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## Open to the Good Luck Spirits

by Mary Frances Nichols

**M**Y TASK was to open all the doors of our house to let the good luck spirits come in."

Mrs. Marian Yo was answering my question about her childhood in Indonesia. She dwelt at length on visits with her parents to the Buddhist temple. Vividly she pictured the burning of incense and the offering of prayers before the idols on the Chinese New Year's Day.

As a little girl Marian opened their house to the good luck spirits each evening after returning from the temple.

Nine days after the New Year," she continued, "my family took fruit to the temple. Part of the fruit we left before the idols, and part we carried home.

"And six days after taking the fruit to the temple we went back to thank the idols for helping us. On our way home we had to cross seven bridges in order that more good luck would come to us. My parents told me that I must do this so that some day I would have a husband."

Time has brought many changes. More than seven bridges have been crossed. Marian now has a home of her own but good luck spirits and idols have no part in it today. In her living room are Bibles, Christian literature and religious mottoes. Above the piano hangs a large picture of Christ.

I stepped from the busy street directly into the Yo parlor. Marian Yo, with cute little fourteen-month-old Florine in her arms, greeted me. At her side was Mr. Yo, smiling and cordial. The other children, Billy and Jessie, were radiating happiness, too, but keeping silent.



*This idol guards the entrance to the house*

"Tell me, Marian, when you first learned of God, our Heavenly Father, and his Son?" I asked.

"After finishing the first six years of Chinese school in our village, my parents sent me to a three-year boarding school in Bandung. The headmaster was a Chinese, but a British subject. He had been educated in the British schools in Singapore. In this Bandung school classes were taught in English and Dutch. Most of my work was done in Dutch.

"I took a Bible course under the headmaster, and the language used was English. This teacher was not a Christian. He just used the Bible as a textbook. I studied stories about Moses, Solomon, David and others. I remember the headmaster taught just a little about Jesus and the twelve disciples. Through this non-Christian teacher I heard first about God and Jesus."

"Of course you told your mother and father what you learned from the Bible, didn't you?" I interrupted.

"Yes, I told them what I had studied in this Bible course. My father was more interested than my mother. Both of them became Christians when I was sixteen years old, and we three joined the Chinese-Indonesian church. Today my parents live here in our home."

I could see that Mr. Yo was pleased



The Yo family—Billy, Marion, Florine, Mr. Yo and Jessie, today, all Christians

with the way his attractive wife could express her thoughts. But I wanted him to tell part of the story, too.

"Where were you born, Mr. Yo?" I asked. "And what about your parents? Also what about your schooling?"

"I was born in Tjeribon (Cheery-bone) about 120 miles from Bandung on the north coast of Java. My father was a farmer and merchant. He knew Chinese but I was not taught that language. All my education was done in schools that used English."

Mr. Yo stopped at this point in his story, and looked down, but I questioned further.

"Your parents were also Buddhists, Mr. Yo?"

"Yes, they were strict Buddhists. They are dead now," he said with sadness in his voice. "I have two sisters and five brothers. One sister is a Christian. My two youngest brothers live with us and attend the Chinese high school where Miss Fay Taylor and Pastor Charles Cowherd taught English last semester."

"Do these young brothers attend our church?" I asked. Quickly Marian answered, "No. Their rich uncle, who is their guardian, will not let them. He is a strong Buddhist." She spoke with excitement now. "This uncle got very angry with my husband when he became a Christian. Everyday we read the Bible with these little brothers. We are praying that they will become Christians."

"Mr. Yo, where did you first meet Mrs. Yo?" I questioned. "Oh, we attended the same private school in Bandung," he replied.

"Did you also study the Bible as a textbook?"

"Yes, but at that time I didn't believe any of the Bible," he answered in a tone of regret.

"You know our wedding was only part Christian," interrupted Mrs. Yo. "The bride in such a wedding only has a small part in her wedding plans. I was permitted to have my pastor present. But he was not asked to take part in the ceremony."

"Five years after we were married my husband was made an official in the Budd-

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#### COVER ARTIST

Mrs. Nan Liew (right) with Mrs. Darlyne Sears, missionary to Indonesia, did the lovely drawing on our cover for this month. She lives in Surabaya with her husband and three boys. Though one of the charter members of the Baptist church there, it is difficult for her to attend. She made attractive baptismal robes and children's clothing to be distributed at Christmas. The cover sketches were done especially for our use.



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Sketches from an Indonesian booklet published in Java

## EVERY DAY LIFE IN INDONESIA

by Kate C. Johnson

**W**E can remember a number of years ago, that someone said the next great improvement in growing food would be in growing it on trees. As we look around us, God seems to have had some such plan for Indonesia from the beginning. As I think about the things we eat or use in the kitchen, most of them come from trees. Yes, we have beans, carrots, beets, squash, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, turnips, okra, cauliflower and onions. But most of these things if not all of them were brought here by the Dutch and Chinese.

We are all familiar with maple sugar and maple syrup that comes from the maple tree. But in Indonesia the sugar comes from a palm tree. When you see it you think, well, it is just another palm tree. On looking closer, you discover the leaf formation is more like the ordinary fern.

The bloom of the sugar palm comes out on a stem that resembles an elephant's trunk. Every morning you cut a little off of it so that the sap will run freely. A hollow bamboo pipe is fastened to this

thick stem so the sap can run into your bucket on the ground. You then boil the sap until it will form hard cakes when poured into molds.

The Indonesians also take this sap from the sugar palm and distill it to make liquor.

The seeds of the sugar palm are round and about as large as a fifty cent piece. They are whitish in color and look as if they were made of gelatine. These seeds, cooked with a little sugar in water, make a very nice dessert.

When the sugar palm tree is chopped down, the inside pith is made into flour. This flour is made into puddings and cakes.

The sugar palm has long thread-like fibers from which brooms are made.

While a coconut tree lives and bears for sixty or seventy years, the sugar palm only bears about twenty years.

If you should happen to touch the stem of sugar palm while the sap is flowing, woe to you. It gives you an itch on your skin. You can suffer nigh unto death with it.

Indonesian housewives get their vinegar from the seed pods of the tamarind tree. These seed pods have a juicy acid pulp. This pulp is made into round balls about the size of tennis balls. When you need some vinegar, you just soak a little of this in the water and there you have it.

Here we cook with coconut oil, which is similar to cooking oils on the market in America. We get four pounds for less than two dollars US money. The same oil is more highly refined and made into margarine.

Bread fruit that grows on trees looks like its cousin the white potato covered with a bright green skin that is rough like a bath towel. These can be eaten raw or cooked.

There is no end of delicious fruit growing on trees here. Just a few are papayas, mangoes, sour sop, avocados, persimmons, mangosteens, rambutans, pinaloes, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes and durian—that mysterious fruit with a "heavenly taste and a hellish smell."

Some Indonesian friends here for lunch one day named fifteen kinds of bananas.

They have names of places they came from or of the things they resemble: King, gold, milk, afternoon king, Ambon (a city), kapok (like kapok blooms), horn, stone or seed, red skin, ashes, 1,000 (that many on one stalk), needle and shoe.

The Indonesian woman's way of washing dishes is different from ours but just as effective. My first *babu* (woman helper) would get a big wad of the hairy fibers from a palm tree and put it in a bowl of melted soap. She would rub each dish or pan with this wad of soapy fibers, then rinse it off in clear water.

If you want to clean your terrazzo made bath tub, kitchen sink or drain board, you buy a pumice stone for a few cents at the market and rub away.

The sago palm plays a very important part in the life of the people here, too. From the trunk of the palm, they make the walls of their houses. The palm leaves are used for making a thatched roof to the house. The inside pith of the sago palm is made into a flour which is used for thickening puddings and other things.

Mr. Ais Pormes, our pastor, was born

## EVERY DAY LIFE IN INDONESIA

on one of the Banda Islands in the Banda Sea. After I had asked him many questions about palms and other trees, he said, "Well, you know Columbus was hunting the Banda Islands when he found America. He was looking for Banda, the land of many spices such as nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon, black and white pepper, ginger and saffron." Indonesians are very fond of red and green pepper. If you see a big plate of rice decorated with pretty flakes of red, you can just know it is red pepper and hot—real hot.

The old way of eating in Indonesia was to sit on the floor with your dish or plate of rice. You could roll your rice with your fingers into little balls and eat it with your meat, shrimp, fish or vegetables. The Indonesians have taken up some of the customs of the Dutch, who ruled their land for 350 years. Now many Indonesians eat with a fork and spoon (soup spoon) just as the Dutch do.

They also learned from the Dutch to like bread. But the flour to make our bread here comes from Australia. The majority of the people here buy their bread, cakes and cookies ready made from the bakeries. Many people express surprise at our home-made cakes, cookies and bread.

Many Indonesians like Arabian coffee. The coffee is roasted black, then ground very fine. You take the powdered coffee and pour boiling water over it. They make it very strong and sweet before serving it.

At a Bible class meeting in the home instead of serving open face sandwiches, cake and coffee as you would, the ladies here serve strong coffee, banana fritters, and sometimes coconut cup cakes that have



been steamed instead of baked. These cup cakes are often made in pretty colors.

Another great favorite here for parties is what they call *krupuks*. At the market you see large boxes of something that looks like thin chips, some small, some larger. The color ranges from a cream color to a bright orange. As you drop them in deep fat and fry them they double in size. They are very crisp and very tasty. They are made of very finely shredded fish, shrimp or a kind of fruit that grows on trees. After cooking, some of them are about the size of large potato chips, others are as long as my hand, but not so wide. We also have peanuts and cashew nuts here for parties. Cashew nuts grow on the end of a fruit that grows on a tree.

There are many more interesting things here but I mustn't write about any more. If I do you will all want to come here to live and Java is already over-populated.

## A Newly-Given Freedom

by Mrs. Chester F. Russell

*A pastor's wife shares her own thoughts on a question of great importance as she faces the future with a Christian outlook*

SINCE the days of the Civil War when the slavery question split our Convention and many of our churches, Christians have been discussing pro and con the racial dilemma of the South. And now we are not faced with the question of whether or not racial segregation is right, or whether or not we want to allow it; but, rather, how are we as Christians going to adjust to a society in which it is illegal.

Now that the Supreme Court upholds non-segregation in the public schools, the next few years will be history-making. Whether they are bloody, tempestuous years comparable to Civil War times, or whether they are recorded as years when the spirit of Christ in Christians demonstrated to the world that the principles of the New Testament are practical, depends upon the Christian people of our nation.

Transition will not be easy. We have been trained by practice and precept in society, in the home, in the school and even in the church that we are superior and that the Negroes are inferior in intelligence, culture, cleanliness and civility. We will need personal preparation and continued effort to begin to overcome these fallacies which have been ingrained into our habitual thinking and mores.

How can we make the transition easier? Every man must examine his own heart before God. We need to go alone and read God's Word and talk to our Father asking for wisdom and patience and love and understanding to look beyond our generation to God's great and far-reaching plan for the world. Some suggested Scripture passages are: Acts 10; Acts 17: 23-31; the book of Galatians.

Christians must steel themselves against the swelling tide of emotional propaganda which will sweep our nation in the wake

of the decision by the Supreme Court. If we are not alert and living close to the Lord we may find ourselves participating in activities which in saner and more prayerful moments we would never be a party to.

We must begin now to condition our children to this new situation. They will need to understand the immensity of the events taking place and the Christian approach to these to be able to make the necessary adjustments in school, on the playgrounds, on the streets and in public places. With our smallest children we can do this through story and song and prayers which teach God's love for all men—which teach that the little child with the black face is as precious to God as the little child with the white face. In the past we have taught these things in a general way. We have taught our children to love the Negroes in Africa. Now is the time to be specific and teach them to love the Negroes around them.

We can inspire our Juniors and Intermediates and young people with a missionary motive of taking part in history-making events. By supplying them with biographies of great Negroes, like George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, Marian Anderson and Ralph Bunche, we will help them to realize the hidden possibilities for God in the Negro race.

There will be many chances for Christians to be literally "Salt spread upon the earth." How Christ will need Christians in civic groups, the office, the shop, missionary circles, Sunday school classes, Training Unions, neighborhood coffee sessions to witness in a calm, quiet, informed, effective way.

And we will need patience with our Negro brothers. We will need to remember that less than two hundred years ago

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Missionary Wilma Weeks (left) and Miss Juliette Mather in a Balinese "taxi," Indonesia

**B**ALI the beautiful, the exotic, the paradise for tourists? How exciting it would be to spend a few days in Bali. It seemed to me that in the midst of all the needs I would be seeing as I visited our Orient mission fields, it would be wonderful to go to Bali.

Miss Josephine Jones and I would have a nice rest there in the sunshine by the water, with only the unspoiled beauty of Bali about us. So our missionaries Mrs. Stockwell Sears and Miss Wilma Weeks agreed to leave their work in Surabaya for a few precious days of vacation and go with us to Bali.

We flew from Surabaya in a converted bucket plane and enjoyed its quaintness compared with the luxury planes we had been traveling on. The kind pilot circled one of the biggest Indonesian craters, showing us the smoking volcano Raging or "Roaring Mountain." We fastened our seat belts for "slight turbulence" but no one was really ill and in a few moments we were at the airport of Denpasar. We were in Bali.

And Bali was beautiful! Such lush green fields, such exquisite trees growing, flowering bushes and flowers in a riot of color, the smiling people in their colorful sarongs, carrying their burdens so gracefully

## Vacation in Bali

by Juliette Mather

on their heads, the quaint carriages drawn by horses after the fashion of a "surrey with a fringe on top."

We stayed in a very nice Dutch hotel. The food was interestingly different and served in good style. We hired a taxi to drive to the beach and then I discovered that no Christian takes a gay-hearted vacation in Bali.

In front of every house there is a small "spirit house"

It stands there to invite the

good spirits in but more to urge the evil spirits please to stop in this little house to live and not go into the dwelling of the people. Some of the spirit houses are carefully and skillfully woven of bamboo or palm. Some are oval-shaped; some have a peaked roof. Sometimes the spirit house is just a niche in the cement pillar which forms the gateway to the house. Sometimes it is a niche in the wall going on around the house. But always there is a spirit house, and always there is an offering; sometimes a flower, sometimes a bottle of water, sometimes a bit of rice on a banana leaf. Sometimes you see a row of several spirit houses, the one that is worn out from the year before and one older and more worn out from the year before that, and so on back for five or six years.

Sometimes there will be a flag or a charm with a drawing of Vishnu or Rama or Siva. These are three of the Hindu system of gods and their pictures should certainly assure the people who live in that house that no evil will befall them!

One morning as we went to visit a weaving shop we saw the offering outside the door. As we entered an art gallery where pictures and curios are sold, there on the gravel entrance walk were the

offerings—a flower, and some rice on a bit of woven bamboo. One offering was fresh flowers and a potato, a fruit pod and a bottle with water in it. Everywhere there is effort to keep the good spirits in a good mood, but more than that to protect one's self from the haunting evil spirits that are everywhere in everything—especially after dark.

Within the distance of every two blocks there is a great temple area. At the temple entrances there are huge gray volcanic stone or clay figures, gorgeously carved in grotesque appearance. Sometimes a bright red hibiscus is stuck in the ear of the temple guard, as he stands on duty at the entrance.

The first thing every morning each woman must take the offering for her household to the temple. At one silver shop a woman sat making "baskets" with twists of banana leaves. She would have enough so that everyone who worked in that shop could carry rice to the many shrines because the harvest of rice was good and all the gods connected with rice growing must be thanked.

Driving along the road, we suddenly met a funeral procession. We stopped and

our driver learned that a little boy a year and a half old had died. He had been sick two days. His mother did not come to the funeral but the father came and sat down apart while the other people hacked out a hole with a hoe. Meanwhile a fire of twigs burned to keep the evil spirits away. They lined the little grave with bamboo and banana leaves, laid in the body wrapped in cloth, covered it over with dirt and packed that down. Then they put back the sod which they had cut off and set the bowls of rice and two bowls of flowers at either end. The service ended, the fifteen or twenty people went their several ways.

There had been no hymn, no prayer, no Scripture reading—nothing. There had been no hymn because they knew no hymn to sing about a loving Father. There had been no prayer because there was no prayer in their hearts to a Father who loved them. There had been no Scripture reading because they had no word of God from which to read. There was in their hearts only the fear of the evil spirits, so they burned the fire and set the palms and food at each end of the little body.

This was all across the road from one of the open worship spaces guarded by a great wall and the gargoyle creatures.

We passed a big banyan tree, with its new shoots spreading out over a larger and larger area that it shaded. Under the banyan tree there were booths for selling foods and other articles and there were also the little shrines for worship.

To a Christian who sees the hearts of people, Bali is a place where it is hard to have an unconcerned vacation, but Southern Baptists have taken a vacation from Bali for we have no work there. There was a Catholic church. There were two couples of the Christian Missionary Alliance, valiant young people who had come to live in two different places in Bali. Christian Missionary Alliance has some two hundred members on Bali and there are some two thousand Christians amongst the two million Balinese people. When will Southern Baptists be through with our vacation from obedience to the commandment of Christ to go into all the world with adequate missionary force?

The Indonesian child's grave





*A sewing class for Bible study is held each week*

## Gaza—Garden of the Desert

by Estella Harris

*Miss Harris is a British nurse, formerly with the Church Missionary Society but now transferred to work with Southern Baptists in the Near East*

WHEN I arrived in Gaza, Palestine I was surprised to see so many trees. I had imagined nothing but sand—loose, powdery, drifting sand. It is certainly like that along some of the back paths which wind between hedges of cactus but mostly the ground is quite hard. In fact, every morning, both in the compound and out of it, fellahin women and girls sweep the ground for twigs and bits to burn!

Driving up to the compound gate was nevertheless like entering a garden. It is full of trees of so many kinds. Especially now is it beautiful because after the winter rain so much is growing and flowering. Even though the city is on the edge of the desert, nearly everything can be grown in Gaza, and more so in the rest of Palestine. East and West meet and both bring contributions to the vegetation. God has given plenty but man chooses to be poor. The two things that I think hinder Gaza most are politics and "rich versus poor" as it has always been down through the

ages. It has been and can be a land "flowing with milk and honey." No wonder those who remember are bitter.

The hospital here is quite a strong building. I could only imagine that it would be a tent, even though I knew it had been here fifty years or more! Also the town is very old. In fact, there are layers and layers of towns underneath. And the name has persisted through all the centuries. Even though the Romans called it *Minoa*, it became Gaza again later.

Our hospital is on a hill which possibly is only created by successive buildings. On another hill opposite is the government hospital built by the British but now administered by the Egyptians. Between us is the Moslem cemetery! Last year, at the Feast of Ramadan, as every year, it was full of lights and chanting all night as the living kept vigil with the dead. Almost every night the jackals howl and howl around the tombs and remind me of the coyotes. And on moonlight nights a fanatical Moslem cries "Allah, Allah" for

hours. Sometimes in the morning we see him on one of the tombs shaking himself in prayer. It becomes very easy to imagine the misery of the man among the tombs whom Christ healed, but very difficult to conceive the faith that healed him. Yet he told us, "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go to the Father."

If we do not have Palestinian police, or the Egyptian Army, we have crowds of tall Sudanese soldiers in khaki turbans. They are most romantic to look at, but I have to be very angry when they come in large numbers at any time of the day. We have had two Sudanese who were shot by accident. They came from just beyond the Egyptian border, where they are stationed. But don't think it is only emergency work that we do. We cover nearly all the usual surgery and another hospital does the medical work. This is the arrangement under the United Nations War Relief Association.

The refugees are all colors—some very ginger and some very black. And ginger and black may be brothers. Their ancestors were probably Crusaders. I am learning such a lot of history.

We have had very cold rain here that came very early but lasted only about four weeks. Most of the time the days are lovely and the sun is dazzling. The summer is long and hot but the evenings are cooler. Jerusalem, being so much higher, had had a lot of snow. You can imagine that when Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem it was very cold indeed; and when they traveled to Egypt and took about seventeen days, they had to camp in the desert like Bedouins.

We have two paraplegics in the men's ward. One is Abdullah, who is about fifteen and has been here about eighteen months. He was shot in the back while getting too close to the border. He attends our kindergarten and has learned to read and write, but we really do not know what more to do for him. Hassan, who is also paralyzed from the waist down was a spy and was caught by the Jews. He has had many operations and is now healed as is humanly possible. We cannot teach

him watchmaking because he has poor sight. Both of them read the Gospels but show little sign of any conviction. Our evangelist goes round every morning with Gospels, explaining them and discussing points with any who are interested. Moslems are hard to win, but they respect Jesus as a prophet and are instructed to read the Gospels by Mohammed. Many of them can read as schooling is compulsory nowadays, and a surprising number speak a sort of English.

Some of you may be wondering about the part of the UN here. It often seems to me that United Nations War Relief Association governs the Gaza strip, but we are definitely under Egyptian control. For refugees (300,000 of them) UNWRA provides schools, clinics, needlework school, carpentry school, agriculture courses, and other facilities that are not all known to me. Tents were previously supplied, but now that the people are realizing that there is very little hope of their returning to their own lands, they are consenting to live in mud houses. Some of them can look across the boundary and see their own land being cultivated by the Jews.

Please pray for our Sunday schools and for the nurses. One Sunday school, the big one, is in Arabic, but there is a group of senior girls who often come across to see me afterwards. We sing choruses and chatter and they have taught me one chorus in Arabic. Somehow no one yet has understood me when I sing it through. One can do much just loving people.

There are so many other things I can think of to tell; how we had dinner twice in tents like Lawrence of Arabia, but were allowed to use cutlery; how the quails are caught in nets as in the story of the Israelite wanderings; how strong-scented white lilies grow out of the sand.

It is such a privilege to be in this country and to have the opportunities I am having. The people are so hungry for all we can give them in affection, and so responsive that it doesn't seem a bit strange to say "My little children" to grown men, as Christ did when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."



# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## To Community Missions Chairmen

Did you read "Hints to Mission Study Chairmen" in the spring issues of *ROYAL SERVICE*? If so, you know already that a study of the alcohol problem was recommended for all members of missionary societies in the last quarter of the year. Your society should already be in the midst of this study.

Have you remembered that alcohol education is a part of community missions? There should be no more interested person in the study than you as community missions chairman. You should be working closely with the teacher of the class, planning community missions that will give your women opportunities to do something constructive toward the solution of this vital problem. The teacher may want some of your activities done as a part of the class work, or as a project in connection with the study. Other activities may follow the completion of the study.

Do your women know how many places in your community serve beer and liquor by the drink? By the package? How many grocery and drug stores handle alcoholic beverages? Do you know how many arrests for drunkenness occur in a month's time in your community? How many are jailed for drunkenness? How many traffic violations are related to drinking? In how many divorce cases drinking is involved? What about the juvenile delinquency rate where you live? Does drinking aggravate the problem? How many people in your community are alcoholics? Why not find out?

Making a survey of the drinking problem in your own community is an excellent community missions activity and many women can have a part in it. Policemen, traffic officers, lawyers, judges, doctors, etc., can all help give the information you are seeking. After you gather the facts, get them before your people—on an attractive bulletin board, poster, or miniature newspaper.

Because alcoholic beverages are increasingly being sold in grocery and drug stores, concerned women have done the following: personally requested merchants to discontinue the sale of alcoholic beverages; traded whenever possible with merchants who do not sell alcoholic beverages and expressed appreciation to these merchants for their policy. Consider these suggestions for your members.

Recognizing that the home is the greatest influence in whether or not young people drink, some activity should be aimed at the home. In some churches, a family commitment for total abstinence is sought. The mother, father, and older children all sign. Thus the parents by teaching and example instruct the children to become abstainers. Parents are not asking their children to do something they themselves are not willing to do. Young people can withstand the constant pressure to drink socially for they are not alone in their decision; it is a family way of life.

For other suggested activities see "What You Can Do About the Alcohol Problem," a free leaflet for community missions chairmen available from your state WMU office.

*Edith Stokely*  
COMMUNITY MISSIONS DIRECTOR

## To Mission Study Chairmen

Have you given any thought to the foreign mission study theme and the books in the new series? It is time, if you do not want to get caught in the net of unpreparedness. The theme is "Brazil—Half a Continent." The trouble does not lie in too little material, but in knowing what to choose from so much.

It is always a good idea first to see what you have at hand—that is, in your own home or in the church library. Begin with your books. Look over those discarded mission study books of other years. You

may find *Sharing With Neighbor America*, *The Wandering Jew in Brazil* (Ginsburg), *In the Land of the Southern Cross*, *Forty Years in the Land of Tomorrow*, *Baptists Building in Brazil*. All of these books by Southern Baptist missionaries are out of print and cannot be bought in any bookstore. If you have copies consider yourself fortunate.

As you settle down to read these books take along several sheets of paper. Write on separate pages the following headings or something comparable to them: General information about Brazil (such as size, resources, historical data, etc.), People, Customs, Brazilian Religion, Baptist Beginnings and Personalities, South Brazil Mission, Equatorial Brazil, North Brazil. Jot down reference pages or make notes. Using this system you will be able to integrate bits of worthwhile information with the up-to-date accounts in the new books.

There are more recent study books on Brazil still in print. None will prove more useful with all ages than Edith Allen's *Keys to Brazil*. Both the Teacher's Manual and the Workbook contain excellent plans and material. You will find last year's Junior book, *My Two Countries*, full of charming pen pictures.

Now see what the magazine shelf contains. If you have kept your *National Geographics* you will find these issues rich in pictures and information: May 1939 Sao Paulo, September 1939 Rio (color series), October 1918 Brazil's minerals, September 1952 the Amazon jungle (color). There are other issues no doubt. Perhaps you subscribe to *Holiday*. The March 1918 number has good material and a beautiful double page spread map in color.

Look up back copies of *The Commission* and the WMU magazines. Here are a few of them: *The Commission*, November and December 1951, May and November 1952, January 1953, February 1954. Watch for the September 1954 special Brazil number; *Royal Service*, October 1951 (story of Jacqueline Le Roy, the nun), May 1952, April 1953, April 1954; *Ambassador Life*, July 1952, August 1953. These numbers contain unusually interesting articles. Clip them, sort them according to

subject matter and file them in labeled envelopes for future use.

A glance through the news magazines may turn up interesting items. In recent months the Inter-American Conference at Caracas, Venezuela and the rise in the price of coffee brought Brazil into the news.

Get maps of South America and Brazil. The Foreign Mission Board has both free on request. No class regardless of the age of the members should be without a map of some kind.

Plan for an exhibit. Start now advertising in your church for curios from Brazil. Ask your committee to help you collect them. Write to the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. for free materials on Brazil and a list of priced items. Printed matter has an important place in an exhibit.

Take stock of what you have accumulated without spending any money except for two postage stamps. You will be delighted and surprised. "Read yourself full" while you wait until the books are off the press. The date is August 10.

Put in your order now for the series. The titles are: Adult—*A Pilgrimage to Brazil* by Everett Gill, Jr.; Young People—*Land of Many Worlds* by Robert G. Bratcher; Intermediate—*Flying Missions* by Robert Standley; Junior—*Adventures in Brazil* by Alene Wise; Primary—*Little Missionary* by Joan Riffey Sutton.

*Wm. William McMurtry*  
MISSION STUDY DIRECTOR

## To Stewardship Chairmen

When August comes, the end of the WMU year is "just around the corner." Your society has already chosen officers for the next year. It may be that a new stewardship chairman will take your place. In that case you will want to work and bring all of your plans to a successful completion. If you are to serve again, you will be projecting your plans into another year. It is not too early to be working out a calendar of stewardship activities for the next year and setting your goals for gains

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#### Florida

The BWC annual meeting in Daytona was a "howling" success and we mean it literally. Because of limited time with extra features on the anniversary program the usual BWC Banquet was excluded and a breakfast was given instead. The program was patterned after "The Breakfast Club" on the radio with an "Aunt Fannie" skit to announce Ridgecrest BWC Conference and the State BWC Camp. This would be a good idea for your own BWC.

"Aunt Fannie" rushed in carrying a large suitcase and dressed in costume. She immediately began talking on the telephone explaining in her conversation about the summer camps, much to the amusement and enjoyment of the audience.

Other features of the program were the "Get Acquainted Time," "Memory Time," "Success Stories" (interviews on the accomplishments of the different phases of BWC work), and "Hymn Time."

This was something different from anything ever done before by the BWC. Good ideas, initiative, and willing hearts always combine to make successful BWC programs.



Florida BWC officials talk over the convention at the BWC breakfast

#### Virginia

Birthdays are always in order! Even Federations have them. Southwest Federation in New Lebanon Association of Virginia celebrates its tenth birthday along with the tenth anniversary of the state Federation. The circle chairmen in the photograph brought their birthday gift to be used for an Educational Fund for Students of State Mission Areas.

The chairmen are Mrs. L. G. Mothens, Mrs. O. R. Vencill, Miss Maude Pittery, Mrs. George Gregory, Miss Frances Meade, Miss Dorothy Dilts, Miss Harriett Carpet, with Miss Sophie Lanneau, missionary to China, who was the speaker, and Miss Stella Kitts, Federation president. The other fourteen circle chairmen in the Federation were present at the banquet meeting and brought love gifts from their circles to add to this student fund also.

The circle chairmen of the Southwest BWC Federation of Virginia



#### Louisiana

This is the way the WMS and its BWC of Temple Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana "spiced up" the program, "Medical Missions in South America." Nurse uniforms were borrowed from nurse members of the church. No wonder they can say, "This is a growing WMS in a fast growing church." Mr. Leon Ivey is pastor. The picture at right shows the people on the program. Mrs. Ivey, program chairman and pastor's wife, stands at the extreme right.



#### Open to the Good Luck Spirits (from page 2)

his temple. He would not go to my church with me. When I asked him to go he would quarrel. I was very unhappy.

"When Billy and Jessie were big enough, I began taking them to Sunday school. Of course, their father objected. When he became too demanding I kept them at home for a while. I taught them about God and Jesus myself. At night when I put them to bed I prayed with them. I didn't know how to pray so well. My prayers were mixtures of languages—English, Indonesian and Dutch. But I know the Lord understood me for he answered my prayers."

"How did you get acquainted with our church, Mrs. Yo?" I inquired.

"A Christian friend, who had been there, encouraged me to go. He said that he knew I would like it and I did the very first time I went. The services were in English and I was glad to hear that language spoken again. The missionaries were so friendly. At that first service my heart really began to have happiness. When I got home I just had to tell my husband about my joy. But he would not listen. That made me sad. I told him he must go to this church for it was different. I knew he would like it.

"The first time he went, he came away doubting. But on the second time God touched his heart."

As she told this part of the story her voice showed more feeling.

"I took a betja (carriage drawn by a

man on a bicycle) and went to the Cowherds' home. I told Pastor and Mrs. Cowherd how the Lord had touched my husband's heart during the service Sunday. I invited them to come to our home and explain the Bible."

Obviously things were very different in the Yo home after even this first contact.

When the First Baptist Church of Bandung was organized on November 23, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Yo and Billy and Jessie followed their Lord in baptism.

Mr. Yo is now a departmental Sunday school secretary. He registers the international youth class of forty members each Sunday morning as they gather to hear the Bible taught. Also he is a faithful usher, assisting with the offerings during the Sunday worship services.

Mrs. Yo teaches groups of Sunday school children using Indonesian and Dutch as needs require. In the WMS of our church she is young people's director.

We shall never forget a statement by Mrs. Yo in her prayer at the WMS meeting after she was elected to her position: "Thank you, God, for giving me this place of service with our young people. Help me to do it well in my example and planning. I am so happy in the Lord, let me lead others to thee."

No longer does Marian open her doors for good luck spirits to enter. Her doors and windows stand wide open for Christ. Through her influence Christ is finding entrance into many other homes and hearts.

## Carver School of Missions and Social Work

COMMENCEMENT, 1954

by Esther Dixon

The forty-seventh commencement of Carver School of Missions and Social Work marked the close of a historic year in the life of the school which held its first commencement exercises on May 20, 1908, under the name Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

At that first commencement the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, spoke the invocation, and the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. R. J. Wingham, gave the address. The 1954 commencement exercises for the first graduating class under the new name were also participated in by the heads of Southern Seminary and the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, gave the invocation and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, delivered the address.

Commencement activities for this year's class began with the traditional vigil service on Sunday evening, May 16, conducted by President Emily Lansdell.

At the vesper service on Wednesday afternoon, May 19, Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, told of her recent world mission tour and of the need to reinforce the thin line of missionaries she saw at work "changing the world for Christ." She said, "I saw them out there in their tasks. I think I had always thought that missionaries did something so ponderous and different from what any of the rest of us did, but I discovered that missionaries do the very same kind of thing that we do only they do it more so; and they do it in the midst of such darkness that the brightness of their lives is radiance for Christ, and people know that they are lifting up Jesus."

"This business of missions should come first," she said. "Around the world people are worshiping in darkness until young people hear the words 'If anyone will come

after me, let him deny self and take up the cross'—the cross of caring for a world that is lost." Miss Mather observed that the secret of the effectiveness of the Christian witness as she had seen it among the missionaries was the morning trust of prayer. She urged the members of the graduating class to undergird their own witness with daily private devotions.

The juniors honored the seniors at the annual senior luncheon in the school dining room on Thursday. After the graduates were inducted into the Alumni Association by Mrs. Cornelius Davis, president of the Louisville alumni, the junior "little sisters" led their senior "big sisters" to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow spanning the dining room, where they discovered the "gold" in expressions of happiness, good luck, success, peace, joy.

The week was climaxed with the commencement exercises on Thursday evening when Dr. Cauthen told the graduates that, no matter what the course of world events, the "logic of Christian service is to go ahead." Referring to their spirit of dedication, he said, "The service to which you commit yourselves is both worth while and significant. Whatever it takes to accomplish that service we must give."

President Lansdell delivered the charge to the graduates before conferring the degrees. In reviewing events of the two years in which the graduates had been students first in Woman's Missionary Union Training School, then Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Dr. Lansdell said, "You have lived here in the midst of a transition in which we believe God has been moving, and you go out to a changed and changing world—a world in revolution."

Three young women made up that first graduating class in 1908: Mrs. Fressie Walton Bogess, Miss Beulah Beatrice Bowden, and Miss Jennie Agness Abutt. The thirty-eight graduates in the class of

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## Our Young People

by Margaret Bruce

### Invest Your Summer

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of," once said the wise Benjamin Franklin.

Let me tell you of ways you can use your time this month to invest, not squander, your life. August 8-14 is Sunbeam Focus Week. This year let's make it Sunbeam Help Week. Suggestions have been given in *Sunbeam Activities* for leading children to have praying hands, friendly hands, busy hands, helpful hands, and sharing hands. As Sunbeams and their leaders try to use their hands for Jesus during this special week, they will need a great deal of assistance. Contact your Sunbeam Band leader and offer your services.

Sunbeams will be studying about Cuba during July, August, and September. If you have been to Cuba, you could offer to tell the children about your trip. Perhaps you have slides, pictures, and curios which will make the land of Cuba and its people more real to Sunbeams.

Just a while ago National Baby Week was observed, and people were reminded again of the importance of babies. Woman's Missionary Union recognizes their importance all during the year, and therefore a Sunbeam Baby Visitor is appointed or elected. In some churches this person is appointed by the young people's director, in others by the WMS president, or she may be secured by the nominating committee.

The Sunbeam Baby Visitor keeps a birth-

day record of babies under four years of age. She visits them and their mothers, taking a prayer card to each mother shortly after her baby's birth. On the baby's first birthday a special letter (secured free from state WMU office) is taken to the mother, on the second birthday a "Sunday scrapbook" is presented the baby, and on the third birthday a world bank. Just as soon as the baby reaches the age of four, the Sunbeam Band leader seeks the co-operation of the mother in enrolling him in the Sunbeam Band.

At regular business meetings of the WMS the Sunbeam Baby Visitor will report visits made and babies enrolled as Sunbeam Babies. Interesting experiences of mothers kept in touch with or enlisted in the WMS and of babies enrolled in the Sunbeam Band may be included in her report. Sunbeam Baby Visitors are important to Woman's Missionary Union. Do you have one in your church? Free literature concerning this phase of work may be secured from your state WMU office.

Sunbeams learn how their offerings are distributed





From Marvin and Hazel Sorrels  
Sells, Arizona

The Christmas season last year was a very busy, happy time for us on the Papago Indian Reservation, and we do want you to know that you truly helped us in a wonderful way to make this possible. You gave the gifts when you and your young people had Christmas Trees in August.

We drove more than one thousand miles over Arizona countryside, conducted twenty-nine services with the help of our interpreter, Robert Mackett, and presented 453 Christmas boxes all nicely wrapped in colorful Christmas paper. But best of all, there were three women who surrendered their hearts to Christ. Two of these live in Charco Village, fifty-eight miles west of Sells and made their professions of faith in our very first Christmas service. We rejoice that the true spirit of Christmas meant something very real to them as never before. The other, here in our village of Sells, is now ready to be baptized, and desires that her home shall be a Christian home. We pray also for her husband.

On Christmas Eve about seventy-five Indians gathered at Sells church where our tree was well lighted and decorated, with packages under and around it. The Spirit of Christ was felt by everyone and caused a deep sense of reverence and quiet during the entire program of hymns, prayers, and a film on the birth of Christ.

Before we presented the gifts, we explained that Baptist people who sent these gifts are not rich, but were sharing their Christmas with Indian friends because of their love of Christ.

We asked the people to remain in their seats as their gifts were brought to them, and not to open their packages until they got home. We were so glad that we could

present new gifts instead of used ones. Everyone went away that night feeling that they had truly been close to the Lord.

May God bless each of you who had a part in making Christmas for the Papagos.

(If you wish to send gifts for the Christmas Tree in August the address is Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, 616 Indian School Road, N. W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

From Mrs. E. B. Dozier  
Tokyo, Japan

The room was filled with bolts and bolts of cloth. But in time volunteer workers, including Japanese WMS and YWA members from the Kyoto Baptist Church, two women from the US Security Forces, and several missionaries found places to stand. They gladly received instructions for cutting the cloth into articles for use in the new Japan Baptist Hospital.

Sometimes there was lots of noise from the ripping of an entire bolt of cloth right down the middle and we all laughed, saying, "We are having a ripping good time." We did have two happy days doing what untrained folk can for a hospital, but feeling that we were having a part in a great kingdom work. Now willing workers among our Japanese WMS friends throughout Japan will sew the cutout materials. Indeed, we are "laborers together with God."

You, too, have had a big part in this—

*Volunteer workers cut cloth and make bandages for the Japan Baptist Hospital*



you have given your tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to buy the hospital building in Kyoto.

From Mildred Matthews  
Havana, Cuba

The women of our English-speaking WMS in Havana are now fostering a Sunbeam Band for American children. It meets in Mrs. Granberry's home in Miramar on Saturday afternoons. Mrs. Granberry and Mrs. Law are the leaders.

Most of the American Baptists live in the suburb of Miramar. We hope someday to have a church there so they will not have to come all the way to downtown Havana on Sundays.

From Kay Aldridge  
Mountain Valley, Kentucky

The Woman's Missionary Society at Magoffin Baptist Institute in Kentucky was organized in September, 1953. There are only eight members, but every woman member of our mission (we are a branch of the Jackson Baptist Church), belongs to the WMS.

All of us, except one, hold full-time jobs on the staff of Magoffin Baptist Institute, a mountain academy, yet attendance at our bi-monthly meetings is usually 100%. Every member participates in community missions each month, in spite of extremely busy lives.

We are located in a spiritually destitute place, so our community missions projects consist of constant visitation and soul-winning efforts. Our community missions chairman, