighthouses of fifty Baptist churches, thirty-nine pastors and nearly 5,000 Baptists shine out among the cathedrals of Italy.

At International Airport in Beirut, we were met by our missionaries and then entertained with a lovely sea, where we had

blessed fellowship with them and Beirut Baptists. We also worshiped with the Baptist church in Tripoli, its young pastor, Fayiz Sakhnini, accompanying us from Beirut via the Lebanon cedars. Later we passed through Aleppo and Damascus, into the hills of Gilead to our newly acquired mission hospital at Ajloun, Jordan near the birthplace of the great prophet Elijah. We thought of the spiritual:

*"There is a balm in Gilead to make
the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal
the sinsick soul."*

This newest Southern Baptist mission institution forms an effective duet with our excellent school in Nazareth for reaching the people of Israel and Jordan with the gospel.

At the First Baptist Church in Jerusalem we met our missionaries in Israel's capital, an enthusiastic group witnessing to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Beside our teaching and preaching witness, the agricultural missionary program offers great hope of permanent value. In the beautiful plain of Sharon we saw land bought and used for this purpose.

Almost the entire field of the Near East where the early Christians won such magnificent victories is now in the hands of Moslems and the Greek Orthodox. Turkey with twenty-one million people, has no Southern Baptist work, and our missionaries are not permitted to enter other Arab countries. Yet in Lebanon, Jordan and Israel they labor in a great potential harvest.

Standing about the grave of James Henry Hagood on the edge of the Plain of Gennesaret we looked eastward across the Sea of Galilee toward Damascus and the Arab world that he came to win. This brave young missionary was sent out by Southern Baptists in 1945. His brief but zealous labor in six months rebuked our comfortable Christianity and symbolized the appeal repeated by all our missionaries: "Tell the young people that the work is hard, but the need is very great. The people respond slowly but genuinely in the land of our Lord. He who grew up in this land of prejudice and great need is still with us, 'to seek and to save the lost.' Tell them that the time is short and we need help desperately!"



The graduating class of 1952 of the North Brazil Baptist Seminary

Fifty Years of Service

by Mildred Cox Mein

PICTURE six students all dressed in frock coats, high button shoes, striped trousers, pleated stiff white shirts with high celluloid collars and black bow ties. They carried top hats and canes and wore mustaches or beards as befitted all Brazilian students in the early 1900's. This was the first class of the North Brazil Baptist Seminary at Recife. On April 1, 1902 missionary Solomon Ginsburg had invited missionary J. E. Hamilton, a Brazilian pastor and deacons with some members of the First Baptist Church to organize the first Baptist theological seminary on the South American continent.

Beginning on April 1 in 1952, the North Brazil Baptist Seminary celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a week of special programs.

Latins love a "festa" and are gifted in unusual and original manners of expression on such occasions. The Jubilee began with the unveiling of a large bronze plaque in the entrance hall of the Seminary building. This was given by the alumni association. The Baptist pastors from the state of Bahia sent another plaque in honor of the Seminary founders. This was unveiled amidst falling rose petals and a touching panegyric delivered by Pastor Alberto Sales. A large cortege of faculty members, members of the Board of Trustees, students

of the present and past, and friends wound its way to the English cemetery to lay wreaths on the tombs of Mrs. Anne Luther Bagby, Professor E. C. Wilcox and Mrs. Elizabeth Mein. The latter is known by the title of "Mother of Seminary boys," for she opened the institution's first dining hall and cared in a special way for the boarding department.

AFTER 1906, when the American Baptist College was organized, the Seminary men took the basic course there and the Seminary turned to theological subjects. There was no graduating class until 1918, because the Seminary had not been able to provide sufficient faculty and curriculum for the Bachelor's degree and until then the men had lived in private homes or in an abandoned stable, slightly modified for human occupancy, on the college campus.

But there were three graduates in the historic class of 1918: Dr. Tertuliano Cerqueira, now pastor of the large First Baptist Church of Sao Paulo, Dr. Munguba Sobrinho, pastor of Recife's largest church and professor of Homiletics and Sociology for twenty-five years on the Seminary faculty, and Dr. A. N. Mesquita, secretary of the Brazilian Relief and Annuity Board with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro.

The latter, in his Jubilee message, told

how he came to study nearly forty years ago from the state of Para without even knowing what a Baptist pastor was. But God put it into his heart to reach out for something that would help him to win his fellow countrymen to Christ. Then, there was not any Brazilian Baptist who was a graduate of a college, nor were there any Baptist doctors, lawyers, or engineers. No evangelicals held places of leadership in government or civic affairs.

During these fifty years great and remarkable progress has marked the growth and influence of the Baptist denomination in Brazil. To the Seminaries with their orthodox Bible teaching, their inspiring vision, and the ideals of consecrated lives in the Master's service goes much of the credit for developing the leaders of our denomination. Former students came from afar to express their love and appreciation for what the Seminary has meant to them personally and to Brazil.

DURING the celebration the portraits of the men who through the years have been at the head of the institution were unveiled and these now adorn the library walls: J. E. Hamilton, 1902; Solomon Ginsburg, 1902-1903; W. H. Canada, 1903-1907; D. L. Hamilton, 1908-1912; H. H. Muirhead, 1911-1916, 1924-1929; W. C. Taylor, 1916-1924; John Mein, 1930-1935; Elton Johnson, 1936; Arnold Hayes, 1937; Munguba Sobrinho, 1938-1939; Orlando Falcao, 1940. Since 1942 John Mein has again been the president. The library,

considered the largest evangelical theological library in Latin America, was enriched by several valuable gifts from alumni and friends during these days.

On the last night of the celebration the present student body acted out a beautiful historical pageant, setting forth the history of the Seminary. The talented Baptist poetess and dramatist, Stela Camara Dubois, was the author and the presentation included beautiful poems and a hymn written especially for the Jubilee. As the curtain fell a large choir of trained voices from the student bodies of the Training School and Seminary, sang praise to the Heavenly Father for his bountiful love and mercy and we thought once more of what fifty years has wrought in our Brazilian Baptist life.

EVERY state in Brazil has its Baptist witness in large churches, trained pastors, dedicated missionaries; and most have well-equipped, well-housed educational institutions. Hundreds of students graduate annually who came to know the Lord Jesus personally on Baptist campuses or who there became at least friends to the gospel message. In every cultural, social, political, and occupational strata of society in Brazil there are believers who proclaim the good news of salvation by faith. Directly or indirectly our two Baptist seminaries in Recife and Rio have been the means in the hands of God of bringing about this remarkable change in fifty years.

Opening night of the Jubilee with Hermes Da Cunha Silva presiding



I'd Like to Say "Thank You"

by Mrs. Elton Johnson

WHEN we reached Corrente in interior Brazil in February, 1948, we soon saw that we could not have the church our young people needed. Our tiny building crowded in only about four hundred people at most. Special meetings were held on the sidewalk and at the public square, but we could not do that during the rainy season.

Our new church building, which you helped build through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, seats eight hundred people and can hold a thousand. We can have the old building for the younger departments of Sunday school and the Training Union.

One little room has been crowded with about a hundred children, from nursery school to Primary age. We could hardly move, much less put on a program that would reach these tiny tots. If we can reach them for the Lord, future generations will be influenced by the gospel.

We made every effort to raise as much building money as possible within our own church. We have about eighty contributing members and at first our budget was about six hundred cruzeiros (\$30) a month. Mr. Johnson saw it was not all the church could do, and began a series of sermons on stewardship. We taught stewardship in every possible way. Then all of us made pledges and the pledges were for 3,000 cruzeiros a month. We kept one thousand each month for the building.

Many of our dear people who could not give anything came to us and said, "I wish I could give to our new building. We do so need it! I don't attend because I know I cannot find a seat and I am too old and tired to stand up."

