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## Three Orchids and Sixteen Leis

*Miss Juliette Mather (right),  
editorial secretary and  
editor of ROYAL SERVICE,  
left Birmingham on September 25  
with Josephine Jones of Florida,  
for a four months' world tour.*

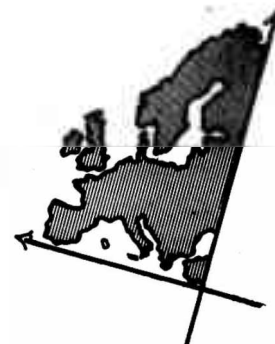
*They are visiting Southern Baptist  
mission points in the Orient, Near East and Europe.  
This is the first of a series of timely accounts.*

IN HAWAII twenty-one hours and I have changed orchids twice and worn sixteen leis--several of them garlands of orchids. These enchanting islands! Blue, blue water around islands of exotic flowers and delightfully friendly people led by devoted missionaries.

Our party of three (Miss Josephine Jones, executive secretary-treasurer of Florida WMU, Miss Ione Gray, associate editor of THE COMMISSION and I) arrived Saturday night and the missionaries and our Hawaiian friends met us with leis (eight then). Dr. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, whose house guest I was to be, and Miss Hannah Plowden drove me along Wakiki Beach on the way to their home. Sunday morning I looked in on the Sunday school that meets in the second-hand buildings of the academy and the one new building the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering built. (It needs a second story now.) Then I spoke at Nuuanu. Remember when we gave the start to build that church? Now it has outgrown the church and educational building, and has paid its building debts. But where is the money to get the nursery out of an old chicken coop effect, and the Sunday school class out of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ware's living room and make space for expansion? (turn to page 11)

## Forward in Spain

by Nella Dean Whitten



THE eleventh annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of Spain was held in Barcelona in August. Delegates came representing twenty-four missionary unions. Many live in villages where the Baptist group is small and they must face countless difficulties. Three glorious days of sharing mutual interests and gospel triumphs is an experience to warm and encourage the hearts of brave Baptist women until time for another such meeting.

In the first session on Monday, the closing verses of Romans 8 were read: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" More appropriate words could not be chosen for Spanish Baptists and the very atmosphere of the meeting seemed to voice the heartfelt assurance: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life . . . nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:35, 38, 39).

Four incidents from the convention will surely be of interest to those who are giving to help support the Spanish WMU and to make an enlarged national program possible:

1. The delegate from Lerida told with deep emotion how the Christian people of her city had suffered since the small Baptist chapel was closed by government orders of six months ago. She added, "One of the hardest things we have to do is explain to the Sunbeam Band why they can't continue with their meetings: They were so

enthusiastic, and they are praying in their individual homes that the church will soon be open again."

2. A WMU president from north Spain was telling of the great need for a Baptist home for the aged. She mentioned an elderly woman who made a profession of faith in their church some time ago. The woman's relatives did not want her to become a "Protestant," so they allowed her to be sent to an institution supported by the government. The rules of the institution required that even the sick get up at unreasonable hours to go through certain Catholic ceremonies. Two or three of the WMU members went each week to carry small items of nourishing food and to read the Bible and pray with their friend. Those in charge of the institution found out that the women who came to visit so regularly were "Protestants," and they told the elderly lady, "If these 'Protestants' come back again, we will take away everything you have including your food."

For nearly two months the WMU members of that village have not been able to offer the encouragement and spiritual help they have in their hearts. A woman who is not a professing Christian but merely a "sympathizer" with the gospel takes a can of condensed milk and some soft cookies each week and tells the poor old lady, who is the only evangelical in the institution, that her Baptist friends have not forgotten her.

3. A capable leader of the WMU in a city where permission has not been granted to organize a church says: "The authorities will not permit us to have more than twenty persons in our meetings. They keep close (Please turn to page 7)

# Big Dividends

by Mary Northington of Tennessee

DOWN the east coast of South America, up the west coast through Guatemala and Mexico went our WMU party after the Baptist World Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro. We saw and heard the wonderful story of the accomplishments made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Churches were built, schools erected and Good Will Centers were serving the people. Often at the airport we were met by missionaries who would say, "This is our Lottie Moon car." Their efficiency was multiplied because they had transportation. Cars are very high in South America and with their small salaries, missionaries never could have bought them. We were thrilled to see one of them with a plane given by our offering. Many of our mission stations are so far interior that it had taken weeks to get out, now it takes only hours. Many lives have been saved by bringing the sick out to a hospital. The plane takes preachers from church to church so the gospel can be carried to many places each Sunday.

In every country we saw schools built by our offering. To see a building like the one in Fortaleza, with the president's home next door, all erected for a sum far less than we spend on a small addition at home, makes us know our investment is a good one. This school is crowded, more rooms must be provided for that will mean more children will have an opportunity to hear the gospel. How eager they are for larger buildings!

Go to Rio someday and see our investments there. We were proud to see our Training School. Seminary, boys' and girls' schools, apartment house for our missionaries, much of the equipment at the Publishing House—all as a result of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

To hear the thrilling story of the work of the Brazilian Home Mission Board made us glad we had invested in literature for them and had helped support their self-

sacrificing national workers who serve in the interior states.

In Argentina and Chile we found splendid buildings, and how often we heard, "But for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we could not have had these buildings." When we saw the young people being trained in these seminaries and training schools, we could thank God for the future leaders.

In the countries where our Southern Baptist work is new, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped in buying property as well as in erecting buildings.

It was at Lima, Peru, a missionary said, "We lived in the church, but we decided we must have a school, and the church was the only place for it. Rent is very high and many will not rent to evangelicals. How we prayed for a home! Then a letter came saying that a home would be provided from the 'over and above' Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. How grateful we are."

In a rented church building in Quito, Ecuador, we heard thanks for making it possible to have a meeting place. Now we will help them build a real church.

Do we furnish everything? No indeed. A much larger per cent of the people are tithers than in this country. They give sacrificially out of their poverty.

Have we finished our task? The needs are great everywhere. We have rented student homes in Guadalajara, Mexico, and we should build. The homes are too small and many more could be reached if we had larger quarters.

In Guatemala we saw the beginnings of a seminary in an old church building. We have the lot, we need a building. Every school and church needed more room. It was a thrill to go to a church in Bogota, Columbia that was so crowded the people were standing. If generous enough, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering might give them a lift so they can have a real place of worship.

Our hospitals need equipment and more rooms. So these doctors can save more lives and more souls can be reached for the gospel.

May your gift to this offering this Christmas at least equal the amount you spend on others. Is this not our birthday gift to our Saviour? Thousands can be born again because of our gifts to him.

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### COVER

Friends in other lands send us greetings through their Christmas cards. From Burma (elephants), China, the Philippines (Pasko). Let us return their expression of friendliness by giving generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Through our gifts others will learn the good news "Unto you a Saviour is born."

Design by Colvin

# Christmas is Up to the Women!



SOMEONE has said: "Never before has America experienced an era or generation wherein the real significance of Christmas has been so sabotaged and desecrated! The reason? Commercialism, of course!"

Commercialism—business partner of materialism—who woos and wins us with such fraudulent and fickle buffoonery!

At an institute for salesmen, a promotional speaker said, "As long as our Christmas merchandise appeals to the women—bless 'em—it is a cinch to make millions! It's all up to the women! You salesmen have only to make them conscious of Christmas finery, clothes, jewelry, parties, gifts—and you're set for the take!"

A vice-president, in charge of sales for a large manufacturing company, prodded his sales force with, "You've got to sell the public on buying things at Christmas—it doesn't matter about the value—people will buy anything at Christmas time!"

Tragic, isn't it, that we women of the USA are so blinded to the forces at work against the right kind of observance of Christ's birthday?

Christmas greeting card manufacturers have this to say, "This year Christmas cards will reach a peak of from thirty to fifty million dollars! The favorites are landscapes, animals and cartoon subjects. Religious themes are definitely on the decline!"

Obviously our observance of Christmas are also affecting our homes. A prominent judge told a reporter, "This Christmas extravagance—spendthrift wives—this mad whirl of parties, drinking, stuffing little children's minds with mad tales and fake legends about Christmas—is destroying homes and desecrating religious ideals more than any other force in America! Fathers come to me debt-ridden and miserable after Christmas. You'd think I was Rockefeller—the way my family spends! No wonder I'm sick and discouraged. Judge, is there no remedy?"

Most of us grown-ups remember the glow and warmth of our early Christmas experiences—the simple gifts, the carols and wreaths, the family reunion, the Christmas sermon which filled us with a deep sense of reverence and humility toward the birthday of our Lord!

ONE has only to read a little of the pioneer history of our country to recognize how far we have strayed in our observance of Christmas in the past ten to fifteen years.

An excerpt from an old diary reads, "High hopes rode in covered wagons on Christmas Day! Christmas on the trail! Never was Christ's birthday so memorable—or the story of the Babe in the manger so sweet and close to our hearts! We read the Bible story at sunrise. Again at sundown! There were simple gifts for the children—and a kind of generosity of spirit toward each other and God

by Mrs. Tom Carter, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Drawings by Jean H. Neely

that knew no bounds!"

How different from that is our approach to Christ's birthday! How gilded and fantastic is the modern version children see in our frenzied activity and spending! How can our children possibly recognize the Christmas story in the out-sized Santas, animated Mickey Mouse and the red-nosed reindeer of the Christmas season?

But how to correct our observance of Christmas? There are those who would condemn the act of giving. But is not giving the very essence of Christmas? God gave his Son. Jesus gave his life. We give that others may share our substance and ourselves. Is not the wrong in the motive rather than in the act of giving? Do we give because we are grateful for all our blessings, or because we want to compete with one another?

There are many who would condemn the merchants and storekeepers saying they are the ones guilty of luring the public into difficulties and debt.

But not all storekeepers are in sympathy with the terrific pressure and competition they must meet. As one merchant said, "Christmas has become a racket! A rat race between promoters and manufacturers to see who can outsell the other! We merchants are merely stooges! It's difficult in business today to hold fast to your ideals and convictions!"

Last Christmas, hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles and editorials bemoaned the "commercialism of Christmas." "Are we to sit idly by and sacrifice the most sacred event in history to commercial interests?" one editor wrote. "Why don't our churches become more vocal against such violation and dissipation of our religious heritage?" another said.

Undoubtedly there is a growing feeling that something must be done to restore dignity, reverence and adoration to our observance of Christmas. The remedy lies, as it always does, in the hearts and minds of Christian people!

The reform and rediscovery of Christmas is an individual responsibility! Especially is it a responsibility of the women. Hear the sales world echo, "It's all up to the women—bless 'em!"

Most reforms begin in the home. Some one individual has a conviction and acts upon it with sincerity and determination. Then others become courageous, too.

COULD we pledge ourselves to approach Christmas this year at a more conservative and thoughtful pace—to moderate our spending and giving—to reading and rereading the Christmas story to our children as Luke and Matthew tell it, pointing out its great significance in our lives? In such ways we would see the beginning of a far reaching reform and return to a sane and reverent Christmas.



# Meditations of Sassafras Bush

by Eulah Harlow, Kentucky



but I always held myself erect in the face of wind and sleet storms. I had ambitions; I wanted to do something special. One day I saw the people in the two nearest houses hang green wreaths on their doors and put candles and bright colored lights in their windows. That night I looked through the window and saw a cedar tree trimmed in bright colored balls and tinsel, with brilliant lights on its branches.

I looked at my barren limbs in disgust. Why couldn't I have been a cedar? Then I could have been carried into

some lovely home and decorated for Christmas. Then I could hold gifts in my arms, too.

While I was busy with these thoughts a man in a truck stopped on the road and looked my way. He had a small boy with him and I heard him say, "There is a little tree that looks much better than the one I have." In the back of his truck I saw a scrawny bush of some kind that made me really proud of myself. But he drove on past and I was so disappointed I couldn't sleep that night.

EARLY the next morning a man in a gravel truck stopped near by and came to look at me closely. He examined me on all sides. Then he went back to the truck and got an axe and chopped me down. I waved gaily to all the other bushes as I was put into the truck. Then I was driven through town to a brick church on a corner. On the bulletin board it said, "Barlow Baptist Church, O. A. Edwards, Pastor."

