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We Hold These Truths

by Ida B. Milner

Mrs. Spann Milner is granddaughter of Baptist ministers on both sides of her family. She teaches a Sunday school class with one hundred members in Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

ON July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress of the United States adopted the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

A little more than a century and a half later, on Dec. 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "That recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

Behind the origin of the human rights affirmed in the Universal Declaration, is every country's story of the long struggle by its people for various kinds of freedom. These stories vary from country to country, but for centuries people everywhere have fought for what they considered their inalienable rights. These victories are commemorated in such documents as England's Magna Carta, France's

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, and the United States' Declaration of Independence.

As Dr. Elton Trueblood so clearly points out, the idea of equality is meaningless on a purely secular basis. Of course, men are not equal in strength or cunning, or in talents. If there is no God the idea that all men are equal is pure nonsense. But

Children registering before radiograph examination at the WHO center in Turkey

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though men may not be equal in strength and ability, they are equally the object of divine affection and concern. Because it is peculiarly a religious conviction that man is made in the image of God, and therefore of infinite worth, it was natural for the leaders of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to feel the need of religious thinking as they planned their third annual conference. Consequently, in January, 1952, religious leaders, laymen and women were invited to attend the religious workshops held as a part of the conference of UNESCO at Hunter College, New York City.

I believe the United Nations is the world's best human instrument for peace, and so I was particularly glad to be asked to participate and represent Atlanta's church women. As twenty-four hundred delegates from forty-eight states entered the large auditorium of Hunter College for the opening session, I felt that I was indeed a part of a great movement—twenty-four hundred of us intent on peace through world co-operation. Interestingly enough so many wished to attend the religious workshops that there were not enough classrooms to accommodate us, so we had only three groups.

For four and a half days, these delegates swarmed through college halls, spilled over into the classrooms, listened to stimulating speakers like Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, Director General of UNESCO, who spoke on "A Mission for Every Man."

As we formed a line almost a mile long for lunch, I overheard a young Italian woman say, "These classes ought to be staggered so we would not all be waiting at one time to get into the cafeteria—such inefficiency." "Hm," I thought, "I am sure they couldn't do this well in Italy." Then it occurred to me that is just the way people of other countries feel about us when we try to tell them how they should run their business—a little lesson in international understanding as I waited for lunch.

In my work group which was called 3C—practically every religion in America was represented and participating. We discussed the fact that the United Nations was set up to work on two fronts—the

political and the social. We agreed that too much publicity had been given to the political front, and to its failures rather than its successes, though there have been notable successes. We felt that more information is needed on the social front, the area of the specialized agencies: WHO (World Health Organization), FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization), UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). We believe their activities, particularly, are rooted in Christian doctrine and that they are working in the same areas our missionaries have worked in for the past hundred years. The missionaries have only partly succeeded because we have failed to support them adequately.

World Health Organization is concerned with mass disease. In some areas there is only one doctor to every hundred thousand people. WHO's work is to find doctors, practitioners and nurses, to wipe out epidemics, to promote research in the field of health. One young anthropologist from Columbia University reported that she and other scientists were working on twelve parasites that until recently were unknown in the United States. No longer can we be unconcerned about an epidemic in India, for it may be brought to us in America.

UNICEF, sometimes called World Mother, seeks to promote child health and welfare. With hundreds of thousands of children who are casualties of the war, this is one of our most important agencies. FAO is concerned with mass hunger. It helps the people of the underprivileged areas to raise more food for themselves. Now two-thirds of the world goes to bed each night hungry, sick and almost in despair. UNESCO is concerned with mass literacy. It interprets to the world the work of all these agencies. It has a two-fold task in the field of educational, scientific and cultural reconstruction. On the one hand to find out the needs of war devastated areas; on the other to conduct a world-wide campaign to meet these needs.

In 1949, educational aid to refugees was added to its program. As of November

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FRONT COVER

Going and coming repeatedly, Nigerian women helped build a dam near Ogbomosh. Our leper colony needed an adequate water supply and this was their way of getting it. You will notice the graceful carriage of the women with their burdens in the baskets on their heads.

Photo by J. I. Bishop



by Paul Wang

I AM a Chinese boy, twenty-four years old, a Christian, and a medical student in my fifth year. I have finished the foundational medical lectures and have just begun to learn the technics. Next spring I shall finish my clinical lectures. God willing, I shall be a doctor and also a preacher to save the souls and bodies of people. I want to have an internship in USA to increase my medical knowledge and technics, because there is no modern medicine in Taiwan. May I tell you something of my past life?

In the summer of 1940, at my native place—Hwangyen Hsien, Chekiang, China, I had an experience which I shall never forget. After graduation from primary school, I was happy to have my eleventh birthday. When my classmates prepared to take entrance examinations for middle school, I wanted to go with them. My father did not agree with this proposal.

"No, my boy, we have no money," he said. "Please let me go, papa," I begged. "It is not certain that I will pass the ex-

Miss Addie Cox, our missionary for over 30 years in China and then in Taiwan (Formosa), sent this article. She feels there is a significant future for Dr. Wang, especially if he can come to USA for advanced training.

WHO WILL PRAY FOR ME?

amination." "Good," he answered quickly.

I went to the nearest middle school with two classmates. We stayed three days for examination. I was the only one who passed. I was so glad that I jumped up and went to tell my father immediately.

"Papa, I passed the examination," I exclaimed. "Now may I enter middle school?" "Didn't I tell you we have no money?" he answered with a calm and slow tone. "This examination only gave you a chance to know how much you know."

A few days later my aunt came to my home. She knew this good, but sad, news. "Does he not eat at home?" she asked my father. "Why don't you let him go? Most of the expense is for meals." Father could say nothing. Of course he knew this point also. He had six members in his family. Everyone must eat. He had a very limited income. For this reason my elder brother had stopped school. My younger brother had not finished primary school. It was not possible for our father to send his three sons to school at the same time.

My aunt knew our family circumstances. She said to my father, "Let me pay the tuition for three years." I was so happy that I laughed and also cried. I shall always remember her kindness. "You must be

diligent," father said, "for this is a great opportunity."

So for two and one half years I attended school; then malarial fever stopped my work for about one year. At that time the income of my family had increased. Father refused to take anymore of my aunt's money but she gave it to keep her promise. The next year father began to carry his heavy burden alone. One year later my younger brother graduated from primary school. My father's income was not sufficient to pay the expenses of both of us, so my brother stopped and let me study. I was glad for myself but sorry for my brother.

After graduation, I went to Shanghai and entered medical college—the National Defence Medical Center—which was established by the government. So I wrote to my father saying, "Papa, please give the money which I have been using for school expenses to my brother so he can enter middle school." Father agreed to this and there was great rejoicing in our family because my brother would have his opportunity too.

In my childhood, I had gone to church but I could not understand the gospel, not even that wonderful verse John 3:16. In my family no one believed in Jesus. But the Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." God permitted me to enter the Medical Center and gave me a friend who believed in

Jesus and who invited me to go to church with him. I began to understand more about God. I went to church often but I went to learn English rather than the Bible.

In the summer of 1948, Miss Addie Cox came to Shanghai. She led an English Bible class in the True Light Building. Again I went to learn English. She explained the gospel for me and I understood the meaning of salvation. I was impressed by the verse, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2). I knew I had sinned and I repented and asked the Lord to forgive me.

Since that day I have had a new life. I asked Miss Cox to give me a Christian name. She called me Paul for like Saul of Tarsus, I had repented and had become a "new creature in Christ." The next year I came to Taiwan with my school and every day I gained more knowledge of medicine but forgot the words of our Saviour. In June 1951, Miss Cox came to Taiwan and immediately my heart was stimulated. I came back to the embrace of God where the devil could not lead me into sin. Now I want to love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. I was baptized last year.

Will you pray for me that I may glorify God in my body and spirit which are his? Ask him to use me, as a Christian doctor and preacher, to help multitudes, both physically and spiritually.

Miss Addie Cox teaches a mother to read. Then the young woman must study the lessons for herself and learn them the best way she can.

Mary Lucille Saunders





Korea's "Lottie Moon Church"

by Jewell Abernathy

OUR auditorium in Pusan Baptist Church was opened for Sunday services in April. It seems a modern miracle, under the existing circumstances. People marveled that we were able to purchase land in such a strategic location. Later three parties contested our right to the land even after it was registered in our name. We have built in the lax season, when labor was cheaper. The "stepping up" in fighting, would have been circumstantial evidence enough to have "delayed action", but "without faith it is impossible to please God." We set our faces like a flint and made the beginning the latter part of January. Our number one troublemaker soon had the count put up notices which read "Construction on this building will be discontinued immediately." It was, and we lost a full hour, since the following day happened to be Sunday.

The next real difficulty was the "currency reform" in South Korea. This new exchange would have ruined us; but again,

the Lord had led, and workmen were paid off each Saturday night; but we have not been able to get money *this week*—when we have no workmen to pay, the job is done.

Everyone was surprised at the speed with which the building has gone up, and the beauty of it. Pastor Ahn and the "overall contractor" have both been on the job all the time. Pastor Ahn said, "It has not been easy; but the returns already have been worthwhile." He was often standing near as passers by talked of the beauty of the structure.

One night when our much beloved Major Edgar Jones phoned from Japan, we suggested that the pastor should be one of the ones privileged to talk, so he planned his speech, which was "Major Jones, you must come and see my new church. . . ." with as much exuberance as a little boy with a new red wagon. We now have the largest church auditorium in Pusan, which seats 750 people; but it was too small for last Sunday. Mr.

Abernathy counted 100 who were standing at the back before the service was half over. When a home can be built for the missionaries the "church apartments" can be used for educational purposes.

Recently a Baptist chaplain from Boston brought two men to be baptized in the new baptistry. These men attended Clarendon Street Baptist Church in Boston. That is the church which started Baptist work in Korea in 1894. Then a group came out supported by what was called, "Thing Memorial Fund" in honor of Deacon Thing's little daughter. When Deacon Thing died the relatives decided to discontinue the fund, so these missionaries were scattered, but they had laid strong foundations.

Korean preachers from every section of South Korea came for their monthly meeting this week. They, too, were happy that Southern Baptists have one really pretty church in Korea. It raised their morale considerably. Now these preachers are wanting to know all about the Lottie Moon offering. We think they will be enthusiastic contributors to this when conditions are normal again.