There was something they could do. They could carry sand from the other side of the river to the site of the new building. When I presented this plan in W.M.U. they were enthusiastic and we had some lovely experiences. On Saturday mornings, the mothers and all the children would be at the riverside and we would start with

Scripture reading and a hymn. Then we would sing and laugh and have a good time as we waded across the shallow river. In little cans on toddlers' heads, and in gourds, boxes, tin basins and buckets, in whatever was available, we carried many tons of sand until that sandbank was completely gone.

Then with a jeep and a pickup, we went a few blocks down to another sandbank and everyone helped load. A group stayed at the church to help unload. I think all were really sorry when the sand gave out and we could not do this any more, because they thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and were so happy to have a personal part in our new building.

Our church will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in January of 1954 and we hope that we can be in the new building for that anniversary.

THE second thing I want to especially thank you for is the missionary residence made possible by the Lottie Moon offering. We were in an end of a building which had been used as the small boys' dormitory. We built a brick stove in the corner of one room and lived there until we could build a home. That isn't as easy as in the United States. We had to make the brick and the lime and send out in the woods and saw the lumber, and bring it in and have it finished. We had to direct the entire process while we kept up the school and church work.

So it was over four years before we could cover the house. We moved in last November, even though it was not finished for lack of cement which must be brought in from the coast. But it is lovely and we have a place we can retire to and have a little privacy. We are trying an experiment with a cistern under the kitchen to catch the rain water. A hand pump pumps the water up to a tank, and we have the first running water in all that region. Visitors from the diamond mines and other places, coming through town, ask for special per-

mission to see our house.

We are thankful too for the influence it has had in helping many have a new ideal of home as a place of privacy adapted to family needs. We hope that it can be a pointer to a Christian-home way of living. To offset the excessive heat during July, August and September, we built the house around an inner court. We plan to keep the outside closed and the inner court wet and damp to stabilize the humidity in the air a little.

WE also had in mind a place for social occasions of the church and the school. Just before we left, the boarding students came and gave us a farewell party. We look forward to its aiding in building up better standards of Christian social life.

Another thing made possible by the

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was our light plant. We took out with us a Coleman pressure lamp (kerosene). Each night we fixed it for the study hall but it was hard to keep in repair and was very unsatisfactory. Mr. Johnson directed the installation of the wiring and the diesel generator. It is almost a miracle and everyone is so happy over it. At times we lack a gasket or some small part that cannot be bought in Brazil. Since coming on furlough we have sent back some parts.

What a blessing to have plenty of light—clean and no work except the man on duty at the plant. This motor is only run during study periods three hours each evening. It is connected to the homes of the doctor, the dentist, and the missionaries on the campus. We do say thank you for the part you played in giving to the Lottie Moon offering.

Two Questions—Why? What?

by Margaret Bruce

Our Young People

WHY are Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries urged to observe weeks of prayer for state, home, and foreign missions?

The first fundamental of Woman's Missionary Union is prayer—individual and united. Because the young people's organizations along with Woman's Missionary Societies make up Woman's Missionary Union, young people as well as women should be enlisted and developed in the practice of each of our fundamentals of prayer, study, stewardship, and service.

Through each of the weeks of prayer opportunities are offered for distributing missionary information, for praying and giving to missions. The November programs helped prepare minds and hearts for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 1-5. Goals should be set for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the envelopes distributed early. Use the week of prayer materials sent the W.M.S. as well as the program provided for each organization. Children and young people can pray intelligently for foreign missionaries and

their work. They can bring gifts to show their love and concern for people in countries abroad if we prepare their minds and hearts and help them know the "why" for praying and giving.

WHAT are your holiday plans for welcoming your youth home at Christmas?

Y.W.A.'s will delight in helping with open house, a tea or banquet in honor of college and seminary students. Various organizational meetings could be made more interesting by inviting some of the students to tell something about what college means to them, about some of the students from other lands whom they have met, about their Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A., and about service projects in which they have participated. Your W.M.S. can cooperate with plans and preparation for the Student Night at Christmas. Your help may also be needed with the watch night service on New Year's Eve.

Help the youth of your church to make this a Christmas for Christ and you too will experience the real meaning of this gracious season.

It's Happening Now

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

SURELY this year, no mother, wife, daughter, or sister need worry about what to give her dearest ones for Christmas. The new Revised Standard Version of the Bible—the result of the efforts of ninety-one scholars working for fourteen years—went on sale September 30.

The New Testament was finished and published in 1946. A million copies of that were bought immediately, and another million have been purchased since. The Old Testament in two volumes to match that New Testament can be had for \$5.

At only \$6 a copy (\$10 for the leather-bound edition), a Christmas gift Bible in the language of our day should be a natural choice for several reasons.

First, the new version is actually an older Bible than the King James Version. It is based on manuscripts which have been found since 1611. For instance, some of the book of Isaiah, recently found by shepherds in a cave near the Dead Sea, proved to be ten centuries older than the version available to the scholars of King James' day. The closer you can get to the original manuscript, the more accurate the translation will be compared to translations made from those which had been copied over and over again.

More than that, scholars today know more about the Hebrew and Aramaic languages than the earlier translators knew, because more excavations have been made in the past seventy years than in all the preceding centuries.

As one of the translators said, "We haven't been changing the Bible. . . . With the aid of the oldest manuscripts and new knowledge, we have really been recovering it."

Second, the new version uses the English of our day.

More than 300 terms in the King James Version had to be translated into modern English words. The phrase, "by and by," which to us means "eventually," in the old days meant "at once," and is so translated in the new version. The word "conversa-

tion" used to mean "conduct" or "behavior."

The pronouns "thou," "thee," "thine" rarely appear in the new version except when God is addressed. The suffixes "-est" and "-eth" attached to verbs have been dropped. The "begats" are gone; now you read that so-and-so "was the father of" somebody.

Have you been puzzled by some of the expressions in the Bible? The parable of the sower mentions the "deceitfulness of riches" choking out the word of God. That may have made sense to the readers of the Elizabethan era; today we understand it better with the phrase "the delight in riches."

When Jesus said, "Take no thought for tomorrow," his hearers understood him to mean "Do not be anxious about tomorrow," and that's the way it reads in the new version.

For Psalm 119:147, you have read: "I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word." In your new Bible you will not have to struggle with the passage because it now reads: "I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in thy words."

Paul says (1 Cor. 10:24): "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth"—which seems awfully obscure, until the translators reveal that he actually said, "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

You remember the passage in Acts about God being no "respector of persons." The new version has it: "And Peter opened his mouth and said, 'Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality.'"

Third, the new Revised Standard Version has been more carefully proofread than earlier editions of the Bible. Typographical errors were immediately eliminated in this edition, as they could not be in the old days.

A Bible which came out in 1717 bore the headline over the parable of the vineyard:

"The Parable of the Vinegar."

Then there is the notorious "Wicked Bible" of 1631, which came off the press with a three-letter word missing. It declared "Thou shalt commit adultery," an error which cost the printers a fine of £300.

Last, the new version has the text broken up, not in a few lines each, but into paragraphs, although the verse numbers are retained. (Incidentally, these verse numbers were not original with Moses, Solomon, Paul and the other Scripture writers; some printer of the 16th century added them in order to key the text to a reference book he hoped to publish.)

History will recognize 1952 as a banner year not only for the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth II or the election of the thirty-

fourth President of the United States, but for the appearance of a new translation of the world's best seller. An impressive dedicatory service was held in Washington the evening before its formal publication date. Three thousand services were held the following day across the nation.

So widely "respected but neglected," due to its outdated expressions and inaccuracies, the King James Version had to give way sooner or later to a Bible for twentieth century Christians to read and live by.

For beauty of language and for sentiment's sake, the King James Version will always be cherished, but by helping men know God's truth as revealed in his Word, the new Standard Version may soon become the "People's Bible."

Conversation of Our Hearts (Continued from page 1)

Not only does Ajloun give fine promise for medical missions, but also through Christian churches and schools the cause of missions will be furthered. Wishing that we could have more time to spend with these fine missionaries in this lovely land we were reminded of Ajloun of the Bible where the sun and moon stood still for a time. Let us pray earnestly during this week of prayer for the work and workers in Ajloun!