I was taken out of the truck and placed by the side of a pretty cedar tree. Things

were really happening to me now! The man in the truck put each of us on a wooden base. Then he took us in the church and stood us on opposite sides of the platform, right in front of a beautiful new baptistry.

The man's wife came and they got out a large box of decorations and trimmed the cedar tree. Lights and garlands of glittering tinsel, colored balls and icicles were hung up on it. Then cotton was placed at the base to resemble snow and cellophane bags of fruits, nuts and candy were piled under it for the children of the Sunday school.

Soon the man and woman who trimmed the tree and the men who brought the bags of treats were gone and I was left standing there bewildered. In comparison to the Christmas tree I was more conscious than ever of my bare limbs.

I had several hours to wonder why I was there. Then the janitor came and turned on the lights. Soon people began to come, most of them with children. The church was soon filled and a man said that the program would start.

The lights were turned off again and young boys and girls marched in with lighted candles in their hands, singing, "Silent Night, Holy Night." When they had finished and the pastor offered prayer, the lights came on again.

Little children came to the platform and gave short readings and songs. I became so interested that I forgot about myself. Presently the pastor came and stood near me and said, "This is to be our mission tree tonight, and we want it to blossom for Christ." Then he explained that he wanted people to pin bills on me to help send the gospel to those in foreign lands who have never heard the story of Jesus.

The people liked the idea. They came

forward with money in their hands and it was hung on my branches. I swelled with pride! Soon I was covered with green backs. I was as green as the cedar!

Then my part on the program was over and Santa Claus came and talked to the children and gave them their treat. When the program was over the church treasurer came and with several others took my bills off and counted them. "One hundred and eighty-five dollars," they said. I could tell by their looks and conversation they were pleased. Everyone went home and I was left standing there bare again. But this time I didn't mind. It was Christmas Eve and I had helped all the world toward happiness and I was happy, too.

## Forward in Spain

(Continued from page 1)

check on us, and if the number passes twenty, they threaten to fine everyone present. We have twenty-two in our WMS and almost always at least two of our members have to stay away from the weekly meetings to keep the number at twenty. Of course the two who are denied the privilege of going to the meeting are sad, but we take turns as to who will stay home and pray for the rest of the group."

4. A brave woman from a small, fanatical village told in a firm, triumphant voice of the death of her little girl: "They wouldn't let us bury her in the cemetery, so we took her to the mountains." The right of "Protestants" to bury their dead in their own way is held in question in Spain. "Our Baptist group gathered at our home at 4 A.M. and we buried our precious little girl at 6 A.M. in order to avoid trouble. We put heavy stones on her grave to keep the animals of the mountains from digging up her body."

From such reports it is natural to conclude that Spanish Baptists know nothing but intense persecution, but that is not altogether true. Most churches continue to hold services without interference so long as they confine all of their activities to the inside of their chapels. But it is against this background of trying circumstances and persecution that the work of the Lord will go forward in Spain.

# '54 Festival January 17-22

BY EVA BERRY, WMU EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF MISSOURI

**F**OCUS WEEK should be fun this year with every officer and committee member enlisted in an "all out" effort to present the work of the Woman's Missionary Society to the entire church.

First, consult the pastor. Then at a WMS executive committee meeting delegate responsibilities to individuals or committees. In a one room church building, or if you use one large room, have the displays at different stations in the room. When a number of rooms are available use them for the booths. Seven booths are described here; others could be added as for Margaret Fund and Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Members of the social committee are directors of traffic, or arrange for others to steer the people from one booth to the next. End in a central place, appropriately decorated, for refreshments or dinner, and a short program. Each booth will feature one phase of WMU work with that committee chairman and as many committee members as are needed at hand. Add your originality to these suggestions. Pray much that this will be a meaningful occasion and begin at once to plan.

## Prayer and Bible Study

This may be more effective without any person attending this booth. Arrange a large poster of "Praying Hands" under which print, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into his harvest." In front of this place a large open Bible. At the side show a map of the world and the words: "The Woman's Missionary Society seeks to strengthen the spiritual lives of her members."

On another table, arrange a ROYAL SERVICE open to the calendar of prayer, a placard listing the three seasons of prayer, the intercessory prayer league and family worship. Have leaflet "How to Maintain a Family Altar" by Duke K. McCall for any who may desire to take one (free from The Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave.

N., Nashville 3, Tenn.). A copy of "Thus It is Written" or other texts on the missionary message of the Bible could be on the table by the Bible (see WMU Year Book, page 53, for titles).

## Enlistment

The first vice-president or enlistment chairman and her committee will secure well in advance (if they are "on the job" they did this in October!) a list of all prospective WMS members. Plan for a visitation day, or several days, early in the week. Enlist every possible member to visit, inviting all prospects to become members of the society and to attend the Fifty-Four Festival. Take to prospective members a calendar, card or bulletin which shows meeting dates and hours for WMS and young people's organizations, a copy of ROYAL SERVICE, and one of the enlistment leaflets like "Hello, Mrs. Prospect," or "Eight Reasons and An Invitation" (free from state WMU office).

At the enlistment booth have a large poster: "Opportunities in WMS" surrounded by seven smaller posters: 1. To Obey Christ's Commission 2. To Pray Unitedly 3. To Study Missions 4. To Help Win the World 5. To Give 6. To Enjoy Christian Fellowship 7. To Serve Through Community Missions. A final one might read "Enlist More in '54—We Want You."

Chairman and committee members may hold these instead of putting them on wall or screens.

## Young People

In this booth mount a large streamer reading "The Way of Missionary Education." Show as many as possible of the attractive materials used in the young people's work: colored Standard of Excellence charts, Forward Step, Ranking and attendance wall charts, organization pennants, etc. Let young people wear insignia showing their steps or ranks. They might form tableaux holding the above items.

## Community Missions

This committee should plan for a booth using posters and tableaux to show the spiritual needs of the community and what WMS members are doing to meet the needs.

On the wall have a large outline map of your town, city, or association. With colored thumbtacks locate institutions where a spiritual ministry is needed, such as jails, hospitals, homes for the aged. On blackboard or poster print "There are in our community ---- people with no church affiliation, ---- school children not in Sunday school, ---- shut-in people in our church, (list other needs discovered by your community missions committee). On another poster print "Last month ---- members of the WMS sought to meet some of these needs. We need your help." Around this poster group simple tableaux or picture posters representing different community missions activities: such as two women seated, one with her Bible open; a woman with a group of children; another talking with a person in a wheel chair. Display leaflets on winning the lost, etc. (free from state WMU office).

## Stewardship

Make a large "dollar" poster showing the division of the dollar put into the offering plate at your Sunday services. Entitle it "Where Our Church Dollar Goes" and show the percentage for Cooperative Program, associational missions, local expenses. Around this poster arrange in attractive fashion samples of WMU leaflets on stewardship (free from WMU state office). Members of the stewardship committee can give out leaflets on tithing. (Ask your pastor to help you secure these from your state Baptist general headquarters.)

## Mission Study

This has endless possibilities. You may show all the books in the home mission series with maps, posters, etc., depicting the needs in the homeland. One committee member may hold a poster giving dates and places when and where these texts will be taught. Another may sit at a table labelled

"Missionary Reading" with several reading books on the table. The Missionary Round Table could be emphasized similarly with a streamer or placard: "The Missionary Round Table is extra. Get an extra thrill: join." Members of the mission study committee could display books.

If the WMU earned a mission study recognition certificate last year display it. Use a globe, world map, flags, dolls in costume, etc., for atmosphere. (See *The World in Books*, free from your Baptist Book

## Literature

This is a fine time to really sell our WMU magazines. Let five members each wear a costume with magazine covers pasted on. Occasionally put the price and who should have the magazine. Each one wears the name of her magazine on a headband cut from the cover of the magazine. Ask all who come by the booth if they are subscribers or if they would like to leave their subscriptions. From the organization members gather sample copies to distribute to passersby.

## Programs

Better than a booth would be presenting a parade of coming events after the tour when the audience is seated. This could be done by tableaux representing the program topics (see WMU Year Book) for the remaining months of the WMU year or by having a poster parade illustrating the topic for each month with date and place of meeting. The program chairman could say, "We cannot begin to tell all that awaits you at our interesting missionary program meetings. Come and see for yourself. We can give you a bit of a preview of the topics to be presented." Then she calls them out month by month and the posters, pantomimes or tableaux appear. The ROYAL SERVICE skit "A Woman's Tool" (free from state WMU office) might be presented here instead of at the literature booth.

Some may want this to suffice for the evening's program. Others may want the pastor or a visiting speaker to bring a message on the importance of every woman in the church belonging to the WMS. Others (Please turn to inside back cover)



A simple act can give God opportunity  
to speak to a listening heart

## While Hanging Out the Clothes

by Frances Smyth

THE boys were settled for their afternoon naps and the coffee was hot. So with a cup in one hand and the program material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in the other, I arranged myself in my favorite chair. It was mid-November. I was WMS program chairman of the Lexie Baptist Church near Tylerstown, Mississippi, where my husband was pastor. I enjoyed program planning and looked forward to this brief quiet time each day when I could work on WMS programs.

Reading those well-written pages I became increasingly interested and often would forget my planning details. Who would this part suit? What visual aid would illustrate this portion? Would a musical background help here? The message and facts presented in each paragraph repeatedly pushed my job from my mind. Then a voice would call, "Mommie," and little feet would come running. Program material must be folded and put away until tomorrow, but information gained and phrases read would not be inserted into the brown envelope. They were there—over the kitchen sink, on the broom, or at mealtime conversation.



Four years with the mission emphasis of the New Orleans Seminary had made my husband and me look at work beyond our United States. We were willing, maybe God wanted us to go. We read of world missions and talked with missionary friends. Phrases crept into our conversation

such as, "If we should go into foreign missions." There was no definite conviction, only a willingness to be where God would have us serve.

By the last of November deep within me was a desire to share in this work about which we would be learning in our prayer program. It no longer seemed "foreign" and far off but real, practical, a part of a close-knit whole. I longed to be a more active part of it. Prayer times were spent in asking God to use me and all who would participate in these programs.

The Week of Prayer programs began and at the close of each program I found myself praying, "Lord, what will you have me to do with this information?"

That firm, steady longing to share more definitely in the work of missions grew. I looked around me during the meetings. Some were too old to go, some did not have the educational requirements, others were unable to meet the physical requirements. I was the only person there who could accept the challenge of becoming a part of the personnel in foreign mission work. Was there one reason why I and my family could not go? I could think of none and we did have much to share and give to Christ.

The morning of December 3 was filled with routine duties. I was hanging the day's wash out in the back yard. The boys were playing under the clothesline. My thoughts were on the week's program. They progressed something like this, "Frances Smyth, how long will you put off facing this decision? God will not make it for you. He never has done your thinking for you. Yet, he will help you to use your own brain if you allow him. It's time for you and Jerry to face yourselves and decide one way or the other." There was no excitement, only a steady assurance that God would guide our thinking. The household chores went on.



The Smyths, appointees to Brazil, are now in language school in Sao Paulo

In a short time Jerry came home for lunch. When we met he said, "Don't you think it is time we faced this business of foreign missions?" We shared our current individual thoughts and were amazed at the similarity. We realized this was no coincidence. Several times that afternoon we prayed together, sharing our desires and asking God to guide us. We had what we felt was God-given desire to go and as far as we knew there was no reason to hinder us. After Wednesday night prayer meeting, when both children were "tucked in" we audibly committed ourselves to God's service in the foreign mission front. It was a simple, quiet precious experience.

God used the 1952 Week of Prayer program material to bring to the foreground facts which I needed to face. Through this week's emphasis the culmination of four years of study, thoughts, and prayers came in our foreign mission decision. How can one face this week without asking, "Lord, what will you have me do with this information?" As a woman prays for missionaries who work in other geographical sections how can she pray without saying, "Lord, what is my part in the work there?" It may be a continuation of the work for missions already begun in a local church, it may be to send a son or daughter, or it may be that another woman will be able to go. There is neither ladder nor graduation, neither biggest nor least. It is simply looking intensively at the world mission of Christ and his followers and through God's help finding a place of service.