Dr. N. A. Bryan and staff received a citation from the Korean government for the outstanding services they have rendered. One day there were 411 patients at the clinic. People start coming at five in the morning. I wish you could just see how much they need a new hospital and clinic space!

Dr. Bryan says, "I just feel like I had been trying to get on crowded streetcars all day long." When he drags himself upstairs and to his room it is in the late afternoon. Then he is often called back for "out of hour" patients.

The women are the same as women all over the world—especially the mothers. The young mother pictured is typical of the womanhood of Korea. Dr. Bryan says, "Every woman who does not have a baby on her back comes to the hospital asking how she can get a baby."

The youngsters really do feel secure. If one becomes restless and fretful, the "back cradle" is all he needs to comfort him. The mother sits on the church bench with the baby still tied to her back. Sometimes she will bring him to the front for a

change and refreshments; but he soon tires of this and begins threatening to cry. Immediately her neighbors assist her in getting him back to "position," and all are content.

There are many conveniences to this method. The mother can balance a heavy box or jar on her head, bundles in her hand, and race with the rest of the crowd to the jammed trains. I have never seen one lose any of these baggages although I have been told they do lose their babies sometimes!

Your relief packages are so greatly appreciated and so very much needed. Warm clothing and food can be sent directly to our mission in Pusan. Do not send high-heeled shoes. We can use everything else. When 9,000,000 people are uprooted and have practically nothing surely you can help. Send relief money to our Foreign Mission Board; then consult your postmaster about regulations before packing a box. Be sure to mark it "Gift—no commercial value." Address it to: Dr. John A. Abernathy, Baptist Mission, P. O. Box Special Number 1, Pusan, Korea.

This sketch by a Korean artist is in watercolor and bold ink drawing



Adventure in Norway

by Kellie V. Hix

I SET out to find the First Baptist Church in Oslo, Norway, one Sunday morning in May, solely to attend the morning worship. Before I returned to my hotel I had met two foreign missionaries, a movie producer, cameraman, scriptwriter and sound technician, the president of the Baptist Women's League of Norway and the leader in a hospital-building project—and all these interesting people were just two persons! I had joyfully accepted Mrs. Frithjov Iversen's invitation to accompany her home for a cup of coffee. Even before I had found the church building, I had felt the warm friendliness of the people.

My hotel clerk had rather insisted it would be better for me to attend the English church, where the services would be conducted in my own language, but piecing together my smattering knowledge of German with English (both languages

Rev. Frithjov Iversen, Norwegian Baptist missionary to the Belgian Congo, examines a native spear



bear a resemblance to Scandinavian) I tried to ask some people on the street if a nearby building were a Baptist "kirche." A dear old man joined the group and I repeated the same lingual hodgepodge for him. In beautiful English he replied, "If you are looking for a Baptist church, come with me, for that is where I am going." He was a professional interpreter who spoke seven languages!

The service was all conducted in Norwegian, as my hotel clerk had predicted, but the minister, in the course of his sermon, said something about a "damer from Tennessee," then turning to me, welcomed me very graciously in English. After the service practically everyone greeted me. Most of the young people were away at summer camps or they could have served as my interpreters, for English is now a compulsory study in the Norwegian schools from the seventh grade up.

It was not until I was walking home with Mrs. Iversen that I realized she was "somebody special." She casually mentioned that the Baptist Congress of Europe was scheduled to meet in Copenhagen that summer and that she would attend a conference of the national presidents of the Baptist women's work in Europe. "Our Mrs. Martin" was to be there and Mrs. Iversen was looking forward to the meeting.

The Iversen home I found charming and homelike. I supposed all the furniture and decorations were specimens of Norwegian craft until a neighbor child dropped in and sat down in an unusual chair—two pieces of carved wood put together at a slant. "That is a native folding chair," Mr. Iversen remarked, "native to the Belgian Congo, that is."

I learned that Mr. Iversen had been the Norwegian Baptist Convention's second missionary to the Belgian Congo. Going out in the early 1920's, he and his bride served there continuously until the beginning of World War II. Following the war, Mr. Iversen returned alone and

Photos by the Iversons' son—a Boy Scout leader

filmed, recorded and produced a movie in color about the Belgian Congo and its Christian missions. All this was done during a three year tour, in addition to his regular missionary duties of preaching, teaching, supervising native evangelists, building, making bricks (literally), treating the sick, etc.

Treating the sick, he explained, is a part of the work of every missionary in the Belgian Congo. Because of the prevalence of disease in the tropics the Belgian (mother country) government requires every missionary candidate for the Congo colony to take an intensive course in tropical medicine at a school in Belgium. The missionaries, in turn, train native medical assistants. The first convert from the Norwegian Baptist Congo Mission to attend a standard medical school is now in the United States. When he completes his studies and returns to his country, he will need a hospital, and Mrs. Iversen and the other Baptist women of Norway hope to have it ready for him.

"125,000 kroner (\$18,000) in five years? Impossible!" some pessimists told the women. (There are only 7,000 Baptist church members—men, women and young people in Norway.) But Mrs. Iversen answered, "We cannot make large gifts, but by putting our small gifts together, we can do it. And the small gifts can be gleaned by the small sacrifices we can make."

Streetcar fare in Oslo, she pointed out, for instance, is only thirty ore (about four cents in American money), but if every woman will walk once a week instead of riding, the ore will amount to kroner which add to hundreds. She provided special boxes for the small gifts and now the women are up to schedule on their goal—75,000 kroner (\$10,800) in three years. The hospital will be added to a thriving mission work which already numbers as many baptized converts (7,000) as the parent convention. In addition to these full-fledged church members, there are hundreds of others awaiting baptism, because, in the Congo, as in most mission fields, a professed convert must first give evidence

"The forerunner of lipstick," Rev. Frithjov Iversen dubs this lip fashion worn by a native of the Belgian Congo. A small board is held in the mouth to make the upper lip grow into this fashion. First started as a means of making the girls appear unattractive to slave traders, the lip deformity came to be regarded as beautiful and, for many years, a girl had little chance of marriage if her lips had not grown into this shape. Speaking of styles, Mrs. Iversen insisted that our readers be told that this picture is several years old and the hat she is wearing is of that period

in his daily living of his sincerity before he can be accepted into the church.

As they have grown in numbers, the Belgian Congo Baptists have also grown in responsibility, assuming full support of their 215 native evangelists and teachers. Their progress along educational and cultural lines is equally pronounced. There was such a sharp contrast between the Iversens' souvenirs—crudely carved native idols collected during their early mission tours and beautifully detailed wood and ivory carvings made in recent years for purely artistic purposes—that it was hard to believe that the objects had all been made by the same race of people within one man's life span.

Mr. Iversen has already been to the United States, having studied here, but I extended a hearty invitation to Mrs. Iversen. I don't know who will benefit more by her visit—she or our country! Do you?





Meet These Women

by Mable Summers

EVERY Thursday afternoon, these women gather in the living room of the Mission House in Beirut, Lebanon for Bible study or missionary program. Part have come from homes near the Mission, while others have been brought in the station wagon from distant sections of the city. Some are refugees; some cannot read; all enjoy Christian fellowship and are eager to know how to grow in daily living for Christ.

In this part of the world, a parent is known, first of all, as the father or mother of the name of their oldest son. For instance if an oldest boy's name is Sameer, the father is Abou Sameer and the mother is M. Sameer.

M. Joseph, Mrs. Saleem Sharouk, is the wife of one of the "pillars" of the Beirut

Baptist Church who gives all his time to evangelism in Beirut and among the villages. She and her husband came out of the Catholic church. No one rejoices more than she at salvation of souls and at progress in the work. Quite often, she goes with her husband on his village visits and talks with women and girls about Christ. Her three daughters are Christians. Her daily prayer and her husband's is that their two sons will choose Christ's way, also.

M. Waheeb, Mrs. Toufeek Nasrallah, the daughter of Mrs. Sharouk, has three lovely daughters and one younger son. The girls, most faithful in GA and teachers in Sunday school, attend the British Mission School. M. Waheeb is almost as young looking as her daughters for, as is the custom here, she married young.

M. Ghattas, a small white-haired woman, is a Palestinian refugee from near Tel Aviv. For more than two years, she and her husband lived in a leaky tent. Life has been hard for them the past four years but they have kept their faith in God. She is loyal in attendance at all the church services and helps lead a group of women, organized a month ago in another part of the city.

The young Jewish mother, Adele, is proud of her year-old daughter. Through the witness of M. Ghattas, she has been brought to an interest in the Messiah as her Saviour. There is a new light in her face. Her husband is a Moslem and does not make their home life happy. Recently, while reading one of the Gospels during an illness in the hospital, the Catholic nurse took the book and told her that nothing would be done for her if she were found with another "Protestant" book. Adele will face opposition from Jew and Moslem when she dares go all the way in her confession of Christ.

The mother of Sammie, neighbor to the Mission, wears a black kerchief over her hair but not over face as do many Moslem women and girls. Her three older children have been attending Sunday school for more than two years. She takes her turn at Bible reading. At a recent meeting, she wept upon hearing the story of the conversion of a Moslem boy. She is interested in Christianity but as yet does not accept all the New Testament teachings, for her religion exalts Mohammed above Christ.

M. Fareed listens most intently to the programs for she cannot read. She wants to remember all that is said in order to tell her unbelieving husband about Christ. Her home is on the other side of the city, so she must ride tram, taxi and mission station wagon to reach the mission. Her two sons are Christians and she is preparing for baptism and church membership.

M. Aizeez, Mrs. Gergis Atwah, the mother of three sons and one daughter, cannot read either, but she knows many hymns and Bible verses from memory. One of her sons, a graduate of the American University of Beirut, is now doing graduate work in electrical engineering in London. Only one of her children is a member of the church.

M. Fayiz has a quiet, sweet manner. Shortly before the birth of her second son, her husband migrated to Cuba, then to Canada, to look for work. They have not heard from him since. She and her two sons have one room, sharing a small kitchen with another family. M. Fayiz is learning to read and will pray out loud in the women's meetings now. Her faithful Christian witness has brought two Catholic neighbor girls to Christ. When she is assigned a Scripture passage, one of her sons helps her memorize it and prepare her talk.