ONE cannot enter Israel without realizing the paramount problem of the refugees; it overshadows all other problems. Since 1948 Israel has more than doubled her population and new refugees are still pouring in at the rate of 200,000 a month, raising the national total to over 1,500,000. Someone has called Israel "not a melting pot but a pressure cooker." In spite of the fact that the city of Jerusalem has been divided into two cities, a Jewish and a Moslem, it remains in the eyes of the world, the Holy City, as if it were a single unit.

We entered the Arab section first. From this side of the city we saw many places of abiding interest to us as followers of the Man of Galilee. The little town of Bethlehem claimed our interest for something. As we ascended the Mount of Olives we remembered that some of the most sacred

experiences of our Lord centered around this place. Descending its sunny slopes he made his triumphal entry into the city. From its crest he wept over the fate of Jerusalem. From this hill he ascended to his Father. The Via Dolorosa reminded us of the burden he bore, for along this street he carried the cross.

In the Jewish section we find our missionaries, the Lindseys, the Scoggins, the Francis, and Miss Eunice Fenderson. With Miss Fenderson as our interpreter we were able to talk with a large group of Jewish women one afternoon. In Nazareth we met the Bakers, the Rowdens and the twenty children of the George W. Truett Home. There are many problems facing our work in Jerusalem and Israel. We need to pray for our missionaries and their work in this difficult time!

What an opportunity Southern Baptist women have to help their sisters in the Middle East! A week of prayer and the manifold needs of so many! We can help them by praying for and with them. This year many of them will be joining in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on Friday, December 5. You have not seen them, nor have they seen you. But as one of them has put it, "We cannot see one another but we can know each other through the conversation of our hearts!"

LOOKING TOWARD January 18-23 AND W.M.S. FOCUS WEEK

WOULDN'T you like a W.M.S. Focus Week? For years in mother-like fashion missionary societies have planned delightful Focus Weeks for their young people's organizations. Now let's have one for women. On our denominational calendar January 18 to 23 has been set as *the week*. This need not mean a row of "more meetings," but a week in which women are enlisted; every committee actually "commits" and everyone enjoys one special social occasion. See page 75 in your 1952-53 W.M.U. Year Book.

Let's have five aims:

1. To focus attention of the church and community on the purpose, work and value of the Woman's Missionary Society
2. To focus attention of the W.M.S. members on the purpose of the Woman's Missionary Union as we "labor together with God"
3. To focus attention of officers to their particular responsibility and opportunity, each having some special activity for the week
4. To enlist the unenlisted
5. To extend the influence of missions



TO GET a good start in December

1. *Talk with your pastor*—seek his counsel and suggestions; ask for his support, maybe he will use the W.M.U. watchword, John 4:35b, as his text on Sunday, January 18.
2. *Ask the music director* to use the hymn for the year in the morning service, stating that it is the hymn for the year. The other songs might be missionary too.
3. *Give publicity* to the week through the church bulletin; announcements in each adult woman's Sunday school class; articles in town or county paper, posters, use the inside covers of January 1953 ROYAL SERVICE as a poster, etc.
4. *Emphasize attendance at worship service*, January 18, and at prayer meeting, January 21. Possibly the pastor will ask the president or some other woman to speak briefly on the Chief Aims or Fundamentals of Woman's Missionary Union.
5. *Organize a society* in a nearby church.
6. *Project* some definite beautification or cleaning of your own church.
7. *Plan meetings* for the week:
 - a. *Regular missionary meeting*—whether in circles or all together, make this the best meeting yet!
 - b. *Social*—on Friday you might have a lovely tea or reception with the unenlisted women as specially invited guests. Or have a social hour following prayer meeting and invite the entire church.

SINCE one reason for W.M.S. Focus Week is enlistment, use the leaflet, "Enlistment Committee" (free from your state office).

1. Probably you will write a letter to all unenlisted, including business women.
2. Divide names if unenlisted, giving each circle a list; urge that each woman be visited.
3. Send invitation cards inviting the unenlisted to the special meetings for the week (order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., 50c per hundred; cards for BWC, 65c per hundred).



TO encourage committees to diligent action, here are some pointers:

Literature Chairman

1. *Secure names* of those not subscribing to ROYAL SERVICE.
2. *Divide list*—each member of the literature committee plans with her circle for visitation to "sell" the magazine and secure subscriptions. Every non-subscriber visited by a subscriber.
3. *Seek subscriptions* to young people's magazines in homes where there are young people.

Community Missions Chairman

1. *Take a survey*, if one has not been taken recently.
2. *Soul-winning visitation* to those who are not Christian or unenlisted Baptists.
2. *Ask pastor to emphasize Christian living in the home* (possibly at prayer meeting), calling attention to the fact that it is one of the W.M.U. moral standards. Show the film, "Bible on the Table," rental fee \$8. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

Mission Study Chairman

1. *Secure sufficient copies* of "The West is Big," price 50c, from your Baptist Book Store for your home mission study and distribute for missionary reading prior to the study of the book.
2. *Make special effort* to interest women who have never been in a mission study class.

Stewardship Chairman

1. *Plan definitely* for every tither to visit a non-tither telling of the joys and blessings of tithing and seeking to enlist a new tither.
2. *Urge new tithers* to sign "Covenant Cards" (free from state office). Could you double the number of tithers in your society?

Young People's Committee Chairman

1. *Members of circles* visit the auxiliary they foster.
2. *Organize* to make a full-graded W.M.U.
3. *If you are already full-graded*, plan to become a full-graded A-I W.M.U.

DON'T you think you will like W.M.S. Focus Week?



from Minnie Landrum
 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

You can never know how happy we are over our new church building on the Baptist school campus here in Rio. It is still not finished, but we are using it—the main auditorium is just about finished. We still lack the pews, carpet on the rostrum, etc., but the floors, plastering and painting are finished and that helps a lot.

We have had many visitors to come to our church and we feel that we are in a very strategic place. We hope to match the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings that have helped so much, with the very best service that we can render. I am president of our W.M.S. and have enjoyed working in it this year. There are more open doors than we can enter.

from Mrs. John Allen Moore
 Zurich, Switzerland

When on furlough, I wanted to take typical pictures of my parents that I might keep always. The one we took of mother was of her coming down the front steps, a bunch of flowers in one hand, her Bible and Primary superintendent's material in the other. It was as I had seen her on Sunday as far back as I could remember. She had taken me to enroll in Sunday school when I was only two weeks old. The church with all its activities became a permanent part of my life.

My father was a fine Christian but had never become accustomed to praying aloud. At family worship in our home my father would read from the Bible, then we all knelt and prayed the Lord's Prayer together. This was followed by a time of silent prayer. However, when I was leaving home on Christmas Day, 1939, for the foreign field, to our surprise my father did pray audibly. He told the Lord that he was giving me to him that day as a Christmas gift.

from Mrs. Quinn Morgan
 Gold Coast, West Africa

Around fifty Tamale Yoruba women gathered every night during the December Week of Prayer. They could not present the program, which is published in Nigerian because nearly all are illiterate. They could not give a vast sum of money because most are quite poor. They did not come in curiosity because all had previously attended but they came together to pray because they love Jesus. With teaching and preaching they cannot feed Jesus' sheep, but with the food of faith and faithfulness they are ready to minister not only to their own people but also to the nationals, the Dagombas.

It is the Yoruba church to which these members of W.M.U. belong that is helping to support a Yoruba worker among the Dagombas and that has already given nearly eighty-five dollars toward erecting a church for them. The Yorubas themselves are foreigners, having come from Nigeria to trade, but as they forget tribal prejudice in witnessing to the Dagombas, they are answering in the affirmative, "Lovest thou me?" and proving their decision by feeding spiritually their neighbors.

Tamale Yoruba Baptist Church where G.A. girls meet outside on benches



Is this your question?