## Three Orchids . . .

(Continued from inside front cover)

In the afternoon a WMU rally. How at home we felt as different station wagons and cars and busses brought the young people from churches and missions! They need a full-time WMU executive secretary now. (Will there be gifts enough over and above the \$2,500,000 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering already planned to care for these and other world needs?)

At night we were in beautiful Olivet church. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering bought the land. Land prices are terrific here, there is so little that can be owned without restrictions. Now they are paying off their building debt at \$1,000 a month. A Buddhist professor whom I knew as a student on the Mainland came to see me. "What a beautiful building! I looked for a small house, maybe. These Baptists surprise me!" Aren't you glad? Maybe there is another wedge for the gospel in that surprise.

Monday we drove with a police escort to a blighted area where the missionaries want to start a Good Will Center. (Will the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go far enough beyond the goal to care for this?) And then to some housing clearance projects where the government has assigned certain lots for churches. They will go to those who can buy them. The islands are some 47% Catholic and 47% Buddhist. There are many denominations. Will we have the money?

This Baptist growth is amazing. Servicemen and women help marvelously when you have developed the kind who enter into church activities. The problems of rotation are many. Imagine having twelve of the staunchest families of your church move out at once! Meanwhile the Hawaiian young people are growing up ready to take leadership and in a few years Hawaiian Baptists will almost walk alone—but not this year or next. Now is the time to help! There are so many needs here and elsewhere! If only we could answer them all.

Next we go to Japan.

## CHRISTMAS IN BRAZIL

by Edwina Robinson,  
WMU Executive Secretary of Mississippi



THE word Christmas brings to our minds a particular pattern, a very definite part of which includes the winter season! To spend Christmas in Brazil brings many changes, for the Christmas season there is in mid-summer. It seemed strange to see merchants use the customary decorations of reindeer, Santa Claus, candles and artificial snow. The enthusiasm of both missionaries and nationals helped to generate interest and excitement in spite of the heat. Gifts were selected, Christmas wrappings were brought from storage, used Christmas paper and ribbons were pressed and used again. Christmas trees were selected and decorated. There was an air of expectancy on the part of the missionary children. Soon one was engulfed in much the same preparation as in the States.

Our Baptist churches do much for the observance of Christmas—a church program, a Christmas party for the children, gifts for all, especially the young, the old and the poor. The missionaries began planning early how to stretch the money to see that every child was remembered. It was decided that every little girl should have a doll. Large quantities of attractive, colorful "feed sacks" had been given one missionary by the women in her home state of Missouri. These were used for bonnets and dresses, and scores of attractive "blondes and brunettes" were made. In the markets knives, balls, tops and other gifts were found for the boys.

Finally the day for the church party arrived. There was much reciting of Scripture verses and poems by representatives from each Sunday school class. The olive, the dark and the fair-skinned faces were eager and expectant. The gifts were given and each little girl lovingly clutched the pretty new doll to her heart. The boys

began examining the knives, the tops and other gifts.

One of the most interesting Christmas parties planned was for the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary. The manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Recife had given the missionaries a large box of flowers that had been displayed in the shops. For hours we pressed and reworked the flowers, wrapping each in cellophane. When done, the corsages were so pretty. They were placed on a large tray for each girl to make her choice. The Christmas tree had gifts for each girl—handkerchiefs and costume jewelry given by friends in the States. Old Christmas cards were called into use as we cut and made place cards. These gay, Portuguese-speaking Brazilian girls were as excited and happy as any group of Intermediate girls anywhere. As the party took on a more serious note, there was evidence that Christmas and its meaning was real in each life. They loved the Christ of Christmas.

Each missionary family planned for Christmas very much as do families in the States. All the single missionaries in Recife spent Christmas day together—each contributing to the typical Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. Not many of us could go into our yards at Christmas time, as those missionaries did, and get five different fruits!

Names had been drawn and each person had a package under the tree. The fellowship of the day with a reviewing of what Christmas means made us conscious of the fact that neither accustomed place or weather are necessary for a true observance of Christmas.

There was the "Missionary Family" dinner, when all of the missionaries and their

### *It's the spirit not the climate that makes a holiday*

families came together—each family bringing a covered dish. Special tables were placed for the children. All of us felt the fellowship of the Christian family and such groups gathered in many parts of the world. One of the missionaries, Mrs. A. J. Terry, was spending Christmas in the hospital because of a back injury. A lovely Christmas may was fixed and all gathered in a Brazilian hospital room to share the spirit of Christmas together.

One of the highlights of that Christmas season was the gathering of young people from many of the fifty-six Baptist churches in Recife at the college church to hear the Christmas story in Scripture and song. Beautiful anthems and Christmas carols were sung by these music-loving Brazilian young people. Committees had planned early for the presentation, choirs had been

assigned their parts and there had been many rehearsals. A church filled to overflowing gave proof of the interest of friends and relatives. Even though the Portuguese words were not understood, one quickly caught the spirit and the music brought to mind the message of the words.

Christmas in Brazil is like Christmas at home. Christians come together to worship the Christ who makes Christmas possible. The hot summer weather and the strange language could not keep one from singing, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." Spending the season on a mission field brought the added joy of knowing that Christ has come into the hearts and lives of those who have heard and believed. There was born a determination to have a greater part in the "furtherance of the good news."

### *Very Special Birthdays . . .*



DR. J. G. CHASTAIN, Route 1, Richton, Mississippi served thirty years in Mexico. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1888; he served under the Home Mission Board for ten years. Even when the Mexican revolutionary period began, he stayed at his post. His one hundredth birthday will be December eighteenth.



DR. T. W. AYERS, 978 Juniper St., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia who supervised the building of the first Southern Baptist hospital in China, was for thirty-four years a medical missionary in Huanghsien. He is the author of "Healing and Missions." Dr. Ayers will be ninety-five years old December twenty-second.





## Everlasting Lamps

by Lilian Yarborough Leavell

**F**LYING into Rio by night and seeing "the world's most beautiful harbor" aglow with scintillating lights was breath-taking. Like a jeweled crescent set with shining stars, the city flashed out a welcome to all. A welcome even more heart-warming was given us by the missionaries who met our plane. After spending several days with them and getting a glimpse of their radiant joy in service, we realized that our missionaries are truly filled with the spirit. They are lifting up a living Christ as the Light of the world, rather than exalting the statue of the dead Christ which towers over the city from Mount Corcovado. They are lighting flames of faith that will shine forever in the hearts of the Brazilian people.

The WMU Training School in Rio is like a lighthouse in the dark. This modern building was dedicated in 1949 and is both beautiful and functional with a lovely chapel, pretty parlors and adequate classrooms. How it thrilled my heart, as it would have yours, to see it and to know that our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had built it at the cost of \$120,000. Each year we send \$10,000 for current expenses. All of the girls except five are there on scholarships. The fifty-one students enrolled had come from twelve different states in Brazil and from Bolivia.

They prepared fifty-two programs with attractive posters to use on Thursday after-

noons when eighteen groups go up the mountainsides to tell the people about Christ. They reach more than two thousand people each week with the gospel and had fifty-six conversions last year. Miss Dorine Hawkins, the efficient director of the Training School, told me that they could use eighteen Good Will Centers in their work. They are praying that this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will provide for at least one. They also need a station wagon to take the girls on their mission trips.

When I spoke to the girls with Miss Minnie Landrum as interpreter, I suggested the idea of being prayer mates with our school-girls in the States. They seemed delighted with the idea and crowded around after the meeting, giving me their names and addresses. I passed these on to the girls in the New Orleans Seminary, so now a golden chain of prayer unites these youths in North and South America as their prayers ascend to the same God. These bright-eyed, dark-haired, winsome girls are the future Baptist leaders who will carry on our work most effectively in beautiful Brazil.

Miss Landrum, the WMU secretary of South Brazil, and our dear friend for years, was thrilled when she told us of the WMU work in Brazil. As we visited in her pleasant apartment and in her office in the Baptist Headquarters Building, she told us of the 713 Woman's Missionary Societies

## Air Flight to South America

BY LILIAN Y. LEAVELL

*I've transcended earth to an ethereal world  
Where billowy clouds against the blue are hurled.  
The myriad blues of the sky and sea  
Enthrall me as I gaze into infinity.*

*I look down upon a miniature earth  
Of rivers and mountains, of abundance and dearth;  
I endeavor to think with my finite mind  
How God looks down upon all mankind.*

*How he sees each sparrow that falls to the ground,  
How his love encircles the world around,  
I feel a small part of humanity  
But I know His love o'er shadows me.*

*A cloud reflects prism colors through the rain,  
A rainbow encircles the shadow of our plane.  
A symbol of God's love and protecting care  
I claim his promise, there in the air.*

*Above the clouds, soaring on high,  
I feel God's presence here in the sky;  
It seems that his hand I can trustingly clasp  
As eternity seems just within my grasp.*

and 225 Young Woman's Auxiliaries in South Brazil. It was wonderful to know that besides having a vast home mission program that reaches far into the interior of Brazil, they also have a foreign mission program, sending missionaries into Colombia and to the mother country of Portugal.

Miss Landrum warmed our hearts by telling us that she was just a Sunbeam when she first felt the impulse to be a missionary, and a very young girl when she became a Christian. What an inspiration and challenge to us to give our lives as leaders of young people!

Our visit to the Baptist Publishing House was a most interesting one. Dr. George B. Cowser took us through this large building with its wonderful equipment, which prints Bibles and religious literature in Portuguese to be sent all over Brazil. It was our privilege to see the machine that printed the first Bible ever to be

printed by Baptists on Latin American soil; that was only ten years ago in 1943.

The Baptist Headquarters Building, with WMU, Sunday School, Training Union, Sacred Music and Radio departments, also houses a Baptist Book Store, and is an outstanding building near the heart of Rio.

Miss Minnie Lou Lanier of Georgia took us on an exciting trip by way of cable cars to the top of lofty Sugarloaf Mountain. As we looked down from its towering height, we could see this beautiful city of two and one half million people, comparatively few of whom know a living, personal Saviour. We thought of our 75 Baptist churches and 189 preaching points, as lights shining in a sin-darkened city. We lifted our hearts to God in prayer for our wonderful group of missionaries there who are lighting everlasting lamps in the hearts of the Brazilian people.



## Looking for "Posadas"

by Miriam McCullough

*"In the name of heaven, I beg you lodging,  
Since my beloved wife can't walk any  
further."*

*"This is not an inn, to give you room.  
Go on further. I can't let you pass."*

*"Come in, holy pilgrims, receive this little  
corner"*

*Even though our home is poor, we offer it  
to you with all our hearts."*

THE children and young people of Mexico prepare for Christmas having *posadas*. They go nightly for nine nights before Christmas seeking lodging for Mary and Joseph. According to the arrangements made each night, they stop at one or two homes, before they are invited

in for refreshments and games.

On Christmas Eve they are finally received in the home where a manger scene is prepared for them. Other children as shepherds, locate themselves among the animal figures and kneel at the baby's crib. Joseph has found lodging for his wife.

You are preparing for Christmas with the many social gatherings at the church, your fruit cakes are baked and the turkey spoken for! Yet there is another way, too, in which I like to think of your planning for Christmas. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is so often the life line for so many of us on the foreign field!

Your girls' Student Home in Guadalajara and educational center depend on you for

*Girls from the Student Home practice asking "posadas" of their teacher Miss McCullough*



\$3,710 current expenses. "Your girls," the future leaders of Mexico are looking for *posadas* (lodging) throughout the school year. Your Student Home is a Christian home where the Baptist pilgrims stay five or six years until they finish the training in their chosen profession in government schools. Training in religious

education is an integral part of their lives, as they grow through serving the Lord as Sunday school teachers, Girls' Auxiliary counselors and officers in various other Baptist organizations.

These pilgrims who knock at your door of the Student Home, at the door of your heart, have only this door to appeal to. There are very few rural schools and a high school in a town is an exception rather than the rule. The universities do not have dormitories or facilities to care for out-of-town students. The majority of the parents of our girls are so very poor that higher education would be out of reach were it not for you.

WILL you take these pilgrims in for the coming year? There is little seven-year-old Rosa at the head of the line. Since there is no school near the ranch, her parents decided to find a boarding school in Guadalajara. Our home was recommended to them, and if we had not taken her, she would have been sent to a Catholic establishment. She has already wound herself around our hearts, and we hope she will learn to love Jesus in the same way. Her life would be so different as a Catholic nun, which she most probably would have been if our door—your door—had not opened to her.

Trinidad, right behind Rosa, has had quite a struggle because her parents see no purpose in girls studying. But she has continued true up to now, the second year of high school, in her path toward going to the seminary to prepare herself to serve Christ as a missionary.

With so many children in the family, and so much to be done on a pastor's small

*The new Student Home in Guadalajara*



salary, Dina, second from right on back row, almost had lost hope of going past high school. A scholarship for her in the Student Home has started clearing the way for her dream of being a teacher.

There will be seventeen pilgrims this year. There on the end you see seventeen-year-old Concepcion. While attending the only Southern Baptist school in Mexico, the only grammar school for miles and miles around, "Concha" learned to appreciate Baptists and their ideals. Our prayers are that she will find Christ as the master Teacher and as she prepares herself to teach in that very same grammar school.

You took in Francisca the very first year of the Student Home, when she was in her fifth year in grammar school. There she is on the back row, third from the left. You have been providing a home long enough for her to have finished nurses' training and be taking a graduate course in obstetrics.

Many times she has paid the interest on your investment in her for she has been a teacher of the Intermediate girls in Sunday school, a nurse for the missionary doctor, a substitute for the director in the Home, and always she has witnessed to many of Christ, whom she found here.

These pilgrims are such satisfying guests. They make Christ's heart and our hearts glad with their service to others. Won't you think of this song this year as you plan your part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

*"Come in, holy pilgrims, receive this  
little corner"*

*Even though our home is poor, we  
offer it to you with all our hearts."*



from Kate C. Johnson  
... Jakarta, Indonesia

We came to Jakarta to live early in 1953. Our house was not finished but Mr. Johnson had to be here to transact mission business. The workmen have been swarming around us, but we are beginning to bring order out of the chaos. We have more house than two people need, but besides our regular work, we are to run a guest house for our other missionaries as they come and go.

We bought a building, half a block from our house for our church work but we couldn't get possession until the end of March. After that, there has been remodeling done to suit our needs. I have started an English class at night and plan eventually to have an English Bible class. I hope soon to find an Indonesian language teacher. I was making good progress in Bandung but since I came here there have been too many other things to do.

We have visited several churches here. All of them have been full of people deeply interested in the gospel. All of them had their services in Indonesian. All the Chinese speak Indonesian and most of them speak Dutch, too. Our Chinese neighbors speak Dutch in their homes. I have only heard of one small group in Jakarta that have their church services in Chinese. There are two reasons for this. The first one is that there are so many different Chinese dialects that one group doesn't understand the other. There are thousands of Chinese born and reared here who have never spoken Chinese. The Sears have found a Chinese-speaking church in Soerabaya and the Nichols found one in Semarang.

So opportunities vary in different cities. But in every city the number of churches is far from adequate to give the gospel to the millions of people who need to hear.

We could use our whole Java missionary group in any one city we have chosen to work in and all of them would have more than enough to do. It has been wonderful how the Lord has raised up people in every place to help open the way and carry on the church program.

The Indonesian language is written in our alphabet and is much easier to learn than Chinese. But it takes a good memory and a lot of hard work to master it.

from Mary Alexander  
... Kowloon, Hong Kong

The Christmas programs, playlets, pageants, parties, meetings in the Orient are in numbers and nature different, so different, to anything you know, I think. Some aspects of these celebrations are so delightful as they really put Christ into Christmas. Other aspects are all but distressing in the crowds, confusion, and cluttered meanings. Nevertheless, we rejoice at every Christmas time that Christ's name is heard in story and song to the salvation of souls and the spread of his kingdom. From both observation and reports, it seems that the observance of the Week of Prayer meant for many effective praying and sacrificial and generous giving in his name.

Our missionary family Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings plus what children always mean at Christmas really made our Christmas homey for us. Our children were Jimmie, Teddy, Ginger and Carolyn Belote and Maureen Fuller. Our turkey and gorgeous poinsettia and gladioli were the gift of the missionaries' friend, Mr. C. F. Lam. Our fruitcake and candy were homeside.

from Mrs. John Watts  
... Ruschlikon, Switzerland

At Christmas four-year-old Cherry was full of Santa Claus lore and had to hear a recording of "Jingle Bells" every night for weeks beforehand and afterward into January. She had a wonderful time decorating the Christmas tree while eight-months-old Reid simply looked on from his little chair

Word from missionaries around the world ...

in wide-eyed amazement. The great day finally came. Cherry restrained herself mightily well while we read the story of the birth of Christ and sang a few carols. She could even repeat the story of the baby in the manger. After singing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" we thanked God for all his goodness and prayed that his love might be known throughout the world that day. Then came the squeals of excitement as we opened the presents from our families and many of you.

Switzerland at this time of year is a land of contrasts. Winter brings to our lower regions around the lakes grey days of fog and the snow is seldom pretty for very long. On the other hand in the mountains, only one or two hours drive away, winter brings a wonderland of beautiful snow and warm sunshine! The Swiss have learned to get up into the mountains at every opportunity and they have also learned that the best way to enjoy the mountains, the snow and the sunshine is in skiing. So for the past two years we too have been trying to grasp the technique of this difficult sport. Cherry doesn't try to ski but she has mastered her sled and takes these hills at a breath-taking speed. So winter is a time we look forward to and fully enjoy. We wish you could join us for an afternoon in the crisp, clear mountain air.

*These Malayan children love to go to Sunbeam Band meeting*

from Jessie Green  
... Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

Here is a picture of our sixty Sunbeams with some of the mothers and leaders. The picture was made by Harriette King. My Chinese co-worker, Miss Mak, is standing on the extreme right and I am behind her. She graduated from the seminary in Hong Kong last year and came here the last of September. She started organizing the children and it is largely the result of her work that we now have this fine Sunbeam Band. The lady third from right in the second row, is one of the counselors and the lady second from the left on the top row is another.

The boy and girl holding the banner are Chan Mei Laan, president, and Lei Wing Hon, vice-president. This is Cantonese spelling with the last names first. In the center of the back row is our church evangelist and in front of him are two Junior girls who are Miss Mak's most faithful helpers with the Sunbeams. The group has been meeting as the Sunbeam Band of our Gospel Center since last January. The literature comes from Hong Kong.

Wing Hon's mother came to church with him during the revival. She had said she would have nothing to do with Christianity. We were surprised to see Wing Hon lead her in. Mei Laan brought her father

to church and begged him to believe. Now he is a Christian and is to be baptized this month. She is praying for her mother who "cannot sing with Daddy and me because she does not believe." Shuet Tiu, the Sunbeam Band secretary, brought several of her family to the meetings last week and her grandfather was saved.

Picture story by Mary Lucile Saunders and Virginia Mathis

## Advance in the Philippine Islands

*As men, women and children hear the gospel . . .*

The seven thousand islands of the Pacific that we know as the Philippines can be a demonstration of Christian freedom. Southern Baptists can add their witness to mission work already being done and the free Filipinos will build a Christian republic.

Through Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings we have given money for starting a Bible school, renting chapels as centers of evangelism, erecting church buildings, setting up a clinic, and so on. The Spaniards carried Catholicism to the island people. Many are Mohammedans. The need for the true gospel always cries out to Christian hearts but here the opportunity to prove to the changing East the upright intentions of the United States in international affairs gives our work added urgency.

(RIGHT) This lady is a good prospect for WMS in the new Emmanuel Church, Davao, Mindanao. She is the oldest member in this growing church.

One Sunday after the Emmanuel Baptist Church was organized on Mindanao, two men appeared before the congregation asking for baptism and membership. They were quickly accepted by the pastor and congregation and it was found they had traveled overland by foot for two days and then by boat for one and a half days in order to reach the church. To the question, "What made you hear preach that made you want to become a Christian?" one of the men answered, "Preach? Maybe I haven't heard a preacher at all—but I did get hold of a Bible. I read the Bible and the Bible told me how to be saved." The man on the right is the one who answered the question. The older man on left had the Bible and had heard missionaries many years before.



(ABOVE) These children were interested in the missionary photographer and gladly posed for this picture. They are among thousands who should be enlisted in Sunbeam activities.



(BELOW) This young Filipino teacher uses a flannel board to illustrate the Bible stories she tells her class of G.A.-age girls. Interest is high but workers are few. Southern Baptists can have a part in spreading the message.



### To Stewardship Chairmen . . .

How wonderful it is that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering furnishes the opportunity for giving to Jesus our very first Christmas gift! Surely our birthday gift to him should be our largest Christmas gift. As stewardship chairman this offering is your chief December responsibility.

You will co-operate with those arranging the program for the week and in making plans for the ingathering of the offering. Urge that the prayer meetings be held every day, using all the programs as arranged. Observing the season as a WEEK of PRAYER, and not just a few hours on one day, will increase the offering, as well as make the season a spiritual blessing to your WMU and to the cause of foreign missions.

Of course, you will attend the prayer meetings every day. Give opportunity for turning in the envelopes at each of the meetings. It will be well for you to have a few extra envelopes for those who may have lost theirs. Make the ingathering of the offering a vital part of the spiritual experience of the meetings. An attractive offering receptacle, a poem or Scripture verse repeated, a prayer of dedication, a fitting poster displayed, soft music are some of the things which will help to make a worshipful experience.

It is probable that all of the envelopes will not come in during the meetings of the Week of Prayer, so see that other ingathering opportunities are given. Mention of the offering may be made in the church bulletin or your pastor may make an announcement from the pulpit. The circle stewardship chairmen should give opportunity for turning in envelopes at circle meetings. You will mention the offering at the general meeting, reporting on the amount already in, comparing it with the goal set and giving opportunity for others to give.

Remember that your stewardship responsibilities include the young people.

So plan with the young peoples' director and the counselors for the offering in the young peoples' organizations. Help each organization to set a worthy goal. Aid in making plans for distribution and ingathering of envelopes.

Keep ever before all organizations the missionary purpose of the offering. Present it as a privilege not as a duty. Help all to realize that with the offering they put Christ first in Christmas and help to give the Christmas message to all the people.

*Mrs. C. D. Chairman*

### To Community Missions Chairmen

Christmas catalogues and store counters are full of the very latest in trimmings for Christmas trees—angels on gilded strings, personalized tree balls, jingling bells, imported ornaments. Children and adults alike will catch their breath before many a shining tree. Why not challenge the women and young people in your missionary organizations to trim their Christmas trees with services to others? Each twinkling light should remind them that they have done something during this Christmas season to make the spirit of Christ felt in their own community.

In the few minutes given to you in the business meeting, use the Christmas tree idea to remind the members of the community missions assignments, and at the same time to show them how much can be accomplished by all working together.

To your miniature evergreen tree, add ornaments representing the circle or women who will visit during December those whose names you have that are lost or unchurched. Add others for those women having students from other lands in their homes for the holidays. Pick a very bright ball for that circle whose members are going to search out and protest magazine and billboard liquor and beer advertisements

that try to tie their product in with the spirit of Christmas. Continue to trim your tree until every assignment is represented.

Do not forget the young people. Add something shiny to represent the Christmas party the YWA's will give for the children at the mission. Bright blue balls could represent the Royal Ambassadors as they help the WMS pack and deliver Christmas baskets to underprivileged of the community. A glittery bird calls to mind the GA's plans for Christmas carolling at the homes of shut-ins. As you speak of the Sunbeams, turn on the string of lights, for they are taking a Christian influence into their many homes as each takes home to mother a gay cellophane-wrapped copy of the leaflet "My Home is My Mission." (Order free from your state WMU office.)