Labilce, a new convert, recently stood at the close of a Sunday night church service and said, "Lord, I am a sinner, have mercy on me." She, her husband, and seven children live in one room, with a small kitchen attached, yet, those rooms are always clean and neatly arranged. The oldest boy, eleven, has quit school to learn the tailor's trade. Her husband, a chauffeur, makes about fifty dollars a month, part of which he wastes on cigarettes and wine. Since he has seen a change in his wife's daily life, he has stopped swearing and says that he wants to become a better person too.

The young women, Nejla, Selma and Renee, bring their young children, who sit on their laps or play on the floor at their feet. Others come and visit these weekly meetings in our Mission House in Beirut, Lebanon. This faithful group of more than a dozen gave forty-five dollars to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They helped organize a similar group of women up in Tripoli, the second city of Lebanon, two years ago. They are helping to start another now, in a different part of Beirut.

Their vision of the Master's work is constantly enlarging through prayer, Bible and mission study. Six or eight of those not knowing how to read have formed a class, meeting three times weekly with a teacher. They are learning to read and write their own language that they may study the Bible.

Unlimited possibilities of personal witnessing face each of the truly Christian women and girls in the Near East. Pray that they may be found faithful and able as the Master reveals to them ever-enlarging opportunities.



The Way Was Opened

by Bob Parker

ALL my life I have been in contact with Southern Baptist Mexican work since my father, J. B. Parker, has worked for many years in New Mexico and Texas with the Spanish-speaking people. Before that time and before I was born, he was a missionary in Brazil under the Foreign Mission Board. Now he is retired and is pastoring a small church in Presidio, Texas on the Mexican border, serving also the Spanish-speaking people of that vicinity. Probably because of this family background I have always had a desire to visit the countries south of the border.

So I was very pleased when I learned that through the Margaret Fund Scholarship I would be able to study in Mexico. I regularly attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and when I was able to get a job at the first and at the end of the summer vacation, it seemed as though the Lord was opening the way for me to attend the summer term at the National University of Mexico in Mexico City.

My study here consists of history and foreign affairs, and it gives me an opportunity to gain a real insight into the Mexican personality. The study is very enlightening and the country and city of Mexico are enchanting.

Due to many restrictions imposed by the Mexican government upon religious activities, the Baptist work in Mexico is necessarily limited. Even the Catholics, who are in large majority in Mexico, don't get all the religious freedom they want; so it is not difficult to see the position of Southern Baptists in progressing with the spread of the gospel.

The country is divided so that the American and Southern Baptist Conventions administer their work without overlapping. But the Mexican National Con-

vention is made up of churches from both fields, and they are so sincere in their efforts that differences are practically nonexistent. The churches receive their literature from the Spanish Baptist Publishing House at El Paso.

In Mexico City I attended the First Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend Mr. Alejandro Ojeda. Mr. Ojeda's church has the same congenial, spiritual atmosphere of the churches I have always been used to. Its membership is comparatively small for a city of 3,000,000 people, but what it lacks in number it makes up for in energy and spirit. Especially notable is the young men's Sunday school class made up of students and men just beginning careers in their particular fields. They are faced continually with the problem of defending their beliefs against friends, business associates, and their own families in a country in which Catholicism is tied up very closely with nationalism.

I believe that it is necessary to understand the personality and the life of a people in order to work with them effectively in the cause of Christianity. With the rise of complexity in inter-American and world affairs, we need to devote ourselves more than ever to Christ for the solutions to world peace and the furthering of Christ's teachings.

The climate in Mexico is very cool, and uniform the year around, and conducive to study. Besides the climate, the historical ruins, and the panorama of scenery make Mexico a most beautiful place.

It is superfluous to say how much I and all the other Margaret Fund students are thankful to the WMU for the opportunity of receiving a college education. I hope that I shall prove myself worthy of this generous help.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE Choosing Wisely

by Margaret Bruce

Choices are many and bewildering these days. Out of the variety open to youth comes the problem of choosing wisely. What are the young people in your family or your church family planning to do during their summer vacation? Perhaps you can help them choose wisely by encouraging them to attend the district or state camps provided by Woman's Missionary Union.

There are many reasons why camping is good for young people. Greater respect for others is learned, and a cooperative effort of give and take is practiced in camp. Recreational activities including physical exercise, handcraft projects, and many other learning processes contribute to their development. Young people move into a bigger world as they listen to missionaries tell of their experiences in mission fields and as they make friends with counselors, nationals, and other campers.

The lives of many young people have been deepened spiritually, their missionary interest quickened, and their purpose in life crystallized through studying, praying, and playing together with others at WMU camps. Missionary societies can enable young people to have such experiences by arranging their transportation and providing the necessary funds.

Real joy and satisfaction can come from seeing young people grow "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Encourage your young people to choose GA, RA, and YWA camps. That will be choosing wisely.

August 18, 19, 20

A wonderful opportunity

for your boy

and for RAs of your church

Arrange for them to attend

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in Atlanta, Georgia

Write your state Royal Ambassador secretary without delay

"There is something underlying the explosive character of the world scene which constantly exercises our minds. It is the vast upsurge of people of every race, nation and creed. Some countries have been the scene of far-reaching social reform. Over 700 million people formerly dependent, have recently attained independence. At the same time the widespread and rightful demand for equality of personal status and for release from poverty and economic oppression remains unmet. Little wonder that the offer of civil rights and freedoms loses its appeal when people are wholly obsessed by the daily struggle against hunger and want!"

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"Everywhere the victim is MAN. Often he is treated as no better than an object, or at best a tool, rather than as a responsible person. He hears much about peace, but for the sake of peace, he is told either to hate or to rearm. He hears much about freedom, but in the name of freedom, he is in fact deprived of liberty sometimes even from his childhood. He hears much about human rights, but he lives in a world of exploitation, deportations, concentration camps, arbitrary barriers and total war. To bring the comfort and strength of the gospels to confused and threatened man, whatever his station in life, is the great task of Christianity. Only thus can he find joy to live and to love, and learn anew the meaning of hope and peace. Whatever danger he may face, he will be sustained by the full assurance of the sovereignty of God and of man's worth in God's sight."

—SELECTED

It's Happening Now

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

While official Washington prepares to celebrate the hundredth anniversary on July 14 of Commodore Matthew C. Perry's feat in opening the doors of Japan to Western trade, the Baptist Foreign Mission Board commissions its hundredth missionary for Japan. Only eight missionaries with previous experience in Japan were ready for service at the end of World War II. In less than eight years, our postwar goal for missionaries in Japan has been reached.

It is as though Southern Baptists were trying to make up for the half century of neglect and the half century of indifference to the opportunity for Christianity which Commodore Perry's treaty with Japan guaranteed.

In addition to our long-established evangelistic and educational mission program for the islands, the Board has now undertaken medical missions. The institution soon to be launched in Kyoto, on \$56,000 property, will be the best staffed hospital ever born under the Board's auspices. Four doctors—two men and two women—are already appointed. The site for the medical center is about halfway between Tokyo and Fukuoka.

The ministry of healing was mentioned in the reports of all three regional secretaries of the Board at its semiannual meeting in April. Indonesia will be the scene of the next new medical project of Southern Baptists in the Orient. In a nation of 80,000,000 people with only 1,400 doctors and 50 nurses, the Great Physician is sure to get a good hearing where he is represented by competent, loving, healing hands.

Latin America, which for so long had no medical missionary program fostered by Southern Baptists, now has three busy centers. The dedication ceremony of the Baptist hospital at Asuncion, Paraguay, last December was an event of national significance which government officials and Paraguayan doctors were delighted to attend.

When Dr. Franklin Fowler gave them a guided tour through the beautifully equipped plant—modest by North American standards but elaborate as South American hospitals go—one of the doctors remarked about the typical hospital bed in the first room they entered: "These beds are for your rich patients, of course."

The missionary's reply is a classic of Christianity. "No," he said, "we make no distinctions." In respect to finances, President L. Howard Jenkins reported a reassuring study of the figures for the past twenty years. In 1932 our per-capita gift to foreign missions through the churches was 21 cents; ten years later it was still 21 cents; but in 1952 it was \$1.01. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$159,000 in 1932; \$449,000 in 1942; and the December, 1952, offering is beyond \$3½ million. In 1932 we had 398 foreign missionaries, a decade later about 90 more, but in 1952 we closed the year with 879, and as of April 14 the total was 900.

On the other hand the "average" Southern Baptist gave \$32.48 to his local church during the entire year of 1952; his church used \$26.48 for local expenses (and local expenditures exceeded \$200,000,000 for the first time in Southern Baptist history); his church gave the remaining \$6 for missions and benevolences; and the total gift of Mr. Average Southern Baptist for foreign missions amounted to \$1.01—only half of which was contributed through the Co-operative Program.

A visitor at the Board meeting, Dr. Arnold T. Ohm of the Baptist World Alliance, reported an amazing story which he heard when he crossed the trail of Martin Niemöller of Germany somewhere in India.

"When I went to Moscow in January, 1952," Mr. Niemöller was quoted as having told his Indian audience, "I had no greetings from anybody except the Baptists in Germany to the Baptists in Russia. At the Moscow airport when I landed I

was greeted by a stranger who introduced himself as secretary of the Baptists of Russia. He said his organization had a membership of 3,200,000 and he knew of other smaller organizations of Baptists in the country."

The Russian Christian leader invited the German Christian leader to preach in the First Baptist Church the following Sunday. Mr. Niemöller asserted that the church which could seat about 700 persons had close to 3,000 worshippers, and he so quickly warmed up to their obvious ability to understand his message without an interpreter that he preached to them for fifty minutes—"from Bethlehem to Pentecost" as he said.

"I am sometimes asked," Mr. Niemöller told his Indian congregation, "if I believe that there is a living church of Christ in Moscow. If that Baptist church in Russia is not a living church, I do not know one. The secret is, they preach the Word of God. The preaching of the gospel is now back in the Russian Orthodox Church, due I think entirely to the influence of the Baptists."

The liberation of the 800,000,000 people behind the Iron Curtain of communism may someday be achieved by the spiritual vitality of the "people called Baptists" in Russia.



We Hold These Truths

(Continued from page 2)

1949, more than twenty-one thousand refugee children were enrolled in thirty-nine UNESCO schools opened during the year in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Jordan. UNESCO set aside some eighty thousand dollars for the project and a further ten thousand for emergency educational aid to Greek refugee children.

Dr. Frank Laubach, a great missionary widely known for his program of "each one teach one," has worked with UNESCO from the beginning. Today he and his committee report their largest literacy campaign is underway in South Africa and South America. Dr. Laubach's inspiration and methods, plus UNESCO's know-how have brought peoples together across the boundaries of language. So UNESCO is aiding our missionary effort.

On any given day of the year, United Nations technicians are helping Indian farmers grow more food, fighting tropical diseases in Africa, developing a joint sanitation and irrigation project in Lebanon, helping to insure schooling for children. A home economics expert began by teaching village girls each morning the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic. In the afternoon they learned childcare and simple sewing. At noon and in the evening they considered better ways of preparing the family meals. At first she trained twenty girls. From this nucleus of women who themselves went out as teachers, there are now in Iraq twenty-two thousand women working in this program to improve the position of women in that country. "Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Do you wonder that we reaffirmed our belief in the United Nations and its specialized agencies? For "We hold these truths..."

Please Note!

The seals advertised in May ROYAL SERVICE, page 22, are not mixed. They are packaged separately. To clarify the advertisement, it should have read:

GA or RA seals, 1½" wide, 25 for 15c, 50 for 25c, 100 for 50c

Sunbeam or GA or RA seals, 2" wide, 12 for 15c, 100 for \$1

VWA seals, ½" wide, 25 for 15c, 50 for 25c, 100 for 40c

VWA seals, 2" wide, 12 for 15c, 100 for \$1

We are sorry this was not made clear and some of our readers have ordered packages of mixed seals. We will be glad to receive your order for separate packages.



from Mary Brooner
... Southern Rhodesia, Africa

Since my appointment by our Foreign Mission Board, I have had many new experiences. Perhaps this is the one that has meant most to me. Before I returned home, I was invited to a meeting of the Sunbeam Band of Fellowship Baptist Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. As I went into the church building, I heard tiny voices singing "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world."

There were twenty little Sunbeams on the platform. In the center was an open Bible. Each had his hand on one of the following placards. On one side was a placard on which was written these words, "Africa for Christ." On the other side someone was holding a box wrapped in pretty paper (which later I was to learn contained their offering). Going out from each side were four large placards colored red, yellow, black, and white.

After they had sung "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam," they presented to me their offering. As I accepted it, I told them how eager I was to sail for Southern Rhodesia, Africa to tell the little boys and girls there that Jesus loves them, too.

Somehow as I left the church and went with the Sunbeams on a picnic, I felt that Jesus was well pleased with them.

I feel sure that these and other shining Sunbeams will help to light my way into the dark continent.

from Virginia Wingo
... Rome Italy

Recently I flew down to Sicily. The first stop was at Catania, with its twin glories of the nearby sea and of distant snow-crowned Mt. Etna. A city of 300,000 people, Catania has a large, low-ceilinged, dim

room as its only Baptist church. But the members are both faithful and enthusiastic. I was especially glad to see again two former students: Nunzia, who proudly introduced her fiance, and Maria Finochiano, the pastor's wife, who even more proudly showed me their baby son.

But most of the time was spent at Floridia, famous for its oranges and lemons, with young pastor Giani and his lovely wife, Lia, who dedicated her life to Christ in our 1951 summer course at Armstrong Memorial. One day Lia and I went to nearby ancient Syracuse and saw, among other sights, the famous Greek amphitheater, and the fountain where, amazingly, there is fresh water, though the only known inlet and outlet are to the salt sea. For 2c each we, with eleven others, were rowed across the lagoon to the section of the city where there is a Baptist church, and we met with the members in a special service of prayer and testimony. Those experiences made us think of how Paul once "tarried three days" at that same sunny port, (Acts 28:12) and how Syracuse still needs the gospel message. We returned to Floridia in time for the church meeting that night.

from Mary Frances Gould
... Bangkok, Thailand

The term Siam versus Thailand still seems to be an unsettled question. I asked two Thai University students which was preferred and they answered simultaneously—but one said "Siam" and the other "Thailand." In popularity "Thailand" seems to be preferred, so I think if that term is used, it will be correct. The most recent coup element leans toward "Thailand." The pronunciation is tie-land.

I sometimes wonder if the WMU office knows how much we enjoy receiving the Prayer Calendar on the mission field. I suppose we put it to better use than some, for we appreciate its worth in a more personal way. Then we too have a clearer picture of our mutual problems. We know prayer gives power for Christ.

Is this your question?

When a mother (member of the WMS) subscribes to *TELL BY AMBASSADOR LIFE* for her child, but does not herself take *ROYAL SERVICE*, can she count these for the Standard requirements?

It is possible to count *Tell* or *Ambassador Life* when a mother subscribes to either of them for her son or daughter. Of course, *Sunbeam Activities* would not because it is purely an organizational program published for Sunbeam Band leaders. Nor is it possible to count *The Window of IWA*, if a mother subscribes for her daughter, because the YWAs count that on the Standard of Excellence. It would not be right to count one magazine twice. We hope the mothers will be able to have *ROYAL SERVICE* for themselves too.

It is unfortunate to use our Standard of Excellence to squeeze out subscriptions or to try to strain a point to reach a point on the Standard. It is merely to help us see that we do not omit something very important. Try to encourage all of the people to take the magazines not simply to be A-1, but because of the value of them.

If a church has two WMS circles, a day circle and a night circle (not a RWC) do they have to have their *ROYAL SERVICE* program together every month to be Standard circles?

If a society has two circles, the whole society reaches the Standard of Excellence together. Each circle does not reach the Standard of Excellence separately. It is customary to use the *ROYAL SERVICE* program material in the general meeting of the society, rather than in the circle meetings of the society.

Perhaps your difficulty comes in the basis of your use of the Standard of Excellence. The Standard belongs to the general society, rather than to the circle. It may help you to understand about the relation of circles and societies to see *The Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*, page 51 and 73-90, (\$1 from your Baptist Book Store), and the current WMU Year Book references to circles and work of circle chairmen.

Your Circle Program

Stewardship
Mission Study

(BWCs use program on page 22)

For July, August and September study *Sacrifice and Song* in your circle meetings. See page 19 for description of this excellent new book. Notice that there is a Teacher's Edition which you cannot afford to do without, price \$1.

Remember that to count on the Standard of Excellence, this book must be "taught in class periods totaling not less than three hours." Perhaps this will be a Relay Study Class with two or three teachers dividing the presentation; or an Extensive or Intensive Study Class since the subject of stewardship is well-nigh inexhaustible.

If you actually cannot follow this sugges-

tion, stay on the stewardship theme by asking your young people's organizations to present some of their stewardship programs for your circle. Sunbeam Bands could tell some of their stories about what the Co-operative Program does, or Junior RAs or GAs could give one of their "TV" programs. Intermediates have monthly and YWAs, quarterly programs on stewardship. It would be an incentive to any organization to appear before the circle on a given day.

In connection with your meeting use the article in July *Southern Baptist Home Missions* "I Have a Stewardship in Missions."

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Community Missions Chairmen

Is your society in a rural church? Do you have a hard time planning community missions? Does it seem that there is nothing to do for community missions where you live?

When someone suggested soul-winning visitation, have you ever said "We have no prospects; everybody goes to church around here"? In one rural community where someone said it, the women set aside Tuesday for WMU Community Missions Day. The first Tuesday they visited seven families within a half mile of the church, none of whom attended anywhere! Five new people were in Sunday school and church the following Sunday. How many do you suppose you would find within a half mile or two mile or five mile radius of your church?

Did you know that *The Guide for Community Missions* has a section just for you on planning community missions in a rural community? Get out your *Guide* and read again pages 58-66. Then read the whole book marking for future reference portions that will help you carry out your plans.

Do you have the free leaflets on community missions? They were written with you in mind, and more than half of the suggested activities in each can be done by missionary organizations in rural churches. Order from your state WMU office.

There are things for your young people to do, too. Lead your Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapter in a study of the needs of their community. Are there safe places where all children can go swimming no matter what their skin color is? Is there a recreation park near enough to every child and open for the summer days?

Be sure your young people's counselors have copies of the leaflets meant for them: "Christian Living in the Home," "Ministry to Other Races and National-

ities," and "What You Can Do About the Alcohol Problem."

Have your Sunbeams taken home a "new pillow slip" as described in one of the delightful stories in *David and Jane*, the community missions book for Sunbeams? Order the book from your Baptist Book Store, 40c a copy; teacher's edition 60c.

Soon you will be saying "I live in the country and there is so much we can do here to make our community more Christ-like."

Edith Stokely

To Mission Study Chairmen

Try this at your next general meeting. It may help to stop the summer slump.

The Mission Study Clinic Time.

(Whenever the WMS meets.)

Characters—Nurse and her students (members of the WMS) who have assembled for a "lecture."

Nurse enters briskly and speaks in a professional manner:

On my calls last month to the mission study classes I made some startling discoveries. A number of our classes were afflicted with no-pepsia (dyspepsia). Symptoms of this disease are indicated when the teacher shows no enthusiasm for the book or interest in the class. A liberal dose of preparation, pep, and prayer will relieve the class of an ailment which is very common among the members of the society. No-pepsia has reached the chronic stage in some places.

There were classes that had a bad case of room-a-tism (rheumatism). This disease is found when no consideration is given to the appearance of the room. The entire nervous system of the group is affected. External treatment should be given by the members of the mission study committee. They and the teacher should provide decorations which will lend atmosphere and are at the same time useful teaching aids. Pictures, posters, a map, a

few curios, background books and like materials attractively arranged will produce an immediate cure.

Other classes showed signs of some-may-go (lumbago). I observed that many of the members of the society are not in the mission study classes. Instead of praising the "faithful few," let us suggest that the few be more faithful in their efforts to enlist the unenlisted women in their circles. This disease is stubborn but will eventually yield to hot applications of well-aimed publicity. Every society can use the telephone, the mail, the church paper and the bulletin board.