What is the best time for a Sunbeam Band to meet?

The answer to that question depends on your circumstances. Keep in mind the ages (4 to 9) and the fact that W.M.U. organizations are mid-week organizations; think of transportation for these small children and figure what time is best. Is it when the W.M.S. is meeting?

Do you need a time for the pre-school Sunbeams and another meeting time for Sunbeams who are going to school? Talk to the mothers and discover the best time for your Sunbeams.

What is a church council?

Why not see your W.M.U. Year Book for a full discussion of this important group of leaders in the various phases of the life of a Baptist church?

What is the relationship of the educational director of a church and the W.M.U. of the church?

The educational director will be glad to help in all the work of Woman's Missionary Union as well as in that of Sunday school and Training Union. Invite him

or her to your executive committee meetings that he may know and share in the planning. W.M.U. young people's director will particularly feel the assistance of the educational director as they work together in missionary education for the young people.

Is Family Night a success?

No plan is equally successful everywhere, and no plan succeeds without prayer and effort. The idea of the young people of graded W.M.U. meeting at the same time seems excellent. In many churches one or two Wednesday evenings in each month are devoted to the G.A., Y.W.A., and R.A. meetings. Usually Sunbeams meet at a different time. If you follow the Family Night plan it is not necessary to have a joint devotional assembly. Let the G.As. go to their meetings, the R.As. to theirs because they have their own ways for opening meetings, and their devotional periods are integral parts of their programs and not necessary identical. Their plans are for small informal groups more than for assembly-type meetings.

California

They have a BWC Federation! Their first meeting was in Berkeley in September, a delicious Chinese dinner! Two speakers, Miss Darlene Hall of our Baptist International Center, and Miss Helen Ige of Japanese Mission at Richmond, California. Nine churches were represented, two from the Japanese mission, a total of 36 present! Help them with your prayers.

Arizona

The BWC Federation here is formed in the Central Association in Phoenix and vicinity. Bernice Robinson, state BWC adviser, reports highlights of the meeting. One circle reported an active Round Table, two reported 100 per cent of members reading a mission book, and all were active in various mission projects.

The federation held its first meeting at the annual association W.M.U. meeting in October, when officers were elected and the organization completed.

Kentucky

The BWC of the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, has a monthly bulletin, "The Buzzer," which is mailed out to each member one week before their meeting night as a reminder of circle interests. Their 1951 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$1,191—the largest amount that BWC has given in one offering for foreign missions. They hope to increase it this year.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Stewardship Chairmen

Your special stewardship responsibility and opportunity now is the promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Set A Goal—As stewardship chairman you should lead in setting a worthy goal for the offering. The W.M.S. and each of the young people's organizations should set goals, the total being the goal of the Woman's Missionary Union of your church. Find out what the offering was a year ago and plan for a substantial increase.

Let the goal be known throughout the church membership by making enthusiastic and attractive announcements, using posters, flash cards, the weekly bulletin, distribution of free leaflets from the Foreign Mission Board telling about our work, and other devices. Is it too much to expect that Christians make their largest Christmas gift to Christ on his birthday? Suggest this as a minimum goal for each individual.

Distribute Offering Envelopes—A careful distribution of the offering envelopes will help in reaching your goal. It is your responsibility to see that enough envelopes are ordered for every member of W.M.U. organizations to have one. Other members of your committee and the stewardship chairmen of the young people's organizations should help with the distribution of the envelopes. It is not enough just to give them to those who are present when they are distributed. Have an organized plan for placing them in the hands of all members. It helps to write names on the envelopes, so that you can know for sure that every member of every organization receives one.

Gather the Offering—The time and plan for the ingathering of the offering is important. You may take an offering at each of the week's prayer meetings. In that way every woman who attends even one prayer meeting will have an opportunity to give. Then a special ingathering service can be planned as a part of Friday's program. An attractive device for taking the offering,

such as a seasonal collection basket or bringing gifts to a lighted Christmas tree or to a box decorated as a Christmas package, emphasizes the importance and purpose of the offering. You will help leaders in planning to make the ingathering services for young people's organizations meaningful and worshipful.

Pray—This is a week of prayer as well as a time for gifts. Use your influence in getting your society to observe the week as planned, meeting each day for a prayer meeting and all day Friday for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Of course, you will be a good steward of these prayer opportunities by faithfully attending the meetings of the week. More praying will mean larger giving and greater blessings to our missionary work around the world.

Mrs. C. D. Cheaman

To Community Missions Chairmen

"How many of you girls have had a part in community missions?" a conference leader asked a large group of G.A.'s from many churches. Not over half the girls raised their hands. These were teenagers, apparently alert, interested, and eager to do things. Whose fault was it that community missions had not been a part of their Girls' Auxiliary activities? Had the girls, the counselors, or the W.M.S. community missions chairmen neglected this? Perhaps all were at fault, since all carry part of the responsibility.

Just what is your relationship as community missions chairman to the young people's organizations? You are a member of the Committee on Young People's Work. When this committee meets monthly or quarterly, you take with you suggestions for community missions for the Sunbeams, G.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s, and for Knightly Deeds for the R.A.'s. To do this, you must keep the young people in mind as your committee studies the community. From

the list of discovered needs, note those things that young people can do, saving the assignments that call for more maturity for your women. As you suggest several activities to the counselors at the committee meeting, let them choose ones of most interest to their members.

It is not a "must" for the counselors to take your suggestions. If the young people themselves have discovered some need, encourage them to make plans to meet it. In any case, the final plans and details will be worked out by the organization's own community missions committee or Knightly Deeds embassy. The committee work develops initiative among the young people and increases their interest in carrying out the plans.

If for some reason the Committee on Young People's Work fails to meet, talk with the counselors personally. Never resort to sending typed slips of paper saying, "Here is your community missions for this month," without opportunity for discussion. The counselor needs background information if she is to lead the young people into meaningful service.

The Christmas season is a time of sharing, thinking of others, and service in the Master's name. If your young people are not including community missions regularly in their plans, do not delay another month to help the counselors with suggestions. The leaflet, "Young People and Community Missions" (free from your state W.M.U. office), is full of ideas. Remember your young people—now!

Edith Stokely

To Mission Study Chairmen

Use this skit at your associational quarterly meeting in January or your own W.M.S. business meeting. It is an adaptation of *Demonstration of the W.M.U. Achievement Chart* prepared by Miss Margaret Hutchison, executive-secretary of Oklahoma W.M.U.

CHARACTERS: *Members of the Mission Study Committee (see pages 42 and 43 in the Year Book), Young People's Director, Church Librarian and W.M.S. President.*

Let the group come together informally

MSC—Mission Study Chairman in Circle

one or two at a time. Usual greetings.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: I'm so glad you are all here for this important meeting. Since October, I've been studying the Achievement Chart which is our mission study program of work for all the W.M.U. organizations and I want to be sure that you have studied it too. (*Displays enlarged chart.*) Notice first that there are activities listed under categories with points to be earned in each. If our W.M.U. reaches 350 out of 500 points during the year we will receive a Certificate of Recognition from our state W.M.U. office.

MSC CIRCLE No. 1: It looks mighty complicated to me.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: If this is going to mean any more bookkeeping for the counselors of the young people's organization you'll have to count us out!

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Wait a minute! You haven't given me a chance to tell you about it yet! No one has to worry about the bookkeeping as you call it but me. After studying the chart and reading the leaflet, *Explaining the W.M.U. Achievement Chart*, I'm ready to start keeping books. I think it's going to be fun!

W.M.S. PRESIDENT: There's a reproduction of the chart in the Year Book on page 49. Shall I take time to distribute these copies? (*Chairman agrees.*) The society has bought one for each of you. (*All turn to page 49.*)

MSC CIRCLE No. 2: Oh, my, the very first thing I see is Church Council. Isn't that what Southern Baptists don't have anything to do with?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Oh, no! You're thinking about the National Council of Churches. Every Baptist church should have its church council. It is composed of (*see reverse side of chart*). These members plan the church calendar for the year so that there will be no overlapping of activities. We call our committee the Church Cabinet but it's the same thing. So you see we already have 10 points.