Close your presentation with plans for taking the tree that you have trimmed with services to others, to a sick child, a ward in the hospital, or an elderly shut-in.

*Edith Stokely*

### To The Mission Study Chairmen

Were you at either WMU Conference this summer? If you were you saw the Mission Book Fair in miniature. Maybe you did not get to Glorieta or Ridgecrest and you want to have a Book Fair in your church. Well, you can. Make it as big or little as your money, space and imagination will allow.

The first thing you do is to call a meeting of your mission study committee to discuss plans. Decide on the size of the exhibit, the designs and number of booths or display racks, where you will set it up and when you will have it. If you have a church library ask the librarian to pull from her shelves the mission books listed in *World in Books*, and the MRT and YWA booklists. This will be your nucleus. Lend some of your own choice books. It is possible to get the co-operation of your school and city librarians who may have some of the titles that are listed in our catalogues. Tell them about your idea.

In the towns and cities where there is a Baptist Book Store, explain to the managers what you are trying to do. Ask for help in selecting books to display in the Fair. When



planned for enough in advance a manager might arrange for the church library worker to take a display as a possibility for a well rounded mission section in the church library. That will be excellent, for she will be able to discuss the contents with the young people and their parents. Naturally you cannot expect to enlist the help of librarians and bookstore managers unless your church is in the same town. Even then such help is strictly a voluntary service on their part.

Now choose a theme. These are a few suggestions: "Reading is Fun," "Books Widen Horizons," "Discover the World at Home," "Make Friends Through Books." Paint on a streamer and hang it where it will dominate the exhibit.

Display the books on racks or small tables with canopies over them. You can make your canopies out of wrapping paper striped with bright colored paint. Canopy paper can be bought in some stores. If you are clever at construction you can make your own "fair" designs such as the merry-go-round, oriental booths and shooting gallery. Whatever type of rack you use see that the books are displayed to the best advantage.

Arrange the books under special headings, for example: "Adventure, Fact and Fiction" (MRT and YWA Book Club), "Easy Readings" (Juniors), "Teen-age Books" (both for study and reading), "Picture Books" (all ages), "Information" (reference), "Series Offer Famous Life Stories" (*King's Way, More Than Conquerors, Much to Dare, Eagle*), "For the Family" (cross section of all study and reading books), "People Nearby" (Home Missions), "Today in the Orient" (study and reading), "Neighbors" (Mexico and South America), "Make Your Own Book" (scrapbooks that have been made in mission study classes). You can make up your own headings to include more variety and use fewer tables or racks. It is up to you to decide. Have eager, interested and well informed

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## It's Happening Now!

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

The last time Dr. Rankin was in Washington, D. C., he was guest of the University of Maryland Baptist Student Union and two churches in the District.

It was April 26. He accepted our invitation to spend Saturday night in our home, and Sunday morning breakfast with the entire family present was a memory of happy fellowship and intelligent conversation we shall cherish.

In a special convocation that afternoon, in the magnificent steeped chapel which crowns the University campus, the Baptist Foreign Mission Board executive dedicated plaques in honor of two University of Maryland Baptist alumnae now in duty overseas—a nurse in Burma and a nurse-homemaker in Brazil. In terms of high praise he spoke of Emilie Ballard and Elizabeth Clarke Truxton, each bearing her testimony in a remote place through her know-how and her faithful application of Christian principles to everyday life.

Then he asked, "Where are the Baptist men graduates of this institution? Why have we no plaque in honor of an alumnus of Maryland University?"

His topic was "This Expectant World." It was logical that he should make an earnest, sincere appeal for manpower for the Christian world mission.

Dr. Rankin then stated facts. Of the present overseas staff of the Foreign Board,

300 are men, 300 are wives, and 300 are single women. Why is it, he asked, that Southern Baptists have twice as many women in foreign service as men?

The Southern Baptist Convention has 25,000 ordained men to minister to the people of continental USA; it has only 300 men for all the rest of the world and its nearly two billion people. How long must our share of the world mission enterprise rest upon the shoulders of women?

This was no reflection on the work of the woman missionary. He was not one to ridicule "the old maid" among his associates. On more than one occasion he declared that if it hadn't been for (and he named a couple of older single women of the China mission) who had no dependents to care for and who had the courage to brave any sort of conditions in order to win people to Christ, we would never have made the progress we did in China.

He recognized the unique contribution of the missionary wife and mother in world missions. Not only does she safeguard the welfare and efficiency of a useful man missionary in his job of leadership, but as his partner in creating a Christian home in a pagan environment, she bears a perennial testimony to the significance of the family in the kingdom of God.

But Dr. Rankin felt compelled to urge the colleges and universities to furnish the men for a growing foreign mission program. He called upon the churches to "give of thy sons to bear the message glorious."

Peyton Thurman of Kentucky, one of the newer members of the Foreign Mission Board, was so moved by the semiannual report of the executive secretary when he attended the April meeting of the Board in Richmond, that he praised him to Mrs. Rankin.

"Theron," she said, "is only an average man—with the world in his heart."

His premature death may shock us into accepting our responsibility to raise up more men with the world in their hearts.

*Dr. Rankin could challenge students to find their places of service as he pointed to a world hungry for the gospel*



## Our Young People

Are You Having a Part?

by Margaret Bruce

Riding along the sandy road in a down-pour of rain we were extremely interested in every word spoken by the driver of the car. Missionary Vance Vernon was taking us down to the Amazon River—to see the launch which was being built. He was explaining that the builder had worked for almost two years on it. The boat was being constructed of a very hard wood that gets harder the longer it stays in water. We were delighted as we listened to him tell enthusiastically of plans for using the launch.

As our group of WMU leaders visiting in Belen, Brazil, saw the workman busily engaged in completing the boat, we were grateful for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which had made it possible. "I believe that God has been preparing me for this type of mission work all of my life," said the missionary. Vance Vernon and his helpers will be going up and down the Amazon River preaching the gospel to people who have never heard "the good news" because you and others helped build the launch.

This is just one of the many, many experiences we had during our mission tour of the Latin American countries which caused us to thank God for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We saw churches, schools, missionary homes, Good Will Centers, and hospitals which are being used to promote Christ's kingdom. And we heard the gratitude of the missionaries expressed for all of these.

In Antofagasta, Miss Lois Hart said as we left the airport: "Please tell the women how grateful we are for the thousand dollar which came from the Lottie Moon offering for our playground. It means so much to our school to have it."

Through this wonderful channel we can go not only to the Latin American countries, but we can go even as Jesus commanded "to all nations."

A letter from Miss Martha Franks tells about the "Little Ridgecrest" in Formosa. In her closing sentence she says, "Again we

give sincere thanks for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which has made all of this possible."

Of course you are planning for your missionary society to observe the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions November 30-December 4. The women will have the privilege of giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. But are you sure that each of your young people's organizations has set a date, planned its prayer time, accepted an offering goal, and made all arrangements for having part, too?

A launch, a playground, a camp—all these will appeal to boys and girls. As they see how these are being used to preach the gospel, they will surely want to help with their prayers and offerings during the 1953 foreign mission season of prayer and giving.

### Hints to Mission Study Chairmen

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people at each display to answer questions about books, make suggestions as to use and take orders if desired.

For further atmosphere put on wire or cord multi-colored pennants made out of crepe paper and suspend over the entire exhibit. Lemonade and an author on hand to autograph books will be irresistible attractions.

This final word. See that there is enough and suitable publicity. Start a month previous to the event. Make and display conspicuously a large poster advertising the Fair. Use the church bulletin, local newspaper and radio. Have spot announcements in the departments on Sunday mornings and evenings. Cut out of construction paper miniature books and print inside the date. Distribute at the close of the service on Sunday morning preceding the event.

Reading can be fun and so can a Mission Book Fair.

*Wm. William McMurtry*  
MISSION STUDY DIRECTOR



# Margaret Fund

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Koon, Gwendolyn, *Hawaii*, " "  
Muller, Daniel, *Mexico*, " "  
Nichols, John, *Indonesia*, " "  
Oliver, Joyce, *Brazil*, " "  
Parker, John B., *Brazil*, " "  
Ray, Mary Dee, *Korea*, " "  
Smith, Thelma Lou, *Brazil*, " "  
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Martinez, Antonio, *Cuba*, University of Havana, Havana  
Molina, Lydia, *Cuba*, Normal School, Cienfuegos  
Suarez, Samuel, *Cuba*, Junior College, Havana



With twinkling lights and tinsel string  
We deck our Christmas tree;  
But have we brought, O Baby King,  
A Birthday gift to Thee?

Here are our bundles, every one  
With holly ribbon tied;  
Are Thy hands empty, Mary's Son?  
Art Thou alone denied?

The Wise Men travel from afar  
With perfume and with gold;  
We, too, have seen Thy guiding star;  
Shall we our gifts withhold?

O Son of God, we hail Thy birth,  
While heaven's angels sing!  
Our gifts herald round the earth  
The coming of the King!

—Edith G. Estey

## Your Circle Program

### Christmas ("and on earth, peace")

Sing Christmas carols, especially selecting those about peace to intersperse in program.

If you wish to add a relaxing game atmosphere, let the women guess which carols to sing. Fix several different ones in this fashion. One - represents a syllable. Tell which stanza is presented.

2. For Christ .....  
.....  
.....  
....., peace .....  
Phillips Brooks

Or 1. I heard .....  
..... peace .....  
Henry W. Longfellow

Or 1. Hark! .....  
Peace .....  
.....  
-1 .....  
Charles Wesley

(Second stanza of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," first of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.")

Ask a soloist to be ready with one or two of the more unusual carols like "As Joseph Was A-Walking," "The Cherry Tree Carol" or "Deck the Halls."

\*Read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-14 or Matthew 1:18-2:2.

Prayer for a true observance of Christmas in Christian homes: prayer for surpassing \$2,500,000 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal; prayer for yet more Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts from your society.

If you will have time for a reading order "The Carol That Never Was Sung," price 10c each, 12 for \$1 or \$7.50 per 100, from Fellowship of Reconciliation, 21 Audubon Avenue, New York 32, N. Y. Tell or read aloud. Have carol singing or solo "Good King Wenceslaus"

Dialogue: (two women reading these paragraphs, one reads the quoted statements.)

If we had faith to believe the Bible we would know beyond the suggestion of a doubt that love is invincible. Earthly voices cry, "The sword is the only instrument that our enemies understand." Voices from above reply, "Good will brings peace on earth." Earthly voices say, "We must kill those whose ideologies we fear." The higher experiences reply, "You can never kill ideas by killing people."

Earthly voices say, "There are times when expediency cannot trust love." Yet the eternal message even from the heights of Calvary ever proclaims that destructive violence must always be met with non-violence in love. The Cross alone can save.

Duet: "O God of love, O King of peace"—(Tune in hymnal *Maryton, Canbury, or Germany*)

O God of love, O King of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease,  
The wrath of sinful men restrain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord:  
Where rest, but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Where peace and good-will dwell above  
All hearts are knit in holy love;  
O bind us in that heavenly chain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

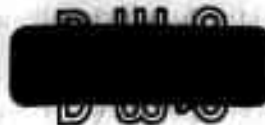
Sir Henry W. Baker (altered)

Discussion of this sentence: "No statesmanship can insure peace in a world where men as individuals and as citizens are selfish in their outlook and grasping in their conduct."

Carol singing

Tell page 4, "Christmas Is Up to the Women!"

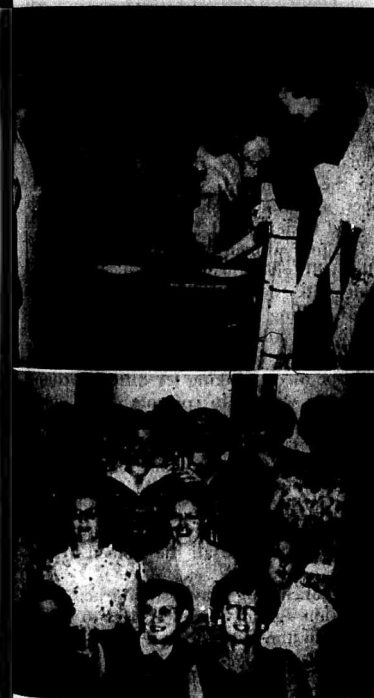
Gather Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



What has your BWC been doing lately?  
Send your news, and clear black and white pictures to Royal Service, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

#### Missouri

The Fourth Annual Retreat of St. Joseph Federation was a great success. It was held at Grand Oaks Assembly at Chillicothe and the two days were packed with fun, fellowship and food (both for body and mind). Miss Eva Berry, WMU executive secretary of Missouri, was the guest speaker and also



Above: In the camp lodge, Mrs. Grace Shen demonstrates the use of chop sticks  
Below: Rainbow BWC of Patee Park Baptist Church. Missouri State BWC editor Faye Prine is in the lower right hand corner

Mrs. Grace Shen, an overseas student at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and her three children. The St. Joseph Federation was honored by having as its representative the state WMU president Mrs. O. R. Burnham.

#### Florida

Have you ever taken a mission tour of the world and actually stayed in the United States? Well, the Florida BWCs can tell you just how it was done for that is what happened at their annual state BWC Camp week end at the Park of the Palms in Keystone Heights.

Seventy stayed in the camp the entire week end and a number of others came for the banquet and for other sessions of the program. The group reached 152 for one or more sessions. The banquet was a progressive mission tour of the world, with various parts of dinner and program at different places on the grounds. The countries visited were Hawaii, for pineapple juice, Africa, for fruit salad, Near East, for olives and cheese, Home Missions (American Indians), turkey and all the trimmings, Latin America, for ice cream and cake, and the Orient, for tea.

Two of the principle speakers were Mrs. George Hayes (Helen Mathis), Florida missionary to Japan, as missionary speaker and Edith Stokely, southwide WMU community missions director, as conference leader. Sunday morning began with a morning watch meditation by the lake led by Miss Josephine Jones, WMU executive secretary-treasurer of Florida. That afternoon was spent in mission study and community missions study and in the evening the women were treated to a playlet, some singing, and a talk on her South American travels by Miss Stokely. Monday was filled with many interesting and informative things and after lunch the BWCers left the camp after a week end they would not soon forget.

# THEME: A Sinful World—A Sufficient Saviour

## Program

## The Gift of God's Love

### Program Outline

Prayer by Program Leader

Soloist: "For God So Loved the World"

Scripture Reading: Prophecy—Isa. 9:6-7

Fulfillment—Luke 2:10-14

Prophecy—Isa. 11:1-5

Fulfillment—Luke 2:25-32

Prophecy—Isa. 9:2

Fulfillment—Acts 13:47, Luke 5:8

Song: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

A Song in the Night  
The Message of the Song  
Stewards of the Gospel

Meditation: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Song Must Be Sung

Others Are Singing With Us

Lebanon  
Orient  
Rio de Janeiro  
Africa

Sing the Song of the Cross

Hymn: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Closing Prayer

### Program Plans

Use a large globe on a table, or a large map of the world, with a beautiful Bible open in front of it.

Begin the meeting with soft music five minutes before program starts. Christmas carols will be appropriate. Those on the program will sit around the table.

The meeting will be introduced by the program leader who announces the subject and leads in prayer of thanksgiving for God's gift of his Son. While heads are

still bowed, the chorister, unannounced, leads in the chorus:

"For God so loved the world,  
He gave His only Son,  
To die on Calvary's tree,  
From sin to set me free.  
Some day He's coming back,  
What glory that will be,  
Wonderful His love to me!"

Ask two women to read Scripture passages without announcement, an older woman reading the prophecy, a younger one, the fulfillment. They may wear choir robes, and the prophecy could effectively be read from a scroll.

The four women who have the assigned talks will give them without announcement (talks should be given in one's own words, adding to, or taking from, according to time allocated by program committee). In the fourth talk, several women could be used, speaking for different countries. Or women in costume could enter quietly as one woman tells of the progress of the message in the different lands. As the women in costume stand together they and all in the society could join in the chosen hymn "I Gave My Life for Thee." A soloist could sing the stanzas or the chorister could lead all the women in this singing.

The concluding prayer should be one of dedication—giving ourselves over to Christ to go with him after the lost.

### A Song in the Night

In the midst of all the noise and din of the disturbed age in which we live, it is good to remind ourselves that we can sing above the strife. This could not be possible had not God so loved us that he gave his only Son to die for us and give us ever-

by Mrs. T. C. Jester

Mrs. Jester of Houston, Texas, has been an outstanding leader in Texas Woman's Missionary Union for many years.

lasting life. Where Christ is not known there is always darkness. It was so in the world at the time of the birth of our Saviour. Sin had spread its black mantle over the earth. For ages, God's people had been an oppressed people. Sorrow, evil, and despair had long since held them in sway. They sat in darkness, yet they were not a hopeless people for many among them looked for a Deliverer. The same God who had lifted their forefathers from the bonds of slavery in Egypt had promised that one should come, who would save his people from oppression and restore them to their proper relation among the nations. He would save them also from the shackles of sin. All through the ages they had repeated the song of their prophets.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isa. 9:2).

These trusting ones believed that light would shine and anxiously awaited its appearance. Again the prophets had sung, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

They knew that this one would sit upon the throne of David, and of his kingdom there should be no end. So, they waited for the Deliverer to drive away the gloom of night and lead them to the light of morning. The shepherds who guarded their flocks on the old Judean hillside, on the night of Christ's birth, belonged to the people to whom the promise had been made. They had doubtless talked of the song of the prophets many nights as they watched their flocks.



At last, in the fullness of time, God sent his promised gift, and in Bethlehem's manger the Saviour of the world was born. Whose heart has not been stirred as we have read over and over again of the song of the angels? Even more so, startled shepherds were moved with emotion, as they heard the announcement of the angel, and the strains of the heavenly anthem filled the air. They fell upon their faces as the angelic choir glorified God and proclaimed him Prince of peace.

This song in the night was a fulfillment of the songs of the ancient prophets. It was the sweetest song that had ever been sung. "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The darkness had been broken by the gift of God's matchless love. The people who sat in darkness had seen a great light.

The shepherds rejoiced with exceeding great joy, as the glorious news burst from them. They went immediately to Bethlehem to see for themselves, the newborn King. Having found him, they worshipped him.

They returned to their flocks and homes, but told everywhere that they had heard the song of the angels and seen the newborn King. The song which they had heard was too wonderful to keep to themselves. They wanted everyone to know about it. The people wondered at the words of the shepherds, as people continue to wonder, whenever through the centuries the song has been sung.

That song in the night had changed the whole world for it brought hope to a world weary in sin and darkness.

(SOLOIST UNANNOUNCED)

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and cloudless morn."

Fall on your knees, O hear the angels' voices,  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born."

## CHRISTMAS AND



### Visual Aids for December

by Mildred Williams

The following motion pictures and filmstrips will challenge your members to share God's love with the unsaved whom they touch in daily living. The materials will teach them how to witness.

#### MOTION PICTURES

**LIFT UP YOUR EYES** shows the many contacts that Christian people have to witness to the unsaved.

**HE THAT WINNETH** presents the qualifications of a soul-winner.

**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT** is the story of how John Davis learned to use God's Word in dealing with the unsaved.

Each film is 15 minutes in length and the rental fee is \$4.

#### FILMSTRIPS

Filmstrips dealing with the same subjects are available. The comparable titles are:

**WHITE UNTO HARVEST**

**HE THAT REAPETH**

**WORDS OF LIFE**

Each strip has 36 single frames and may be purchased for \$3.

#### CHRISTMAS MATERIALS

**... AND ON EARTH PEACE** presents the story of the birth of Christ. It emphasizes the fact that peace in the individual's heart depends upon our acceptance of the "Prince of peace." 30 single frames; color, \$5.

**GUIDING STAR**, a 30-minute sound film, is the story of Uncle Henry, a militant Christian who believes one should honor Christ's birthday 365 days a year. Rental in December, \$12.

**BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR** relates events connected with the birth of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. 19 minutes; sound; rental in December, \$7.50.

Materials are available through your Baptist Book Store.

## The Message of the Song

The value of any song depends largely upon its message. There has never been a more vital and important message than the one the angels sang. It told of the most precious gift ever given, God's gift of his beloved Son, a Saviour who could save from sin. No longer was man to be held in the grip of sin and evil. No longer was he to grope in darkness. The Saviour of the world had come, and in him was life and that life was eternal.

Announcers like the shepherds have kept the message of God's gift going until now we have the opportunity to bear this message.

There has never been anything as dynamic as this message of God's gift to us. Its matchless power turns mourning to singing, strife to peace, wrong to right, death to life. It is a message of joy, of hope, and redemption. It strikes the note of deliverance from the bonds of sin. This gift pictures love unfathomable, mercy unsurpassed, compassion unspeakable.

The message is universal in its scope for God's gift is for all men. The Saviour died for every people, every tribe, every tongue, and every nation. In giving his gift, God's love was large enough to cover the whole world. The breadth of his love included anyone who would accept the gift he offered. Whosoever will may come to know him as Saviour and Lord. The height of his love is expressed in what he offers. Everlasting life is included in his gift. To man, who faced eternal death, God offers eternal life. This message is the key that will unlock the souls of men blinded by sin and will flood them with a light that can never go out.

A number of years ago a fire broke out in the Ohio State Prison. It swept the cells where hardened criminals were confined. When prison officials rushed for the key to this cell block it could not be found. More than fifty souls went out to meet God unprepared. When the investigation was held, the main question was "Who had the key?" To this day, no one but God knows in whose possession the key was or who had so carelessly misplaced it but someone was not faithful to his trust.

## Stewards of the Gospel

We hold the world's most valuable key in our hands. We are stewards of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Too often we handle it carelessly; too often we have failed to use it. The shepherds went immediately to tell the joyful news of the birth of the Saviour, but we have traveled slowly with the message.

It is good to think of the Babe in Bethlehem's manger, but we realize that Christ was known as Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good. He lived a life of sacrificial service, answering humanity's needs, healing humanity's woes. The message is climaxed in his death on the cross, and his victory over the grave in his resurrection. In singing it, we can . . .

(SOLOIST UNANNOUNCED)

*"Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain,  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell that He liveth again."*

The joyful sound of salvation is a sound of victory, and we can tell its tidings with assurance for we know its power. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." With utmost confidence, we can testify that the gift of God's love, our Saviour, is an all sufficient Saviour, and that he has all power to save all. When we think of his sacrifice for us, it should challenge us to a new appreciation of what it cost God to send his Son, and the price Jesus paid to come to us.

A new vision of the cross should bring us to our knees. We, too, need to come to an hour of rededication of time, talents, money, and all of life. We should promise our Lord to the best of our ability, until this message of redemption has been sung 'round the world.

Meditation — head bowed as soloist sings  
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."



## The Song Must Be Sung

Such a message of deliverance as this which God has made possible by the gift of his Son, must needs be passed to all the world.

First of all, it is God's plan for the news of his gift to be made known. The only method God had of spreading the story of his Son was for those of us who heard it to tell it to someone else. It was first sung to the shepherds and they did not stop, until they had told it to those about them. Jesus followed this method in his plan of publishing the glad tidings to the world. He commanded us to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the utmost parts of the earth. He commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. To stop our personal witnessing until the last person has heard the glad tidings, would be to prove unfaithful to the plan that Jesus gave us for telling the story of his love.

The word "witness" has a very significant meaning. To witness means "to testify, to tell." That is exactly what the shepherds did. The method has been made so easy for us that any of us can tell it if we so desire. A witness must know something. If we have accepted this matchless gift of God, then we know something. We know the most wonderful thing to be known and that is Christ as a personal Saviour. When one has that knowledge, how is it possible to keep it to one's self?

A witness must not only know something, but he must be willing to tell what he knows. Many of us who know Christ as Saviour, have been unwilling or too indifferent to tell what we know about him. The song has been sung to us and we have rejoiced in it for ourselves, but have put forth no effort to see that it reaches someone else.

A witness must also live a consistent Christian life, otherwise, our testimony is worth nothing. Could this be the reason that many of us have no power in Christian witnessing? Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses." This means ye shall be constrained to witness for him. If you have accepted him as Saviour and Lord you will not fail to tell to others the story of Jesus and his love.

Second, a needy world demands that we make the message known. We have been so slow to tell the good news, that after all these centuries since the shepherds became the first witnesses, not half of the world's people have ever heard that God loved us and sent his Son.

All around the world, hearts and hands are reaching out to us, longing to know the song of redemption, which means so much to those who know the peace and joy it brings. How long shall they wait?

(SOLOIST UNANNOUNCED)

*"Shall we, whose eyes are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,  
Shall we to men benighted,  
The Lamp of life deny?"*

Third, we need to sing the song because of the condition of those who have never accepted God's precious gift. We have some idea of what it means for a person to be lost in a city, a forest, or the mountains. Newspapers often carry stories of heroism and courage as whole communities organize to go out to find a lost child. We do not seem that much in earnest about winning lost souls. It is much more serious for one to be lost spiritually, than physically.

A woman stood on the banks of a lake and wept bitterly, as man after man jumped into the cold waters, seeking the body of her brother. With a wail of anguish she cried, "O, if we could all have been as interested in saving his soul as we are in finding his body!" Isaiah pictured the lost man as standing on slippery glass, on a high precipice, ready to fall into a horrible pit.

Over the world, millions and millions stand in just such danger. Voices call to us for the knowledge of a living Saviour to bring them from the depths of night to the light of the morning. We cannot turn closed eyes and deaf ears to such cries and such needs. The song must be sung.

(ALL JOIN IN SINGING)

*"We have heard the joyful sound:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around;  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land,  
Climb the steep and cross the waves;  
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command;  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!"*

## Others Are Singing With Us

As we think of God's priceless gift, we realize how little we appreciate what God has done for us. Perhaps those to whom the song of redemption is new are surpassing us in grateful devotion.

Each year new voices ring out in praise as through home and foreign mission efforts and through our churches and personal witnessing souls newborn learn the angels' song.

There is rejoicing in our Indian fields for those who have accepted Christ as Saviour. One Indian for whom there had been much prayer was gloriously saved last September at the Bible Institute in Sells, Arizona. The first Sunday in his home church the missionary-pastor, Mr. Branch, called on him to lead in prayer. The tongue that had often been thickened by drink and the lips that had been stained were completely changed. Clearly and unwavering the transformed man spoke, "Heavenly Father, I come before you a sinner, asking your forgiveness. . . ." Then followed a prayer of humble faith and gratitude. There will be new songs in that home and that field this Christmas.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts make possible the preparation of program materials in several other countries. Missionaries write of the appreciation of these leaflets as they strengthen the societies overseas.

In Lebanon Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Graham tell how the women gave sacrificially. As one woman started to put in her gift, the vice-president, sitting next to her said, "No, you keep that for your family; they need it so badly. The Lord will understand." But she replied, "I must give so others will have an opportunity to share my joy in Christ." Her husband has a salary of \$50 a month, half of which he spends for liquor and tobacco, leaving the rest for rent, food and clothing for his seven young children. Out of her meagre allowance she gave wholeheartedly \$1.50.

The Baptist Press in Hong Kong sends out program booklets for the week of prayer to Chinese-speaking Baptists throughout the Orient. Last year during that week the weather in Keelung, Formosa

was terrible with a cold beating rain, but the women gathered Monday through Friday for prayer, and Saturday was young people's night especially. They found the experience educational as well as spirit-filled and felt glad for our prayers of praise joining theirs.

A missionary in Japan watched some of the women as they brought their gifts in the 1952 Christmas offering. She knew them well and understood their sacrifices made in joy. The husband of one had become a Christian in the past year. Following a critical illness he had realized his recovery was largely the result of the prayers of the Woman's Missionary Society to which his wife went and he had begun to read the Bible. Before he left the hospital he was converted and bringing others to know Christ. He had begun a Bible class in the hospital and was making trips back to visit it and keep it going. Their funds were low after all the months of illness but there was joy on Miao San's face as she put in her offering.

Another mother had spoken in the society of how her son was listening to Communist beliefs. But through prayer and the Royal Ambassador chapter he had been brought to Christ.

Nagai San had joined the church soon after her husband's death. In the hospital he had raised himself up (and said, "Go on, join the church now. Don't wait so long like I did to become a Christian. Do it now so you can have time to serve him.") So she had taken her stand publicly and become an active member of the WMS circle whose members had won her husband to Christ through their kindness and their visits. Now she was making an offering of thanksgiving.

The song of the Lord rises from other lands where our valiant missionaries witness. Edith West in Rio de Janeiro tells about Dona Maria who gave forty cruzeiros (about \$2) in last year's Christmas offering.

Dona Maria belongs to her Sunday school class and seldom misses a Sunday. Her days are full of trials. She works in a factory and tries to care for her big family in her tiny house. In spite of much illness in her family she has deep concern for all

the folks and activities of the church.

One Sunday afternoon she went with Miss West up on the Morro dos Salgueiros (Salt Hill). The women have a "flower box" for little special offerings to help each other when they have new babies. This time they took a nice lot of little hand-made clothes and Dona Rosa was delighted with both the present and the visit. She was full of praise to the Lord, for his care had been manifest in a very special way when she was obliged to deliver her own baby. When they got back down the hill Dona Maria must have Miss West stop at her house and rest before church. She apologized for not having any chairs, but Miss West sat on the bed and enjoyed lunch of bread and coffee.

Dona Maria's church life is very precious to her, judging from her attitude and participation. She does find such satisfaction in giving that she probably wouldn't count any gift a sacrifice because of her love for the Lord.

And from Africa there is a growing knowledge of the Lord's goodness and his comfort in sorrow contrasting with the chants and screams of heathenism.

Last summer Helen Masters was going in the Ogbomoso Baptist Hospital station wagon to Lagos, the big city on the coast, to get medicines. Several people went with her, among them Toro and two other missionaries. They visited and enjoyed the trip. In the evening they began singing hymns, harmonizing and going from one to another as their hearts led.

Toro went to her sister's house after they had visited some friends together. Four days later when they reached home they learned that the lorry on which Toro was riding home had collided with another on a narrow bridge. About seven were killed immediately, others could jump out quickly. As several tried to pull out those locked in the front seats, gasoline and oil began to explode. The wooden bus (which a lorry is) burned easily but the cotton burned slowly. The fire lasted almost twenty-four hours. All that could be found of Toro was a hand which had been thrown into the brush during an explosion.

Her father, the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ogbomoso, was in Shaki holding a meeting and did not learn about

the tragic accident until he reached home two days later. The whole town could not understand. Toro was only twenty years old, taught the fifth grade in our Baptist School and was loved by everyone. Why had God seen fit to take her in this way? When Mr. Adeniran came he said, "God's will be done." He told all of his family to stop crying and think how good God had been. He went about comforting Toro's friends. At the funeral they heard God's promises and everyone realized how uncertain life is and how important it is to live one's best each day for Christ. In a land of pagans one who suffers loss and can thank God and smile has truly shown the difference between a Christian and a lost person.

### Sing the Song of the Cross

So the quiet songs of praise in the midst of grief and the glad songs of joy reach on around the world as we give and pray. Our missionaries count on our sustaining prayers. The Lord counts on our faithful stewardship.

The winning of the lost to the love of our Saviour, is the ultimate aim of the Christian's life. "He that winneth souls is wise." As we search our hearts, how many have won a soul to Christ in the last year? With such a wonderful Saviour to tell about, with such a program of missions as we have, each one of us should be challenged to go with Christ after the lost.

Are we so busy singing or listening to the songs of the world, in the rush and push of our daily routine, that we find no time to sing the song of the cross? We long for a better world. We long for peace to come to the hearts of men. That peace will come as the song of the cross is sung on around the world. Albert and Olive Beddoe of China have expressed it like this:

*"Just sing them the song, the song of the cross,  
They will count the world nothing but dross,  
They'll forget all their sin, and let Jesus come in,  
If you'll sing them the song of the cross."*

## Carver School Missions and Social Work

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

At the opening Convocation on Monday evening, September 21, the Carver School of Missions and Social Work was presented a portrait of the theologian and missionary statesman for whom the school was named—Dr. William Owen Carver. Mrs. Alice Sheppard Carver, wife of Dr. Carver, presented the portrait which was painted in 1938 by P. Phillips in New York.

The Alumnae Association voted last May in Houston to have a portrait made of their honored professor and presented to the school. The president of the Association, Miss Hannah Reynolds, executive secretary of Louisiana Woman's Missionary Union and niece of Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, first principal of the school, appointed a committee to select the artist and supervise the project. In the meantime, the family of Dr. Carver graciously offered to present to the school their own treasured portrait which was hanging above the

mantle of the Carver home.

Dr. Carver was the first professor of the school and continued to teach until his retirement in 1943. Since that time he has served on the Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustees. Miss Willie Jean Stewart, historian of the school, says of Dr. Carver: "His name runs like a golden thread through all the history of our training school."

Mrs. Carver was the principal speaker for this occasion, tracing the outline of Dr. Carver's life. The portrait was unveiled by William O. Carver, Jr., and was accepted by President Emily K. Lansdell.

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, was present for this forty-seventh opening of the school. Miss Hunt greeted the students and paid tribute to Dr. Carver, who had been friend and counselor of Woman's Missionary Union through the years. It was noted that Miss Edith Crane, corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, from Baltimore, Maryland, spoke at the first opening exercises of the school on October 3, 1907.

Also present for this occasion was Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who brought words of greeting from the neighboring institution which, through the years, has befriended and strengthened the WMU school in so many ways.

At the beginning of that first school year in 1907 twenty young women were matriculated. This year there are ninety-one dormitory students, with fourteen states and three foreign countries represented. Other young women, chiefly wives of Seminary students, are enrolled as day students. Now that the school is coeducational, several men are taking classes at Carver School, including one who is enrolled as a regular student and who is a candidate for the degree from Carver School. He is a young man who is interested in working with Baptist children's homes. Six new professors have been added to the faculty since last year. The forty-seventh session of this historic institution sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union has thus had a significant beginning.

### CHRISTMAS WELCOME

*They left no room in the crowded inn  
For the strangers that Christmas Day,  
So only the hay of the manger bed  
Cushioned Him where He lay.*

*The angels sang and the shepherds came  
And the Wise Men brought gifts most rare  
To give to the Child with God's gift of Life,  
But those in the inn did not care.*

*Today other children are born on earth  
Asking room in the hearts that care.  
They ask for the news of the Gift of that CHIM,  
That Gift for all men to share.*

*What gift do you bring to the manger bed?  
What do you share from your store?  
Do you bear news of the Saviour's Love  
Or have you shut your door?*

EMILY KEYES, missionary to Belgian Congo



*Dr. Emily Lansdell (left), Mrs. William O. Carver, and Miss Alma Hunt view the portrait of Dr. Carver presented to the school named in his honor*



# Pray Ye

Mrs. Elmer W. Brillhart, Oklahoma

The missionaries are listed by birthdays. For detailed addresses see directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions* magazine, and *Directory of Missionary Personnel* which may be obtained without charge from the Foreign Mission Board

**1 Tuesday** "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"—Mark 16:15 Miss Irene Berryman, Ketchikan, Alaska, ev., Rev. L. E. Johns, Coolidge, Ariz., ev., among Indians; faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

**2 Wednesday** "Without faith it is impossible to please him"—Heb. 11:6 Rev. Bartolome Burquet, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, Rev. R. B. Wyatt, Barcelona, Spain, ev.

**3 Thursday** "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required"—Luke 12:48 Rev. R. L. Harris, Lima, Peru, ev., Rev. P. S. Cuevas, Albuquerque, N.M., ev., among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, Pawnee, Okla., ev., among Indians.

**4 Friday** "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure"—Deut. 28:12 Mrs. A. K. Bonham, Sacramento, Calif., ev., among Japanese, Miss Lydia Greene, Singapore, Malaya, ed. ev.; Baptist Women's Day of Prayer around the World and ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**5 Saturday** "Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother"—Zech. 7:9 Rev. Cirilo Aleman, Jovellanos, Cuba, Mrs. E. E. Hastey, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev., Rev. Matthew Wai, San Antonio, Tex., ev., among Chinese, Mrs. M. J. Bradshaw, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev.

**6 Sunday** "Through God we shall do valiantly"—Psalm 108:13 Rev. Domingo Fernandez, San Jose de las Lajas, Cuba, ev., and \*Mrs. F. E. Runyan, Kaduna, Miss Carol Humphries, Shaki, Nigeria, Mrs. R. F. Rickatson, Baguio, P.I., Mrs. R. V. Calcote, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev., Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, Mexico, em.

**7 Monday** "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few"—Matt. 9:37 Rev. Paul Rogovin, Los Angeles, Calif., ev., among Russians; convention-wide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Meetings

**8 Tuesday** "To be spiritually minded in life and peace"—Rom. 8:6 Rev. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. C. W. Whitten, Barcelona, Spain, ev.

**9 Wednesday** "But it is good to be zealously affected"—Gal. 4:18 Mrs. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, Rev. T. B. Hawkins, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev., \*Mrs. Rex Ray, Pusan, Korea, Rev. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, ev., Mrs. R. E. Beddoe, China, em., Daniel Muller, MF

**10 Thursday** "The Lord is my strength and song . . . my salvation"—Ex. 15:2 Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Cardenas, Cuba, ev., Mrs. W. E. Allen, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Dr. J. A. Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Antonio Martinez, MF

**11 Friday** "The Son of man shall reward every man according to his works"—Matt. 16:27 Rev. S. B. Sears, Soerabaya, Java, Indonesia, Miss Eulalia Martinez, Arriete, Cuba, ev., Rev. M. G. White, Bahia, Brazil, Dr. B. R. Lawton, Torino, Italy, ed. ev., Dr. L. A. Lovegren, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. D. M. Carroll, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc.

**12 Saturday** "The kingdom of God is within you"—Luke 17:21 Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Quapaw, Okla., Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., ev., among Indians, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wolfe, San Diego, Calif., ev., among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ev., Miss Vena Aguillard, Eunice, La., HMB, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN

**13 Sunday** "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me"—Psalm 135:6 Rev. B. I. Carpenter, Seward, Alaska, ev., Miss Anna Wollerman, Mato Grosso, Brazil, Miss Bonnie Moore, Kaduna, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, Brazil, em.

**14 Monday** "God giveth grace to the hum-

"In prayer there is no east or west, north or south, Jew or Gentile, male or female—no separation of creed or race or nation. A revival of prayer in this nation will save the world."—GLENN CLARK

Me"—1 Pet. 5:5 Mrs. F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev., Rev. Millard Howell, Warri, Nigeria, ed. ev., Burton Patterson, MF

**15 Tuesday** "How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God"—Psalm 139:17 Rev. C. R. Webb, Cloutierville, La., ev., among French-speaking, Rev. Paul Gonzales, San Jose de Guasimal, Cuba, ev., Mrs. M. E. Brantley, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed. ev., Moises Gonzales, MF

**16 Wednesday** "Call and the Lord shall answer . . . cry, and he shall say, Here I am"—Isa. 58:9 Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Natal, Brazil, ed. ev., Ann Tumblin, MF

**17 Thursday** "But they that wait upon the Lord shall run, and not be weary"—Isa. 40:31 Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, San Antonio, Tex., ev., among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. H. V. Davis, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, lan. sc.

**18 Friday** "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"—2 Pet. 3:9 Rev. Maximo Vazquez, Melena del Sur, Cuba, ev., Rev. Norman Kelley, Flagstaff, Ariz., ed. among Indians, Mrs. Edward Humphrey, Ede, Nigeria, ed. ev., Miss Flo Chappell, lan. sc., Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, em., Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dr. S. M. Sowell, Argentina, em., Evelyn Humphrey Highfill, MF; one hundredth birthday of Dr. J. G. Chastain, em. missionary to Mexico

**19 Saturday** "Harden not your heart"—Psalm 95:8 Mrs. J. H. Rose, Valdez, Alaska, Mrs. B. E. Cader, Bala, Brazil, Rev. R. E. Gordon, Manila, P.I., ev., Mrs. P. C. Porter, Sumare, Brazil, ed. ev., \*Dr. S. E. Ayers, China, med. ev., Dr. H. H. Muirhead, Brazil, em., Nathan J. Porter, MF

**20 Sunday** "I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations"—Psalm 108:3 Rev. S. P. Howard, Jr., Shimomoseki, Japan, ev., Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Anthony, N. M., ev., among Spanish-speaking, Rev. L. L. Johnson, Recife, Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. Toshio Sakamoto, Los An-

geles, ed. ev., among Japanese, Mrs. Darlene Hall Hindlyeh, Berkeley, Calif., Int. Center

**21 Monday** "Christ became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him"—Heb. 5:9 Mrs. W. J. Crawley, Baguio, P.I., ev., Rev. James Horton, Firebaugh, Calif., ev., among migrants, Mrs. Raymond Jee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home, Miss Lois Hart, Antofagasta, Chile, ed. ev., Mr. R. M. Farham, Nigeria, ev., Miss Frances Horton, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Chester Cadwallader, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc.

**22 Tuesday** "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"—Matt. 4:4 Rev. W. A. Poe, Lagos, Nigeria, Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, Jerusalem, Israel, Mrs. Malcolm Tolbert, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rev. H. W. Schweinsberg and Rev. B. H. Welmaker, Cali, Colombia, ev., \*Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Uvalde, Tex., ev., among Spanish-speaking, Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev., Rev. J. L. Riffey, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, \*Rev. R. L. West, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed. ev., Miss Gladys McLanahan, Raymondville, Tex., ed. ev., among Spanish-speaking, Miss Mary Virginia Cobb, Beirut, Lebanon, lan. sc., ninety-fifth birthday of Dr. T. W. Ayers, China, em., Robert R. Carlisle, MF

**23 Wednesday** "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man"—Matt. 13:37 Mrs. J. G. Morris, Bangkok, Thailand, ev., Mrs. M. L. Garrett, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev.

**24 Thursday** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"—Luke 2:14 Rev. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ev., \*Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Gold Coast, ed. ev., Ruth and Mary Littleton, MF

**25 Friday** "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"—Luke 2:11 Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla., ev., among Indians, Rev. D. B. Ray, Pusan, Korea, Rev. W. J. Blair, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev., Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Corrente, Brazil, ed. ev., Ernest, Elton and Ettie Jeanne Johnson, MF

**26 Saturday** "His name shall endure for ever and men shall be blessed in him"—Psalm 72:17 Mrs. Ewell Payne, Cherokee, N.C., ev., among Indians, Rev. Jerry B. Gaultney, Nigeria, ev., Rev. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, ed. ev., \*Miss Antonina Cazoneri, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN, Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Brazil, em., William E. and Tommy Payne, MF

## Pray Ye...

27 Sunday "Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord"—1 Chron. 16:10 \*Rev. G. C. Tennison, Passalbe, Brazil, Rev. D. C. Askew, Hiroshima, Japan, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, Ancon, Canal Zone, \*Rev. F. E. Runyan, Kaduna, and Dr. W. H. Carson, Ebute Metta, Nigeria, ev., Rev. H. L. Petty, Rev. P. D. Rowden, Jr., Nazareth, Israel, Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., ed. ev., Eku, and \*Dr. Roberta Cox Edwards, med. ev., Joinkrama, Nigeria, Miss Ruth Ford, Java, Indonesia, RN, Elliot, Shaller, and Homer Yearwood, MF; Student Night at Christmas

28 Monday "The entrance of thy words giveth light"—Psalm 119:130 \*Rev. J. D. Hollis, Macao, Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Asuncion, Paraguay, Rev. A. C. Muller, Torreon, Mexico, \*Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. Emilio Planos, La Ceiba, Marianao, and Mrs. Fernando Santana, Cotorro, Cuba, ev., Miss Vella Jane Burch, Zurich, Switzerland,

ed. ev., Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Brazil, Mr. J. B. Silva, HME, em.

29 Tuesday "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever"—Heb. 13:8 Rev. A. R. Gallimore, China, em.

30 Wednesday "The Lord will hear when I call unto him"—Psalm 4:3 Rev. Thomas Wade, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians, \*Rev. Winfred Harper, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Mrs. J. H. Ware, Honolulu, T.H., ed. ev., Miss Eva Sanders, Ire, Nigeria, RN, James and Carolyn Ware, MF

31 Thursday "Where there is no vision, the people perish"—Prov. 29:18 Rev. J. M. Millan, San Cristobal, Cuba, Rev. W. B. McNeely, Estado do Rio, Brazil, ev., \*Rev. B. T. Griffin, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.

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ev. evangelist  
RN nurse  
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HME Home Mission Board  
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## "His Star Shined"—and It Points the Way Today

By Charles A. Wells

Men can never be completely lost as long as there is a Christmas, for once a year the light of Bethlehem's star points the way. We may have been far off the road; we may have spent many months in the swamps of political and diplomatic wrangling; we may even have been at war—but as the Christmas season again approaches, our eyes are irresistibly drawn toward the path that leads to humility, to love and to peace. It is beyond the power of evil men to change this. All the peoples of the earth, including the most obstinate and belligerent and those lost in the morass of international conflicts, must pause once a year and look toward the path of goodwill that can lead to peace among men. God sent the star to light the way then; he has also given it to us to light the way today.



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## New Books to Read

by Anne Crittendon Martin

Religious Freedom in Eastern Europe  
by J. Hutchinson Cockburn,  
John Knox Press, \$2.50.

As Dr. Cockburn moves the spotlight from country to country in his searching analysis of what communism has done to religious freedom in Eastern Europe our hearts grow heavy for our Christian brethren behind the Iron Curtain.

After discussing "What is Religious Freedom?" and defining it as much more than merely freedom to worship, we move to study Russia, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria. Though Dr. Cockburn is not a pessimist he is a realist and the picture he gives has few rays of hope.

His detailed account of how the various churches—both Protestant and Roman Catholic—have fared under communist domination makes it clear that there will always be conflict between a vigorous church and a communist state.

This is a very thorough and scholarly treatment by an outstanding Scotch church leader who has been an official of the World Council of Churches since its formation.

The Mexican Venture  
by Tommie Clark Call,  
Oxford University Press, \$4.50.

In the author's year's travel over 12,000 miles of Mexico he found no Mexican who was not enthusiastically convinced that a happier time lies ahead for his country. In this exhaustive study he explains why.

Call, a Texas newspaperman, did his on-the-spot research with the aid of a Reid Fellowship of \$5,000. His resulting book is thorough and scholarly, touching on all phases of Mexican national life and including history as an integral part of the narrative.

It is not a travel book, with interesting sidelights and glimpses into the life of the people, but is more of a political science textbook, strong on economics and history. For those desiring an impersonal and thorough study of the country, this book would be a great help. The chapter headings, sub-topics, and full index facilitate study of the subject.

This great stirring country to our South presents a tremendous missionary opportunity in its awakening to its own possibilities, after living too long under the stifling dominance of Romanism.

## Fifty-Four Festival . . . continued from page 9

They prefer a missionary movie such as "That They May Hear" (rental \$5, black and white, 30 min.) and "Empty Shoes" (color \$10, black and white \$5, 34 min., with program guide). Order these from your Baptist Book Store. Before the evening closes present the officers and departmental chairmen of the society.

## Publicity

The success of this festival venture will depend upon how far ahead and how effectively the publicity committee works. See that announcements begin to appear weeks in advance in the church bulletin, in Sunday school assemblies, mid-week service,

local papers and over radio. Be sure the men of the church learn that they are expected to attend along with every other member of the church.

Place announcement posters (from inside covers of January ROYAL SERVICE) in conspicuous places. This work will speak for itself but recognize this committee before the entire group. The secretaries of the society and circles should mail out invitations to all in the church. Attractive invitation cards may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, 10c a doz., 65c a hundred.

Through the months ahead strive to conserve the interest and enthusiasm gained this week.

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