Blue-monia (pneumonia) has attacked the mission study chairman. She is still in a serious condition though the crisis, we think, has passed. At a recent meeting of the committee she showed the first symptoms of the disease—discouragement and pessimism. Throughout the whole meeting she did nothing but sound blue notes. The failure of the society to co-operate with and show interest in the mission study plans lowered her resistance. This disease is absolutely fatal unless it is treated in its earliest stage.

The last disease that I shall report on today is can't-er (cancer). This is very contagious. One catches it by contact. It spreads rapidly when the members say they can't attend a mission study class or read a mission book, or take part in a class discussion. There is evidence of this disease when one member is heard to remark to another, "I can't look up and report on an outside assignment" or "I can't teach a book for any of the young people's organizations." "What do they think I am? I can't buy two books a year." This malady should be treated with large capsules of mission study institute and alert teachers. A generous injection of reading books selected from *The World in Books* catalogue and of Missionary Round Table books should be taken along with the regular course prescribed as reasonably sure cure for this dread disease. As a final remedy try appropriating the truth in Philippians 4:13 (read).

(With apologies to others who may have used this device.)

Mrs. William M. Moore

To Stewardship Chairmen

Sacrifice and Song is the new stewardship study book for WMS and YWA. You read about it in the Mission Study "Hints" in May. Have you seen the book? Have you read it? Are you planning classes when it will be studied?

This is an ideal book for summer circle study. It is not long—about one hundred pages. It is very readable, full of good quotations and stories. With the helps in the Teacher's Edition, even an inexperienced teacher would find it easy to teach.

An ideal way to conduct a class would be to have three sessions from an hour to an hour and a half in length, studying two chapters at each session. It would be well to have a different teacher for each chapter or for each class session. The stories could be assigned for telling to the members of the class. The more class participation the more interesting and effective will be the study.

If it is impractical for the class to meet for three sessions, the book can be studied in one day with three hour sessions using the same teaching methods. Whatever plan is used, every member of the class should have a copy of the book. Order from Baptist Book Store, price 35c.

Those teaching should have the Teacher's Edition which is attractive with a stiff back containing helpful teaching suggestions. There is a skit explaining the title of the book which could be used either in announcing the class or as an introduction to the study. There is a story "About the Author," Mrs. Foy J. Farmer, which will give a personal touch to the study.

There are suggestions for making posters to use with each chapter, devotional plans and other things to make the teaching of the book attractive and forceful. Order this Teacher's Edition from your Baptist Book Store, price \$1.

Remember that *Sacrifice and Song* is for YWA as well as for WMS. So, plan with the young people's director and counselor for a class for the young women. The Teacher's Edition has special suggestions to fit YWA classes.

Mrs. C. D. Creamer

Arkansas

The BWCers of Arkansas would like to say that the station wagon pictured on page 9 of the January 1955 issue of ROYAL SERVICE was presented to Miss Evelyn Stanford by the BWC Federation of Arkansas. They are proud of this and of the service she is now able to render because of the gift.

Miss Stanford spoke to the BWC conference in 1951 and her need became a burden on their hearts. Through a fine Baptist layman auto dealer the station wagon was purchased and delivered to Miss Stanford by Miss Doris DeVault, young people's secretary, and Miss Nancy Cooper, WMU executive secretary.

The 1952 project was a new typewriter for Miss Mildred Matthews, another Arkansan, serving in Cuba.

In November the Pulaski County BWC Federation had as its guest Mrs. Albert Bagby, also an Arkansan, who serves in Brazil.

You can see why the women are proud of the work being done by the Arkansas BWC's.

Kentucky

The WMS of the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, invited the BWC of their church to meet in joint session one evening in the church auditorium. The guest speaker was Miss Emily Lansdell, president of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Then there was a reception in the Fireside Room.

This special invitation to the circle was extended by Mrs. W. L. Pearce, president of the WMS. It was good to have the two groups together in one meeting.

Mississippi

The Business Woman's Circle of the Vardaman Baptist Church recently celebrated its seventh anniversary. A large red heart with a wide lace edge, with each year printed on the heart in silver, was

suspended from the chandelier directly over the refreshment table. White candles burning in double crystal holders decorated the table. The president, Mrs. Kathryn Bowling, gave the history of the circle. After the program refreshments were served by the hostess.

South Carolina

The annual meeting of the South Carolina BWC Federation was held with the West Columbia Church with the president, Miss Julia Youmans, presiding. More than 300 members from over the state enjoyed the banquet served in the social hall of the church which was beautifully decorated with gorgeous camellias and other lovely flowers. Cards with blank spaces for the names and addresses of the visitors were given out so that everybody might learn their names during the social hour.

Special music was furnished by a trio from Rosewood Church, Columbia. The devotional message was given by Miss Muriel White of the Ridge Federation.

Miss Clifford Barratt, former missionary to China and now working on Formosa, was the missionary speaker. She gave interesting experiences of her work in China and on her new field.

One item of business was the decision to hold BWC week end at North Greenville Junior College on July 24, 25, and 26 instead of at Camp Rawls as formerly.

Maryland

Rain, rain, rain, but it did not dampen the spirits of some seventy business women of the Baltimore District Federation who gathered at the University Baptist Church for dinner followed by a meeting of the Baltimore District of the WMU of Maryland.

In a brief business meeting after the meal it was voted to send Miss Ruth Smith, the Federation president, to Ridgecrest for the BWC Conference in August; a gift of appreciation was presented to Miss Marie Askew, retiring president of the Federation; and Miss Flora Sutton gave a tribute to the late Mrs. Estella E. Weems, founder and first adviser of the Federation.

For the first time, the BWC Federation met with the Baltimore District of the

WMU in its quarterly meeting. The reports of the various chairmen were very helpful, especially that on community missions, suggesting many ideas for active service. Mrs. Harry P. Clause, state WMU president, made her trip to Cuba last May seem real to her audience as she told of meeting the missionaries there and learning of their work as well as seeing some of the sights of Havana and surrounding country.

Texas

The Tarrant County Federation of Fort Worth had their regular quarterly meeting at Broadway Baptist Church. An organ concert was given by Mrs. Paul Joyce and the speaker was Mrs. Orville Reed, missionary to Mexico. Mrs. Judson Prince, wife of the pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, is the president. The federation now numbers thirty circles.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen to Speak on Baptist Hour

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be on the nation-wide Baptist Hour radio broadcasts during July, August and September as the featured speaker. "Light for a Dark World" will be his theme for the thirteen weeks.

We are glad for these missionary messages. All WMS members will, we hope, arrange to listen. The subjects for the quarter include:



JULY	5	"Walking in Darkness".....	Isaiah 50:10
	12	"A Great Light".....	Isaiah 9:2
	19	"How the Light Came".....	Philippians 2:5-11
	26	"Gifts of the Light".....	John 1:17
AUGUST	2	"Longing for the Light".....	Luke 18:41
	9	"Thy Sins are Forgiven Thee".....	Luke 5:20
	16	"He Is Able".....	Hebrews 7:25
	23	"Light for Dark Days".....	Psalms 94:17-19
	30	"Christ in the Heart".....	2 Corinthians 13:3
SEPTEMBER	6	"Unfailing Light".....	Acts 27:23
	13	"Rejected Light".....	John 3:19
	20	"Send the Light".....	Psalms 126:1-6
	27	"Then Shall Thy Light Rise in Darkness".....	Isaiah 58:10

Program

Lifting the Leper

by Mrs. Elmer Brillhart

Program Outline

Worship Period

Program Chairman: Lifting the Leper
How We Began

The Truth About Leprosy
Twentieth Century Miracle
I'm Glad I Had Leprosy!

Hymn: "The Great Physician"

Let There Be Light!
From Fetters to Freedom
Looking Through the Microscope
Golden Opportunities

Soloist: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

What Others Are Doing
What We Can Do

Soloist: "Open My Eyes"

Season of Directed Prayer

Program Chairman: How's Your Heart?

Closing Prayer

Program Plans

Publicity

Invitations: Secure a pad of prescription blanks from a doctor. Put in envelopes and mail to members and prospects with these words: One dose of missionary education to be taken at WMS (Give date, time and place).

Individual Programs: Make in shape of pill bottle or book. Print topic on cover. Inside, print or write program outline, WML watchwords, 1 Cor. 3:9a and John 4:35b

Include devotional reading—Matthew 25:31-46 labeled for reading in parts.

Matt. 25:31-33 (1st reader, standing in front)
Matt. 25:34-36 (2nd reader, standing in front)
Matt. 25:37-39 (Right half of audience, 1st reader leading)
Matt. 25:40-43 (2nd reader)
Matt. 25:44 (Left half of audience, 1st reader leading)
Matt. 25:45-46 (2nd reader)

First reader may give a brief comment, especially on the key verse, Matthew 25:40b. She concludes by reading the hymn "Others" as a poem.

Use these words on front or inside: "The Real Greatness of a Nation is often shown by its regard for the weaker brethren, the poor, the afflicted, the blind, the deaf, the maimed."—King George VI of England

Adapt program to a simple living room scene with two members or pastor and wife as Dr. and Mrs. Goldie. Imagine the Goldies are on furlough visiting a missionary-hearted friend who has an uninformed visitor. It will be effective unrehearsed if they know the main questions ahead of time and study carefully.

Or: Have a "capsule" program. Get capsules at drug store. Give each woman a capsule as she enters. (In capsule is a paper with ten points, on page 29). Read these in unison.

Or: You could get an excellent program chairman to conduct a panel discussion with eight women participating seated at table. Leader introduces subject and asks questions as she goes along, bring in the assigned topics informally.

Have written on blackboard: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity"—Horace Mann; or "Great thoughts reduced in practice become great acts."—Hazlett; "The child is the key to the leprosy problem—to control: 'What will you do to lift the leper?'"

Show outline map of Africa. (Write for free map to Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.) Identify Nigeria, Gold Coast, Southern Rhodesia and Cameroons. Locate colonies (all in Southwest Nigeria, Ogbomoshos, Ede, Ejigbo, Iwo, Kishi, Shepereti, Shaki, Igana, Lanlati, Ojo) with chalk dots and printed names. Use large dot for Ogbomoshos.

Center of Interest: Arrange on table, pills, gauze, bandages, spoon, oil, scissors, hypodermic needle, etc.