MSC CIRCLE No. 3: I guess we can claim the 15 points for the Mission Study Committee because here we are!

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Look again. The (*Turn to page 30*)

Margaret Fund

Students, 1952-1953

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 Mary Lide, *China* "
 Anna Lide, *China* "
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 Eileen Jones, *Canal Zone*, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, c/o Baptist Nurses Home
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 Mary Jo Lingerfelt, *Brazil*, Harrison-Chilhowee, Seymour
 Bruce Olive, *China*, Peabody College, Nashville

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 Bertha Cantu, *Texas*, Howard Payne College, Brownwood
 William Cooper, *Argentina*, Baylor University, Waco
 Davis Cooper, *Argentina*
 Evelyn Craighead, *Paraguay*
 Happy Enete, *Brazil* "
 Joy Enete, *Brazil* "
 Florence Ann Fielder, *China* "
 Samuel Garcia, *Texas* "
 Charles Seth Leach, *New Mexico* "

Mary Littleton, *Nigeria*, Baylor University, Waco
 Charles Ray Melancon, *Texas* "
 Daniel A. Muller, *Mexico* "
 Buford Nichols, *China* "
 John C. Nichols, *China* "
 John B. Parker, *Texas* "
 Robert L. Parker, *Texas* "
 Nathan J. Porter, *Brazil* "
 Mary Dee Ray, *China* "
 Mary Ellen Simpson, *Mississippi* "
 James Ware, *Hawaii* "
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 Moises Gonzales, *Cuba*, University of Havana, Havana
 Ruben Machado, *Cuba*, Baptist Seminary, Havana
 Lidia Molina, *Cuba*, Institute of Santa Clara
 Maria Vasquez, *Cuba*

Your Circle Program

What My Christmas Offering Can Do

One cannot learn too much about the wonderful things the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering does. Your offering has probably already been taken but you can add to it from your circle's consideration now of the Christmas offering list.

Ask your W.M.S. president for the Week of Prayer program leaflet and see the detailed list there. The general figures are:

General Work	\$ 385,100
The Orient	388,900
Africa, Europe and the Near East	323,950
Latin America	452,050
Grand Total (Allocated)	\$1,549,000

When you look at the detailed list make a correction, please. Insert these lines omitted on page 46:

Rio Boys' School, Current Expenses	2,700
Rio Girls' School, Current Expenses	1,600
Literature used on field	2,815
Gioa Clinic, Current Expenses	100
	99,545

BWCs use program material on page 24

Tell these features from this ROYAL SERVICE: "How Many Days Make a Week?", "From Secret Correspondence to Full Joy," and "I'd Like to Say 'Thank You.'"

In December, 1952, *The Commission*, see inside front cover and picture story, pages 16 and 17.

From December, 1952, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, read and tell Dr. J. B. Lawrence's editorial on the Lottie Moon offering, page 3.

See *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life* and *The Windows of YWA* for other stories about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

You will make your meeting fit this season not only with discussion of this offering but also with decorations, Christmas carols, reading the Nativity passages from Matthew and Luke, and by planning your community missions for those nearby who need Christmas gifts.

by Mrs. Earle Hester Trutza

Program Outline

Prelude: Christmas music (on records or by pianist)

Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Meditation: The Never-Again Land
Prayer for world peace and the progress of Christ's kingdom in Israel and Lebanon
Solo: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Israel—Seeing Jesus' Childhood Home
A Newcomer to an Old City
Youth's Church

Israel—Land of Adventure

Hymn: "Galilee, Bright Galilee"

Jesus Walks in Lebanon

"He Has no Feet but Our Feet"

They Win Their Friends

Victories of Some Who Have Chosen a
More Excellent Way

Missions and Women

Sing Christmas carols

Closing Prayer

Program Plans

Use evergreen and red berries (or whatever your region affords) to make a Christmas setting. Put a beautiful reproduction of a picture of the Christ child or Nativity scene in a prominent place, with a hidden spotlight on it.

On table let a tall white candle burn beside or before a map of Bible lands. Close by, have a stretched (or open) large scroll (brown paper one foot or more wide fastened to length of broom handle). With beautiful lettering write:

*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, . . .
The Prince of Peace.—ISAIAH*

If there are Hebrew Christians in your town, invite them to be your guests. Pray for the Jewish people everywhere and for peace among all nations.

If you have a social period following your program, invite a Jewish boy to explain their festival of lights or Chanukah.

If you have time, tell the story of the Sharouka of Beirut, page 5, after "They Win Their Friends."



Rose Marlowe

Christmas shadow play at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Japan: cardboard animals were used



Lorene Tilford

The ever-beautiful Christmas story was presented by members of the Baptist church in Taipei, Formosa

Program: Where Jesus Walked (Israel and Lebanon)

The Never-Again Land

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41:17-20 ASV

A ship carrying five hundred Jews pulled into San Francisco harbor. Having traveled halfway round the world in search of a safe place to live, they were on their way to the newly-founded commonwealth—Israel. Those who had been fortunate enough to save their children clung tightly to them.

The Israeli Consul, trying to comfort these fear-filled wanderers, said: "When you arrive in Israel, be assured of one thing: never again will you have to migrate to another land."

In this never-again land, the brains and zeal of God's people, who have come "home" from everywhere, are making Isaiah's prophecy come true. Hundreds of farm co-operatives supply work and homes for 150,000 Jewish people.

The Jordan Valley Authority will build a twenty-mile canal to allow the Mediterranean Sea to empty into the Dead Sea so that electricity can be produced. The

Jordan River water is to be channeled into the Negeb Desert where a quarter to a half a million acres can be reclaimed for production. More banana, orange and citrus groves will flourish in this Bible land.

Because of an ancient and ever-present distrust and hatred between the Arabs and Jews, thousands of Arabs did not feel safe or were forced out when the new republic of Israel was formed. They fled into neighboring Arab countries where they have lived in caves or under low black tents.

What causes wandering, persecution, distrust, hatred, flight, misery and loss of homes? Why do human beings treat each other so cruelly? so inhumanly? How can we make every land a never-again place? Never-again distrust for my Jewish neighbor, never-again lack of concern for the poverty and wretchedness of Arab villages, never-again war, never-again lack of devotion to Christ and his plan of peace and good will among men!

Read (without announcement): Isaiah 61:1-4.

Israel—

Seeing Jesus' Childhood Home

Up in Old Galilee the city of Nazareth still sprawls over the rocky hillside. The people of this northern part of the new republic of Israel are Arabs, vastly different in background and thinking from their Jewish neighbors.

Our six Southern Baptist missionaries direct the activities of three Baptist institutions in this city where Jesus walked: the Baptist Church of Nazareth, George W. Truett Home, and Nazareth Grade School.

Let us hear Mrs. Paul D. Rowden, Jr. tell us about her work in this hillside city. *(A woman dressed in Palestinian costume speaks as Mrs. Rowden)*

A Newcomer to an Old City by Mrs. Paul D. Rowden, Jr.

I opened a sleepy eye, raised up on one elbow, and gazed out the window. It was my first morning in Nazareth. Hundreds of flat-topped stone houses glared back at





"Faithful Unto Death," a radio drama of Lottie Moon, was given by girls of Armstrong Memorial Training School

me as they, nestled into the sides of the many hills which make up the city. A camel train slowly came into view and passed directly in front of the house. I shook Becky, my little four-year-old red-head on the cot beside me, and lifted her to see the fifteen camels in a line, all bearing heavy loads on their backs. We let Mr. Rowden sleep on. And we knew ten-month-old Robin wouldn't be interested in camels.

We were a new missionary family, appointed for work in Nazareth, Israel. The familiar song, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," came to my mind as I took my first real look at Nazareth. One hundred yards down the way was Mary's Well, the only natural water source in the town. As I watched, Arab women marched erectly past bearing heavy water containers on their heads.

It was March and the hills were green and fresh looking with wild flowers everywhere. In a few months the scorching heat would turn these hills dull brown. After March there would be no more rain until November or December.

We were being lodged temporarily in our two story Baptist Mission house, occupied by the Dwight Baker family who had preceded us to Nazareth by two years. The lower floor housed part of our 350-student Baptist Day School. To the left of the Mission house stood the small stone Baptist church, a symbol of the simple but beautiful message we have to offer. Up the

nearest hill in front, I could spot the rented quarters of our George W. Truett Children's Home. Here twenty Arab children, all under nine years of age, have been nurtured physically and spiritually since infancy.

I thought of my money and my prayers that had helped to establish this witness to the power of Christ. Now I could give my life as well.

Months have passed since that first morning. The braying of the donkeys no longer wakes me at night, and my feet have grown more accustomed to this rocky, hilly land. I can speak a little with these people in their own language. I see the vastness of the job yet before us.

Due to the recent Jewish-Arab war, the city is overrun with Arabs who have gathered here to make up the only all-Arab city in this new Jewish state of Israel. Their religious background is either fanatical Mohammedanism, or traditional, formal Christianity. Neither of these satisfies their souls. Our Baptist work, by its simple, fresh, evangelistic message, is slowly making an impression.

The real source of a future work here in Nazareth lies in our Baptist school. The combination of academic scholarship and concentrated spiritual training has drawn hundreds to it. Although space and personnel are limited, this past year there were 350 children from Nursery to tenth grade. Many others could not be accepted. Because the school and the church are so interwoven, the school feeds into the church, not only a large group of fine young people, but many earnest "believers."

Israel—

Land of Adventure

When God took the narrow bridge of land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea as a home for his chosen people, he selected an extremely important strip. It links three continents—Asia, Europe and Africa. This land, which has been known as Israel since 1948, is the historic crossroads of the Middle East. To this strategic thread of a country have come the remnant of Jewish people.

For centuries the Jews had built and created for others. Then, they were murdered

or deported, dispossessed and shoved into concentration camps. The pathetic few who survived, longed for a country with people whom they understand and love.

When the refugees in Germany and Austria were asked about relocation, their answers came painfully but without exception, "Nach Paletina" (Towards Palestine). Only the thought of reaching this homeland brought a faint smile to the sad, worn faces of those who, as if by a miracle, had escaped death.

When the church bell rings on Sunday morning we make our way along the steep inclines from the Truett Children's Home to the Baptist church. Our twenty Arab



Children of the George W. Truett Home

children are walking along with us and the people pause to chat and greet each other, as they do in the States.

Mrs. Dwight Baker softly begins playing the small organ and we go inside. A visitor would be surprised at an audience eighty per cent young people. We are happy about it for tomorrow they will be men and women whose faith has been well grounded and cannot be shaken. These, from their Bible courses and through private help have found the more excellent way.

The task in Nazareth is not easy, but the future is brighter than it has ever been before. From our balcony we can easily see the Mount, to which tradition says Christ was thrust out of the city that they might cast him down (Luke 4:29). Oh,

that Nazareth no longer would thrust him out, but that the people would welcome him home, this time into their hearts!

Youth's Church

Young people are hungry for a faith which gives them security in an insecure world. But here among 700,000 Arab refugees, young people and children have suffered physically, and feel unwanted and homeless.

The Baptist church in Nazareth has given stability to some, for in the last two years some eighty young people have made open professions of faith in Christ. How easy that sounds to us! But among Arabs, very often one who is baptized must seek refuge in some other land—refuge from the members of his own family.

Who would not like to be Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador counselor in Nazareth? Each organization has about forty active members and the two form a most important tie between the school and the church, and give the students extra-curricular activities badly needed in a town where there is nothing planned for youth or children. Each summer the forty boys go on an R.A. camp to the Mediterranean coast for a week or ten days. This is a new experience for Arab boys, but they love it! Seventeen boys were converted at the camp in 1951.

Arabs in the Near East have many fears. There is fear of the uncertainties and insecurities of life. There is fear of poverty and hunger, fear of the unknown, fear of the West, fear of the East, fear of other Arabs, fear of the Jews. There is fear of being disowned by their own family or clan. But Jesus Christ says, "Be not afraid." The love and understanding of missionary friends and other Christians will give the youth of Nazareth self-confidence and courage to live their ideals and faith.

These hunted humans went to settle in the new republic of Israel, where there are no ghettos, no gas chambers, no separation of families. All their energy, brains and love of life go to make Israel a good home for any of their people who want to come.

From thirty-nine countries abroad, 30,000 Jewish children have been brought. It is hoped that they will grow-up without being despised, cursed and murdered. Per-

haps they were too young to remember what "Christian" Europeans did to their parents.

Jesus Walks in Lebanon

by Mr. Finlay M. Graham

Did Jesus walk in Lebanon? He certainly visited parts of Tyre and Sidon and there healed the daughter of the Syro-Phoenician woman. We too have seen Christ walking in a vital way among the people of this Arab country.

Since returning from furlough last year, we have seen the work expanding with many new opportunities in different towns and villages. One village, which God has blessed recently may have been visited by Christ in the days of his flesh—the village of Mio-Mio on the hillside near the city of Sidon. For three years we have had a preaching service there every second Sunday with a Bible study every Wednesday.

Recently we held evangelistic services for a week. In two nights, twenty-five people publicly surrendered to the Lord, many testifying immediately of their decision to be 100 per cent disciples of Christ. Mio-Mio is a Catholic village and the Bishop of Sidon was not willing to sit at ease while twenty-five were leaving his fold. On the third night the house was surrounded by a yelling mob, some playing drums, some shouting threats. When we continued the service despite the din, stones were thrown and some blood was shed. But the twenty-five converts declared, "We will never go back now to the Catholic church."

"He Has no Feet but our Feet"

What are our plans and hopes for the future of the work in Lebanon? They all hinge on whether or not we will have more missionaries to help us. We are working "at top speed" now and cannot undertake any further responsibility until we have more missionary help.

Funds from past Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings are building an elementary-secondary school in Beirut which will also afford facilities for our church program through its auditorium and classrooms. This should be well under way by the end of 1952. We are grateful too for the mis-

sionaries' home being built from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Half of the population of Lebanon is in the city of Beirut with its 600,000 inhabitants. We have eighty Baptists in our Beirut church, many of them tithers. We should have at least three Baptist churches in Beirut, but we cannot until more missionaries come.

All thinking people who come our way see that Lebanon is the only Near East Arab country where there is a real measure of religious freedom. Here Moslems can officially become Christians. In our church we have converts from three or four different Catholic and Orthodox sects, from Moslem and Druse communities, and a woman from the Jewish community whose husband is a Moslem.

We feel strongly that Lebanon with Beirut as a center must be a base from which the light of the gospel will reach the neighboring Arab lands. In the near future we must see a Bible school established here. We must have a printing press where some of the wonderful W.M.U. literature, which has inspired women throughout the world, and the much needed Sunday school literature can be printed to bring like inspiration and education to Lebanon and other Arab Baptists.

Tripoli, the second city of Lebanon, with its 120,000 inhabitants, has also felt the effects of a recent revival meeting. Our lay preacher there is doing stalwart work but has never had opportunity for training. He should go to school but someone must fill his place while he is in training. There are hundreds of villages in the Tripoli area where the impact of the pure gospel message has never been felt.

Southern Baptists have yet to prove what God can do in Lebanon through more missionaries, through sacrificial giving, and through much more prayer.

They Win Their Friends

by Mrs. Finlay M. Graham

The two young couples enjoyed visiting together; they were often in each other's homes. But there was a difference between them and it became more apparent as their friendship developed. One night, Martha

and Jurius told Minnie and Salim* that they were not coming back any more because they talked too much about religion.

Finally, Minnie and Salim visited them, and Martha began to ask questions about the New Testament. About this time, Martha went to her Catholic church one Sunday. The priest was talking in a language she could not understand. She saw people who were inattentive and seemed uninterested. She thought: "I'm supposed to be praying and worshipping and I'm not . . . These people aren't worshipping either . . . What kind of church is this?" She went out of the service, never to enter a Catholic church again.

Night after night for many months she and Jurius went to the home of Minnie and Salim for Bible study. After months of searching the Scriptures and their own hearts, they made a complete surrender to the Lord.

Nearly thirty years have passed and Martha and Jurius have grown in the faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. They have seen one of their sons marry a daughter of Minnie and Salim, and establish a Christian home. They have seen many come to the Lord. Last summer they rented a house and moved to their native village near Sidon for the purpose of witnessing to their lost friends and relatives there. These who live in the land where Jesus walked testify that to walk with Jesus is the more excellent way.

Victories of Some Who Have Chosen a more Excellent Way

by Mabel Summers

During the revival meeting in the Beirut Baptist Church in June, 1952, a number of women found salvation in Christ. One is

*Minnie and Salim are Mr. and Mrs. Salim Shazwah, see "From Secret Correspondence to Paul Joy" page 3.

Teachers in our Baptist School enjoy a picnic by the Sea of Galilee

the young mother of four children, wife of a strict Catholic. She has a good education, having completed two years of college, but is under the domination of her husband as are so many women in the Middle East. He wants to become a member of Parliament but his friends told him that they could not support him because his wife had become a Christian.

This young woman is very happy in her new-found faith and is determined to teach her children the Bible. Her husband and mother-in-law wish to baptize the youngest child into the Catholic Church. She does not want this done, but may be forced to see it happen.

In the same revival, an older woman was converted and is now on fire for the Lord. She talks so much about her Master that her husband and friends often ask her to hush. A number of times she visited the evangelist and each time brought another woman with her to talk and pray.

These village women must stand the test. They are a mere handful of new believers and in a fanatically Catholic village, an hour's drive from Beirut. They want a class of their own in order to study the Bible.

Labibee is a small woman, married thirteen years, with seven living children. She is often in bed for several days, yet she manages to take care of the flock, keeping her one room and small kitchen neatly arranged and clean. She found her Helper and Guide some months ago, and followed him in baptism. Because her husband is happy about her daily life in the home now, he has quit swearing in her presence and has promised to try to do better. Many are praying for him.

The light of the blessed Day Star truly shines in her face as it does in the radiant spirit of Shafeeka, another village woman, converted while in Beirut to work for several months. Through her sister, a member of the Beirut Baptist Church, and through Bible study classes and other services, she dared to stand one night and confess Christ. She witnesses wherever she goes, giving out tracts, Gospels, etc. She has now returned to her own village and is spreading the message of Christ there. Her home will be a meeting place when our Arab evangelist visits and holds meetings there.

Missions and Women

The small W.M.U. in the Beirut Baptist Church has a constantly enlarging vision of world missions through the programs in their weekly meetings; through missionaries visiting from various parts of the world, through slides and filmstrips. For two years now the women have given generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering out of their meager mites.

The Girls' Auxiliary in Beirut is two and one half years old now, with fourteen members meeting weekly. These girls have helped promote Bible schools among the children for three years and teach in the various Sunday schools. Catholic, Moslem and Druse girls come as well as Christians. They are learning of salvation and the work Christ has for them in the world. Often they have happy fellowship together at a picnic by the sea or a trip to the mountains or a wild flower gathering in the olive orchards.

How we long and yearn and pray for the new school being built here in Beirut. We are so crowded now, trying to have all our meetings on the second floor of a house in which the missionaries live. On Sundays, we must push many things into cupboards and under beds, so we can pack the chairs in the bedrooms, dining room and sitting room to squeeze in four classes. More classes are badly needed but there is no space. And the vacation Bible school in the summer is like sardines, as children must sit and even write or do handwork on the floor.

Because some of the women and girls

Hints to Mission Study Chairman (Continued from page 21)

emphasis is on functioning. We can't claim those points until we have carried out the plans for the whole year.

LIBRARIAN: This second section interests me. I'm glad to see a variety of methods suggested for us to use in teaching a book.

MSC CIRCLE NO. 4: Why, I didn't know there was but one method. Don't tell me I can't lecture any more!

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Yes, you can but don't try to do it all at one time. You can break the three hours into six thirty

in our missionary organizations could not read, a class was started for them a few months ago. Now several are rejoicing that they can read the Bible. One boy was amazed that his mother learned to read. They come three times weekly and spend two hours each time learning so that they can read the Bible.

Besides the Beirut Society, there is one in Tripoli where about a dozen meet weekly for Bible study. Not all of them are Christians and they lack knowledge and vision of what Christ has for them and of what they can do for him but they are learning.

There are now six Baptist Sunday schools in Lebanon. The children greatly enjoy hearing the Bible stories and receiving the picture leaflet, ordered from the States, with the story printed into Arabic and attached inside. They quickly learn choruses and hymns and sing them lustily. All of these Sunday schools need larger spaces than the small rooms where they have to meet, sitting crowded on benches or in chairs.

So many people in the Middle East call themselves Christians when they are Christian in name only. Pray that a great revival may break the prejudices, the ignorance, the indifference, the sin which binds millions in the darkness of life on this earth and gives them no promise of light in the world to come.

Pray that God will provide more trained nationals and needed buildings, with the proper facilities for preaching and teaching.

minute periods or four forty-five minute periods or three one hour periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR: I think I know what a relay race is but what is a Relay Study Course?

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: Two or more teachers teaching the book. Some books are easily adapted to this method. Take for example *Scattered Abroad*. Six out of seven chapters deal with a different section of the world and can be considered as separate units taught by different women.

(To be concluded next month)

Our Daily Bread

Our home and foreign missionaries are listed by their birthdays

by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Virginia

1 Monday "But let thine heart keep my commandments":—Prov. 3:1 Miss Irene Berryman, ev., Ketchikan, Alaska, Rev. L. E. Johns, Indian ev., Coolidge, Ariz.; Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dec. 1-5

2 Tuesday "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth":—Prov. 3:12 Mrs. Charles Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Rev. Bartolome Burquet, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, ev., *Miss Pearle Johnson, ed. ev., Shanghai, China

3 Wednesday "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth":—John 18:37 Rev. Robert Harris, ev., Lima Peru, Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, Indian ev., Pawnee, Okla., Rev. Pablo Cuevas, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Albuquerque, N.M.

4 Thursday "Be of good cheer":—John 16:33 Miss Lydia Greene, ed. ev., Honolulu, T.H., Mrs. Alva Bonham, Japanese ev., Richmond, Calif.

5 Friday "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom":—Col. 3:16 Mrs. Melvin Bradshaw, ed. ev., Kokura, Japan, Mrs. Ervin Haste, appointee for Mexico, studying language, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Matthew Wai, Chinese ev., San Antonio, Tex., Rev. Cirilo Aleman, ev., Guanajay, Cuba; Baptist Women's Day of Prayer around the world.

6 Saturday "But seek ye first the kingdom of God":—Matt. 6:33 Miss Carol Humphries, Shaki, Nigeria, *Mrs. R. F. Rickerson, Shanghai, China, ed. ev., Mrs. Farrell Runyan, Kaduna, Nigeria, Rev. Domingo Fernandez, San Jose de las Lajas, Cuba, ev., Mrs. Ralph Calcote, language school, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, em., Mexico

7 Sunday "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath":—Ps. 37:8 Rev. Paul Rogosin, Russian ev., Los Angeles, Calif.

8 Monday "Quit you like men, be strong":—1 Cor. 16:13 Rev. Robert Cuipepper, Tokyo, Japan, *Mrs. Charles Whitten, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.

9 Tuesday "Prepare ye the way of the Lord":—Isa. 40:3 *Mrs. Rex Ray, China, Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, *Rev. T. B. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, ed. ev., Rev. Jesse McMurray, ev., Paysandu, Uruguay, Mrs. Robert Beddoe, em., China, Rev. Bob Fricks, ev. among Spanish-speaking,

Fort Worth, Tex., Samuel, Pierre and Daniel Muller, MF

10 Wednesday "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength":—Isa. 40:31 Rev. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, *Mrs. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dr. John Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Mrs. Antonio Martinez, ev., Cardenas, Cuba

11 Thursday "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord":—Matt. 25:23 Rev. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, Dr. Ben Lawton, Torino, Italy, ed. ev., Rev. Stockwell Sears, Bandung, Java, Miss Eulalia Martinez, Havana, Cuba, ev., Dr. August Lovegren, med. ev., Beirut, Lebanon.

12 Friday "Forgive us . . . as we forgive":—Matt. 6:12 Mrs. Hubert Middleton, Santiago, Chile, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Balboa, Canal Zone, ev., *Mrs. William Williams, RN, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Quapaw, Okla., Indian ev., Miss Vena Aguilard, field worker, HMB

13 Saturday "Abstain from all appearance of evil":—1 Thess. 5:22 Miss Anna Wollerman, special appointee, Mato Grosso, Brazil, Miss Bonnie Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, em., Brazil, Rev. B. I. Carpenter, ev., Ketchikan, Alaska

14 Sunday "When thou owest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it":—Ecc. 5:4 Rev. E. Milford Howell, ed. ev., Fort Harcourt, Nigeria, Mrs. Frank Patterson, pub. ev., El Paso, Tex., Burton Patterson, MF; observance of Universal Bible Sunday today

15 Monday "How beautiful are the feet of them that . . . bring glad tidings of good things!":—Rom. 16:15 *Mrs. Maurice Brantley, ed. ev., Fort Harcourt, Nigeria, Rev. Cecil Webb, French ev., Cloutiersville, La., Rev. Raul Gonzalez, ev., San Jose de Guadmal, Cuba

16 Tuesday "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth":—1 Cor. 8:1 Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, ed. ev., Natal, Brazil, *Mrs. G. E. Jennings, ev., Barcelona, Spain, Ann Tumblin, MF

17 Wednesday "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power":—1 Cor. 4:20 Rev. Z. Paul Freeman, ed. ev., Tucuman, Argentina, Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, ev. among Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Tex.

18 Thursday "One soweth, and another reapeth."—John 4:37 Miss Catherine Chappell, studying language, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. James Humphrey, ed. ev., Ede, Nigeria, Dr. J. G. Chastain, em., Mexico, Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, em., Brazil, Dr. S. M. Sowell, em., Argentina, Rev. Maximo Vazquez, ev., Rio Blanco, Cuba, Rev. Norman Kelley, Indian ev., Flagstaff, Ariz., Maria Vazquez, MF

19 Friday "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God":—John 3:34 *Rev. Hayward Adams, Benin City, Nigeria, Mrs. Paul Porter, Sumare, Brazil, ev., Mrs. Burley Cader, language school, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dr. H. H. Muirhead, em., Mexico, *Dr. S. Emmett Ayers, China, Nathan Porter, MF

20 Saturday "He must increase, but I must decrease."—John 3:30 *Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Rev. L. L. Johnson, Triumpho, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. S. P. Howard, ev., Shimonoseki, Japan, Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Anthony, N.M., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Japanese ed. ev., Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Darlene Hall, International Center, Berkeley, Calif.

21 Sunday "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."—John 2:5 Mrs. Winston Crawley, ev., Baguio, P.I., Miss Lois Hart, ed. ev., Antofagasta, Chile, Miss Frances Horton, language school, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Raymond Jee, Rescue Home, New Orleans, La., Rev. James Horton, ev. among migrants, Firebaugh, Calif.

22 Monday "God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness"—Heb. 1:9 Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, Jerusalem, Israel, Mrs. A. R. Dailey, Bogota, Rev. H. W. Schweinsberg, Rev. Ben Wetmaker, Cali, Colombia, *Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. William Poe, Lagos, Nigeria, ev., Mrs. N. Hoyt Eudaly, pub. ev., El Paso, Tex., Miss Mary Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Malcolm Tolbert, Sao Paulo, Brazil, language school, Rev. Ralph West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Dr. J. L. Riffey, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Dr. T. W. Ayers, em., China, Mrs. Mallie Swetnam, Matron, Rescue Home, New Orleans, La., Miss Gladys McLanahan, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Raymondville, Tex., Joan Riffey Johnson, MF

23 Tuesday "I will put my trust in him."—Heb. 2:13 Mrs. J. G. Morris, ev., Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Marvin Garrett, ed. ev., Oyo, Nigeria

24 Wednesday "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace."—2 Pet. 3:14 *Mrs. H. R. Littleton, ed. ev., Gold Coast, Africa, Rev. Hubert Middleton, ev., Santiago, Chile, Rev. Delfino Martinez, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Sacramento, Calif., Mary Littleton, MF

25 Thursday "And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which

is good?"—1 Pet. 3:13 Rev. W. Judson Blair, ev., Buenos Aires, Argentina, *Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, ed. ev., Corrente, Brazil, Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Indian ev., McAlester, Okla., Elton Johnson, MF

26 Friday "Love as brethren . . . be courteous"—1 Pet. 3:8 Rev. Z. J. Deal, ed. ev., Cartagena, Colombia, *Miss M. Antonina Canzoneri, RN, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mrs. J. W. Shepard, em., Brazil, Mrs. Ewell Payne, Indian ev., Cherokee, N.C.

27 Saturday "I will . . . that women adorn themselves . . . with good works."—1 Tim. 2:8-10 Rev. D. C. Askew, Hiroshima, Japan, Rev. Grayson Tension, Campina Grande, Brazil, Dr. W. H. Carson, Lagos, Rev. Farrell Runyan, Kaduna, Mrs. John Abeil, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, Ancon, Canal Zone, ev., *Miss Ruth Ford, RN, Canton, China, Rev. Paul Rowden, ed. ev., Nazareth, Israel, Dr. Roberta Cox Edwards, med. ev., Joinkrama, Nigeria, Elliott Yearwood, MF

28 Sunday "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth . . . for the courts of the Lord"—Ps. 84:1-2 Rev. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, *Rev. James Hollis, Macao, Asia, *Mrs. Carrol Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. Emelio Planos, Mariacao, Mrs. Fernando Santana, Cotorro, Cuba, ev., Mrs. C. F. Stapp, em., Brazil, Miss Vella Jane Burch, special appointee, librarian, Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, Mr. J. B. Silva, em., HMB; Student Night at Christmas

29 Monday "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."—2 John 9 Rev. A. R. Gallimore, em., China, Mrs. Julio S. Diaz, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Fort Worth, Tex.

30 Tuesday "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all."—Mark 9:35 Rev. Winfred Harper, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Mrs. J. H. Ware, Honolulu, T.H., ed. ev., Miss Eva Sanders, RN, Ire., *Mrs. James Clarke, RN, special appointee, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Rev. George Hook, Farmington, N.M., Rev. Thomas Wade, Shawnee, Okla., Indian ev., James and Mary Ware, MF

31 Wednesday "I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge"—Phil. 1:9 Rev. B. T. Griffin, ed. ev., Abeokuta, Nigeria, Rev. W. B. McNealy, Volta Redonda, Brazil, Rev. J. Manual Millan, San Cristobal, Cuba, ev.

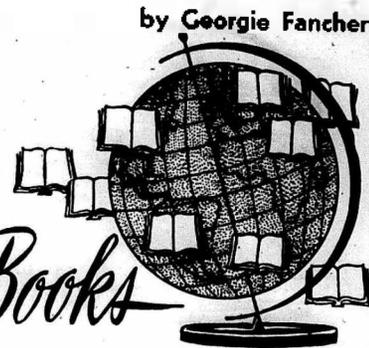
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