For additional material get a back issue of *The Star*, published monthly by the patients at the national leprosanarium, Carville, Louisiana, for a copy or \$1 a year. Also order from American Missions, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, a back copy of the popular quarterly magazine *Leprosy Missions Digest*, free or 60c a year.

Worship Period

Piano Prelude: Spirituals—as women come

Hymn: "Love Lifted Me"

WML Watchwords: 1 Cor. 3:9a and John 4:35b

Prayer: (See prayer calendar)

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46, read by two women

Hymn: "A Child of the King"

Directed Prayer

Program Chairman:

Lifting the Leper

On any mission field two of the deepest concerns of the missionary are the spiritual and physical welfare of the people. By demonstrating love in action,—preaching without words,—the medical missionary strives to heal diseased bodies as a means of lifting souls to Christ's redemptive love.

Today we will hear about the work Southern Baptists are doing for a few of the earth's millions of lepers. Through the years these have been the most misunderstood people in the whole world. We will also see new signs of hope and recent victories in this interesting field.

Their Only Hope

BY CHARLES A. WELLS

Have you ever thought what life would be like without the world-wide ministry of the Christian church?

In non-Christian lands one sees a heart-breaking plea for help from the hungry, the homeless, the blind and the leper. Then at last one comes to a place that stands out in glorious contrast—a mission compound where the homeless are sheltered so long as there is room, the hungry are fed so long as there is food, the blind are restored to sight and the leper cleansed so long as there is resource and skill. The poor hear the gospel so long as there is a preacher.

When a man says he does not believe in missions, he votes against the only hope that multiplied millions at home and abroad could ever have.

How We Began

Dr. E. G. MacLean was our dental missionary in Nigeria and founder of an industrial school. As director of a dispensary, he treated our first leprosy patients.

A few years later Dr. Basil Lockett began treating a young man in the training school at Ogbomoshos (Ogbo-moshos) when a spot on his body was diagnosed as leprosy. In three years he was well. The good news spread like wildfire. So many came for treatment that Dr. Lockett built sheds as houses. When through fear and superstition people objected, in 1933 he built our first leper colony three miles from Ogbomoshos, a vigorous Baptist center. Now in this our largest colony we treat 800 patients.

Nigeria, with more than 30,000,000 people, has around a half million lepers. When the government organized a five-year-plan of helping, the experiment failed because few non-Christian doctors and nurses will serve these people.



Lately Southern Baptists have added nine clan settlements in Southwest Nigeria, under the supervision of Dr. R. F. Goldie, superintendent and one of the best men dealing with this disease in Nigeria. These are maintained with trained, consecrated African assistants. Thanks to Dr. Goldie's vision, Southern Baptists are lifting, helping 1,300 grateful patients.

"Possibly nothing is more interesting than a visit to our leper colonies," said Dr. W. A. Criswell after his world mission trip. The patients live in neat villages of brown mud huts with golden grass roofs surrounded by farmland which they till. In the center of each colony stands the church. In 1940 a school was added.

The Truth About Leprosy

Perhaps no illness is as misrepresented as this slightly contagious disease most of the world calls leprosy. Because of the stigma attached to this word and because it is correct, the term Hansen's disease is preferred. This is not a hopeless ailment. Many sufferers are restored to health. You ask, "Doesn't it cripple severely?" Some times; so does arthritis. Many patients would go unnoticed in public gatherings. Some are disfigured no more than one with ringworm or impetigo.

Science shows Hansen's is the least contagious of all communicable diseases. It is caused by a germ but researchers made 145 attempts to infect themselves or others and all failed! In fifty-eight years at the United States leprosarium in Carville, Louisiana, only one employee has developed it. And he had been exposed as a child!

This chronic disease develops slowly in from two to thirty years. Patients often live to a ripe old age. It is not inherited. Infants and children are found to be susceptible but most adults are not. It affects the skin or nerves or both, sometimes the whole body. Most victims have other diseases causing more discomfort than the leprosy itself. Unfortunately, social stigma produces deep anguish far worse than the physical pain.

Hansen's disease is a disease, not a disgrace. It is not a curse or the result of sin. "Why is it taboo, then?" Some speakers

and writers refer to the leprosy of communism and of sin. They brand certain people as political, economic, or moral lepers. The whole world trembles at the word, when it is used for everything evil. But once called "the living death" Hansen's disease no longer spells doom.

Twentieth Century Miracle

Since the research during the 1940's in the United States, we have the sulfones, a group of drugs which control, modify and cure. Weeping ulcers heal, little and big nodules disappear, discolorations clear up, skin smooths out and resumes normal color.

The real miracle was when Dr. Faget at Carville tested a drug originally developed for treating tuberculosis, a cousin disease most commonly used today in DDS, the parent sulfone which is more convenient and much cheaper than the derivatives.

In September 1950, Dr. Goldie began using DDS. It can be taken in tablets. Actually, DDS is cheaper than the nauseating hydriocarpus oil (relative to chaulmoogra) which we still use on half our patients. The long range goal is sulfone drugs for all.

Yet the sulfones are slow and toxic and treatment usually requires several years. Patients must have careful watching! But Dr. Goldie can only visit the colonies monthly.

Early diagnosis and early treatment are the twin keys lifting today's leprosy patients to cure.

James and Mercy, a fine young Nigerian couple lost two children and then saw their beautiful world broken all to pieces again—when an infection on Mercy's finger refused to heal. Continued examinations showed an early case of Hansen's disease. At the colony Mercy took part in the workshop, work and play. She left thirteen months later with a discharge certificate to attend James' graduating exercises. They entered full-time service a month later. Their baby boy who had been mothered at the Home for Motherless Children and nursed through a serious illness went with them. We rejoice that we help them serve God through our foreign mission gifts.

The happiest times at the colony are

December and July when discharge services are held! Each year about one hundred get certificates. There is unspeakable joy for those who go. New hope is nourished for those who stay. Recovered patients tell others the good news and within three months admission rates jump high.

A sad plight is one who comes too late. Maryann came as a school girl. She is a Christian, and serves as the first female teacher and the only teacher trained in the



Dr. and Mrs. Goldie and children Linda, 7½, Barbara, 5½, Peter, 4, and Stephen, 3

school. In her early twenties, you would guess her to be middle-aged. Maryann's illness will soon be arrested, but her skin hangs stretched like an elephant's skin. Plastic surgery would help but who could afford it in Nigeria?

Work is important in these colonies. It runs from teaching to making shoes, growing and harvesting corn, yams and other foods, carrying heavy loads, building, helping with Bible classes on Saturday and other services. Women with only stubs for fingers sew; men without feet weave baskets!

I'm Glad I Had Leprosy!

Missionary J. C. Powell tells that when he took Christmas presents to Ogbomoso a disfigured patient said, "I'm thankful I'm a leper!" Amazed, Mr. Powell asked "Why?" "When I was well I lived in my home and was a heathen. When I became

a leper I learned about Christ. I'd rather have leprosy and my Lord than to have my health without him." Many feel the same way!

And Dr. Goldie is glad he chose this field. Not everybody loves these patients. Kicked out and left to beg and starve, they are responsive to love, kindness and the gospel. Some say, "Dr. Goldie, you don't have to tell us to believe. We know Jesus is true because he sent you." Everyone recognizes love in action.

On Sunday the chapel bell's friendly appeal brings patients quickly to church where an African pastor conducts regular services. At holiday times seminary students hold revivals, often with many conversions. They conduct Bible schools too. Patients open their hearts and lift their voices high in praise that they know Christ's love.

When Dr. Criswell and Dr. McCall visited the colony the patients sang "The Great Physician."

Hymn: "The Great Physician"

Let There Be Light

The ignorance, fear and superstition about Hansen's disease are much worse than the disease itself. Mrs. Goldie says, "Africans need to learn that this is a curable disease—not caused by evil spirits!"

It was when Isaac enrolled at the seminary that a physical examination showed this disease. Capable and co-operative, he taught at school and church until he left the colony two years later. At the seminary he chose leprosy work as his outside assignment. He uses a bicycle for conveyance. Blessed with handsome face, fine physique and a grand personality, his influence is great. Dr. Goldie says, "Isaac and others like him will ultimately rid Africa of leprosy." Isaac's attitude is unusual. Dr. Goldie knows of no one else willing to testify or read a statement on his recovery in public.

All the fear is not bottled up in heathen lands. Americans are repulsed with thoughts of leprosy. The greatest need is an informed and enlightened public.

Blind Stanley Stein, at the leprosarium in Carville, Louisiana is father and editor of *The Star*, printed by the patients. Full



Unveiling cornerstone of new hospital at Ogbomoso Leper Colony, July 1, 1951. Dr. J. N. Patterson and Dr. R. F. Goldie.

of human interest, the magazine is "Radiating the light of truth on Hansen's Disease (leprosy)." Many efforts are being made to drop the word "leper" because of social stigma. Dr. Goldie believes we in America should co-operate in this.

Rehabilitation is a serious problem. If the patient whips the disease it is hard to get a job, unless he lies because too many years are unexplained! Since more men than women are affected by leprosy, the burden is great. Often those cured are forced back in isolation.

The Christian light in Africa is beginning to make a difference. Dinah had a sore toe when a Seventh Day Adventist missionary brought her to our Ogbomoso colony. Allergy forced a halt with DDS. Fortunately, another treatment helped and in two years she left. And the other Africans in training took her back. Understanding will give more opportunity to those who are healed.

From Fetters to Freedom

Now, the Nigerian government examines school children to detect early cases; also to find and protect children, in

exposed situations.

During our Baptist centennial celebration in Nigeria three years ago Dr. J. H. Buchanan, of Birmingham, Alabama, asked Dr. Goldie what he did for children of sick parents. He replied, "Nothing!" They discussed the cost and the need of a separate building since children catch the disease quite easily. Upon Dr. Buchanan's return he aroused his congregation, civic clubs, and certain individuals. Soon he mailed the Foreign Mission Board a check for \$3,000. The preventorium is built and will soon be ready for occupancy. The child is the key to control this problem.

Where leprosy is rare, segregation in colonies is not ideal or necessary. Fear of being cut off from home and society causes sufferers to hide their disease. Misdiagnosis delays treatment. Often patients are diagnosed as syphilitics. The Wassermann test sometimes shows positive in leprosy. Yet the drugs used to treat syphilis are most harmful in leprosy.

Early diagnosis and treatment, isolation of infectious cases, separation of healthy children, improved living standards, more research and education make a big difference in leprosy control.

Looking Through the Microscope

A dozen scientists devote their time to research on this disease. Less than two patients provides DDS for one patient a year.

Vigilant research will show how the disease spreads. No one knows now. Transmission is the big problem yet unsolved. It may be through open wounds, the nose and throat. Climate is an influence. Childhood and close contact with an open case are important factors. One question is why are most adults immune?

Research news is interesting! The BCG vaccine for children of patients may change their care. Since Hansen, a Norwegian, discovered the leprosy germ in 1874, all efforts to grow it outside the body have failed. Recently a woman at Cornell may have done it. If her finding is confirmed it means earlier diagnosis; a test tube measure of new drugs, and possibly a preventive vaccine.

Increased research will set these patients free!

Golden Opportunities

1) In Nigeria

It is tragic to think of countless sufferers sitting on the roadsides of Africa, China, India, Korea, Burma, and other lands waiting for food, shelter, clothing, medicine and the gospel. There are perhaps seven million. About 10 per cent get care and treatment. Do we really care?

Some of Dr. Goldie's greatest needs are: (These might be presented in directed prayer.)

1. Improved and enlarged schools and churches.
2. A separate office building. It is now part of the treatment room that Dr. Criswell and Dr. McCall in *Passport to the World* described as "looked like a rain shelter on a golf course instead of a hospital. There was so little equipment that as Southern Baptists who sponsor the hospital, we were embarrassed. It was impossible to share the good doctor's enthusiasm."
3. A better equipped treatment room. Dr. Goldie would like a technician for

blood smears and research. Ideally, smears are taken each month. He is lucky to get two a year. It takes twelve negative tests for patients to leave most colonies. He wants to do this faster.

4. Trained agricultural workers to set up a practical teaching program. Patients still use the short handled hoe. Dr. Goldie believes we miss rich chances here. Medical work bears abundant fruit because it meets physical need. Improved living standards will help also.
5. When asked their greatest personal need the Goldies said, "A school for missionaries' children." Mrs. Goldie said, "I love my children, but I'm a trained nurse and should help Bob."

We can meet these needs through fervent prayers and enlarged offerings. We, too, can "go" to world mission fields by prayers and gifts. Dr. Goldie stressed, "The church that gets ahead physically and spiritually must put missions first."

2) In Many Lands

There is leprosy in Mexico. Dr. E. Lamar Cole reports, "Much could be done in a tender Christian way." He writes that the advanced cases go to the civil hospital behind the graveyard. In Japan Baptists are building their first hospital. Leprosy relief is needed, but it is not included in the limited plans. We have no mission work in India. Yet there are multitudes afflicted with this scourge.

Dr. Franklin Fowler in Paraguay reports that a colporteur goes twice a month to a government colony with generous gifts, mostly from the Russian Baptists of Argentina and Paraguay. He always preaches the gospel.

Until recent years our very first colony, begun in 1920, was maintained at Tai Kam Island, China under that dynamic personality Dr. John Lake. He spent himself tirelessly and paid his money for years until the Southern Baptists got under the load.

The past ten years Southern Baptists have entered a dozen new fields. Leprosy is common in all, especially in the hot moist tropical climates. We have not one haven of rest for weary ones in these areas.

Truly golden opportunities await our liberality. (Matthew 25:40b.)

Baptists must awaken to these joys and delights! Heathen religions teach nothing can be done for the leper's sores so he must learn to enjoy suffering. Dr. Lake told of a heathen official inviting lepers to a feast. Afterward he gave them tools to dig trenches to be their graves although they did not know it. Then he called a firing squad and had them shot. Often victims have been burned after empty stomachs were filled. Heathenism's way is so different from Christ's way.

If we care we will share generously! Mary Reed, a Methodist missionary, who contracted this disease after one year of service in India, interpreted this as God's call and lifted other patients for fifty years. What will you do to help?

Soloist: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

What Others Are Doing

Outstanding organizations doing research and education in this field are the Leonard Wood Memorials in Harvard and at Cullion in the Philippines. The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association majors on research, education, charity. The World Health Organization of the United Nations has made some surveys and done some good relief work.

In religious circles two noble efforts are the Mission to Lepers of London and the American Mission, Inc. These represent fifty Protestant mission groups. Together they collect \$1,000,000 a year which is divided among 250 Protestant colonies. Their broad educational program includes lectures, magazines, pamphlets, books, slides, films, etc. An ex-missionary Dr. Kellersberger is general secretary of American Missions, Inc.

American Missions, Inc., co-operates with Presbyterians in the noted McLean Leprosy Colony in Thailand. This well-equipped station treats 5,000 patients a year. Director Buker and his staff train non-professional people to treat patients and to launch an enlightened public health attack.

Catholics have just conducted a world survey and are organizing after the pattern of American Missions, Inc. About three



Seminary student with his son, who lives in our Baptist orphanage because the child's mother is in "Camp of Good Hope"

hundred centers are either owned or staffed by Catholics.

Our missionary Mrs. W. E. Craighead writes that the picture is not bright at the government colony in Paraguay. After some years of service an English doctor and nurse left because of Catholic restrictions. The buildings await government helpers willing to come to this post of service.

The work various governments do is a direct result of the initiative and example of Christian missionaries.

To sum it all up Dr. Laubach, famed for teaching millions to read says, "The Christian churches are reducing leprosy more than all other agencies."

What We Can Do

There is much superstition and lack of Christian concern here in America. Missionary work is badly needed here at home to inform the public too.

1. Read books and literature; pass these to others.
2. Subscribe to *The Star*, Carville, Louisiana, \$1 a year. Co-operate with their educational program. Also have society subscribe for church, city, school libraries.
3. Awaken state health departments on modern approaches to this ancient disease.
4. Influence medical schools to train doctors capable of early diagnosis. Korea has possibly 40,000 cases. The largest colony in the world is off the southern coast of Korea; it has 7,000 patients.
5. Disapprove all sensational publicity not true to current facts.
6. Liberalize state laws. Now, thirteen states do not require segregation. Leprosy is a problem only in parts of Louisiana, Texas, Florida and California.
7. Encourage employment of discharged patients.
8. Show your United States congressman the need for new and more liberal legislation. Public-spirited Christian citizens will support unpopular causes like this.
9. Visit Carville if possible; you'll be glad you did. We can knock the 6,000-year-old walls of prejudice down through study, service, prayer, and gifts.
10. Pray and give through Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to answer opportunities in Nigeria and elsewhere.

Soloist sings one verse of "Open My Eyes"

Season of directed prayer

Program Chairman: How's Your Heart?

Have you gone on a vacation this summer? If not, do you plan one? Do you think of those who never get a vacation? This disease takes no vacation. Its victims suffer twelve months of every year. You



Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.

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can help relieve their suffering through your prayers and gifts while you rest. Christ died to save all people; we must lift them to the gospel of love. It is possible that this small phase of the large field medical missions covers can contribute more to extend the love of Christ among men than any other single aspect of our work. (Matthew 25:40b.)

In lands where the missionary's words could not be understood or where his message was bitterly opposed, people have understood the meaning of love and kindness revealed in the healing of the sick. Missionary doctors have been able to go where no one else could. (Quote Matthew 25:40b.) What will you do to lift the lepers, the people with Hansen's disease?

VISUAL AIDS FOR JULY

By Mildred Williams

The motion picture, *ADVANCE IN AFRICA*, gives a glimpse of what Southern Baptists are doing to help those with Hansen's disease. The film shows the first six months' work of a medical missionary through Lagos, Abeokuta, Ibadan, and Ogbomoso. 22 minutes; rental, color, \$3.00; black and white, \$1.00.

HOW MUCH is the story of Ted Miller and his discovery of the real meaning of Christian stewardship. 16 minutes; service charge \$1.50.

"PRAY YE"

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

1 Wednesday "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom"—Col. 3:16 Rev. Earl Parker, China, ev.

2 Thursday "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much"—Luke 16:10 Mrs. Epifanio Salazar, Brady, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Rev. Davis L. Saunders, Igede, Nigeria, ev. *Rev. Chester Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.

3 Friday "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts"—James 5:8 Mrs. Carlos Garcia, Gallup, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Miss Helen Ige, Richmond, Calif., ev. among Japanese, Rev. William Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, language study

4 Saturday "Be strong and of a good courage"—Joshua 1:9 Rev. G. T. Martin, Tampa, Florida, ev. among Negroes, Rev. Dick Miller, Fairbanks, Alaska, ev., Mrs. Matthew Wai, San Antonio, Texas, ev. among Chinese, Miss Rosa Lee Franks, Miami, Fla., Good Will Center, Miss Louise Waddell, Baltimore, Md., Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center. Pray that our American heritage of freedom will be protected from all enemies.

Sunday "But let patience have her perfect work"—James 1:4 Miss Bertha Wallis, Field Worker, HMB, Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev., Mrs. William Haverfield, Guadalajara, Mexico, ev., *Miss Anne Laseter, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev., *Mrs. Julius Hickerson, Cali, Colombia, ed. ev., Rev. Paul Porter, Sumare, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. S. J. Townshend, em. China.

6 Monday "Lift up thy voice with strength; . . . Be not afraid"—Isa. 40:9 Rev. Frank Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev., Miss Blanche Groves, China, ed. ev. Pray for Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary convention-wide WMU, as she directs WMU, Conference, Glorieta, N. M., July 6-12

7 Tuesday "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"—Matt. 7:12 Rev. Camilo Rico, Alice, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Miss Ella Keller, New Orleans, La., Good Will Center, Mrs. Milton Murphy, Nazareth, Israel, ed. ev., Dr. A. E. Hayes, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev., *Miss Akda Grayson, Maui, T. H., ev.

8 Wednesday "Give to every man that asketh of thee"—Luke 6:30 Rev. Job Maldonado, Clovis, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, Selk, Ariz., ev. among Indians, Mrs. John Mein, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev.

9 Thursday "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful"—Luke 6:36 Rev. Cirilo Mogena, Matanzas, Cuba, ev., Miss Ruth Widick, New Orleans, La., Good Will Center, Mrs. Hernandez Rios, San Antonio, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, *Mrs. Howard Bryant, Antofagasta, Chile, ev., *Mrs. James Musgrave, Goiania, Brazil, ev., Rev. Charles Compton, Cel. Galvao M. T., Mato Grosso, Brazil, ev.

10 Friday "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven"—Luke 6:37 Rev. F. H. Linton, Gatun, Canal Zone, em., *Rev. Howard Bryant, Antofagasta, Chile, ev., *Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Hong Kong, ev., Rev. J. A. Tumbler, Natal, Brazil, ed. ev.

11 Saturday "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good"—Rom. 12:21 Rev. Luis Gloria, Cotulla, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Rev. Milton Leach, Sr., Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking

12 Sunday "Without faith it is impossible to please him"—Heb. 11:6 Rev. G. C. Rodriguez, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Miss Marie Conner, Taipei, Formosa, ev., *Mrs. V. L. Seats, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev., Paige Seats, MF, *Rev. W. J. Webb, Guatemala City, Guatemala, ed. ev.

13 Monday "Faith without works is dead"—James 2:20 Mrs. Celso M. Villarreal, Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. John A. Parker, Santiago, Chile, ev.

14 Tuesday "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom"—Prov. 3:13 Dr. W. Dewey Moore, Rome, Italy, ev., Rev. Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. W. W. Adams, China, em.

15 Wednesday "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him"—James 1:5 Mrs. William Allen Poe, Lagos, Nigeria, ev., *Miss Thelma Williams, Taipei, Formosa, med. ev., Miss Jean Stamper, New Orleans, La., Good Will Center. Pray for young Baptist from all parts of the world as they meet at the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22

16 Thursday "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"—James 5:16 *Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev., Dr. Walter Moore, Joinkrama, Nigeria, MD., special appointee

17 Friday "Ask and it shall be given you"—Matt. 7:7 Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev., Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Hong Kong, ed. ev., Mrs. J. C. Pool, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. Edgar Hallock, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev.

18 Saturday "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"—Titus 2:12 Rev. J. R. Saunders, em. China, Rev. Dan Tyson, Ketchikan, Alaska, ev., Mrs. L. L. Lowry, Beaumont, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

19 Sunday "Hope maketh not ashamed"—Rom. 5:5 Rev. W. A. Hickman, Jr., ev., Miss Frances Roberts, ed. ev., Asuncion, Paraguay, Rev. Page Kelley, Sao Paulo, Brazil, language study, *Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey, Jerusalem, Israel, ed. ev., Miss Virginia Henderson, New Orleans, La., Good Will Center

20 Monday "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh

patience"—Rom. 5:3 Miss Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev., *Dr. Maurice J. Anderson, China, ed. ev., Rev. Glenn Bridges, Campo Grande, Brazil, ev.

21 Tuesday "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other"—Ps. 85:10 Rev. John Shepard, Fukuoka City, Japan, ed. ev., Dr. H. H. McMillan, Nassau, Bahama Islands, ev., Mrs. D. D. Askew, Hiroshima, Japan, ev., Mrs. Donald LeRoy Orr, Cali, Colombia, ed. ev., Miss Pauline Cammack, Santa Fe, N. M., ed. ev., Indians, Rev. Enrique Vasquez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev., Rev. George Saenz, Mission, Tex., Rev. Daniel Delgado, Weslaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

22 Wednesday "Your life is hid with Christ in God"—Col. 3:3 Rev. F. L. Jones, Gatun, Canal Zone, ev., Eileen Jones, MF, Rev. Raymond Jee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home, Miss Bernice Tipton, New Orleans, La., Good Will Center. Pray for annual meeting Japan WMU July 22-24

23 Thursday "Put off . . . anger, wrath, malice"—Col. 3:8 Dr. E. Lamar Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, MD, Dr. Charles Culpepper, Jr., Taipei, Formosa, ed. ev., *Mrs. William Gaventa, Eku, Nigeria, ev., Rev. Alvin Spencer, Tokyo, Japan, language study

24 Friday "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"—Matt. 16:18 Rev. Jesus Rios, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Corrine Rios, MF, *Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Ruschlikon - Zurich, Switzerland, president, Baptist Theological Seminary

25 Saturday "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"—John 6:37 Miss Jean Bach, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev., *Miss Floryne Miller, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev. Pray for students who are leading in vacation Bible schools, revivals, and other kinds of volunteer service this summer

26 Sunday "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth"—Matt. 5:5 *Miss Pearl Johnson, Hong Kong, ed. ev., *Dr. C. E. Harris, China, MD., *Rev. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev., Dr. Edgar Hallock, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,

(Prayer Calendar continued)

pub. ev., Miss Mary Brooner, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, ed. ev., Dr. George Green, em., Nigeria

27 Monday "On earth, peace to men of goodwill"—Luke 2:14 Miss Hannah Sal-lee, em., China, Rev. W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev., Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, ev., Miss Mary Etheridge, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Chinese, Rev. P. Molina, Taft, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

28 Tuesday "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?"—Matt. 5:13 Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Hilo, Hawaii, ev., Rev. Carlton Whitley, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. Moises Gonzalez, Santa Clara, Cuba, ev., Rev. E. C. Branch, Lakeside, Ariz., ev. among Indians

29 Wednesday "Let the . . . meditation of my heart, be acceptable . . . O Lord"—Ps. 19:14 *Miss Kathleen Manley, Joinkrama, Nigeria, RN, Miss Reba Stewart, em., China, *Rev. Clyde Dotson, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

30 Thursday "The Lord God is a sun and shield"—Ps. 84:11 *Dr. F. P. Lide, Baguio, P. I., ed. ev., Miss Aletha Fuller, Joinkrama, Nigeria, RN, med. ev., Mrs. Roland Armstrong, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. L. O. Cotey, em., HMB, Mandeville, La.

31 Friday "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"—Ps. 91:1 Mrs. Earl Fine, Absokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. Ronald Hill, Bangkok, Thailand, ev., Mrs. W. W. Enete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Joy Enete, MF, Rev. Ignacio Vallalpondo, Kenedy, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Rev. E. Whitford Ward, St. Augustine, Fla., ed ev. among Negroes, Mrs. Minnell Graves, Miami, Fla., Good Will Center

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HMB Home Mission Board
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em. emeritus
S.B.C. Southern Baptist Convention
† special emphasis, not listed on birthday

NEW BOOKS TO READ

by Anne Crittendon Martin

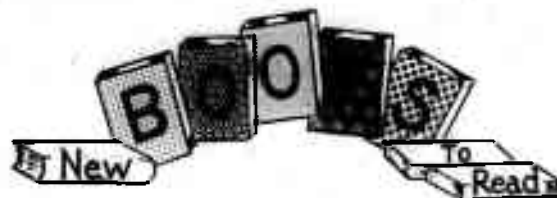
Persia Is My Heart by Najmeh Najafi (as told to Helen Hinckley), Harper, \$3.

This is really the autobiography of a most unusual young woman who has packed her few years full of achievement and plans for the future. Born into a great Persian family, she spurned a life of ease and wealth to choose one of action and of striving to help her fellow-countrymen.

By the time she was eighteen she had established a very successful dress shop in Teheran, employing twenty girls as seamstresses and two men as tailors. She did this in order to make money for her big venture—to come to America and learn how to help her people lift themselves from poverty and ignorance to a better life. Her basic plan is to establish small factories in the villages to give the people some gainful employment.

Now in school in California and not yet twenty-five years old—she is still steadfast in her purpose and has sought to interest American businessmen in her plan. We hope that she will come to know Christ and add to her dreams the vision of what he could do to help her Moslem people spiritually.

This is a charming book, illustrated with pen sketches by the author. In her lifetime she has seen Persia—or Iran—pass from ancient to modern times. Her insight, for one so young, is uncanny. The glimpses we get from her into the Moslem life and mind are valuable in enlarging our understanding of her country and part of the world.



This month we have three real books for women—about three *real women*! Each woman is definitely worth knowing and reading about. One is a story of a woman's triumph over primitive surroundings; another, the journey to victory over sorrow and the third, the growth of a Persian girl's vision to lift her people to better living.

With Wings as Eagles by Helen Chappell White, Rinehart, \$2.75.

Helen Chappell White is a fellow-Southerner, the wife of the president of Emory University in Atlanta, daughter of a prominent minister. Though she had been "raised in the church," she found she was not prepared to meet and overcome death when it struck her family circle.

Her older son, Goddard C. White, Jr., bomber navigator, was shot down over the Baltic Sea in 1944. The resulting account of how the early disbelief turned into crushing grief and at length to triumphant faith will be welcomed by all who have known sorrow or who realize a need for strength for the encounter.

Mrs. White very thoroughly dissects the anatomy of grief. In beautiful writing she shows the step-by-step journey she made from defeat to victory; from useless, depleting mourning and resentment to happy spiritual fellowship with the departed and a feeling of harmony with both life and death. Her husband and younger son play their parts in helping her on her journey, as do certain friends and ministers.

O Rugged Land of Gold by Martha Martin, Macmillan, \$3.

If I were publisher of this amazing book I would feel safe in offering "satisfaction or your money back." I would have to make no refunds, for what reader would not be gripped by this true story!

Here is an epic of a woman's faith so stirring that you find yourself thanking God for her as you read her story. The fact that she lived to write this account is a miracle and that she lived through the ordeals so courageously and cheerfully is even more of a miracle.

Imagine, if you can, the plight of this young prospector's wife who is preparing to go home to Washington after a summer in Alaska when a sudden storm catches her in a landslide, flings her into a canyon and leaves her badly injured. Her husband, also caught in the storm, fails to return from his trip to meet the mailboat. With a broken arm, fractured leg and other injuries, the only sound part of Martha Martin is her indomitable spirit that resolves to find a way to live and plan for the birth of her baby.

The amazing story that follows is surely unique in literature. Left alone to survive an Alaskan winter her courage and character reach sublime heights as she depends on God to make her human strength and ingenuity a match for the terrific odds.

She tames the wilderness, makes friends with the wilderness creatures, writes a diary to keep from going mad, hopes and prays for her husband's safe return, acts as her own doctor—even to delivering her own baby.

Any modern woman with curiosity to read how one of her own kind faced a hard situation will feel rewarded by reading this book. You won't forget Martha Martin!

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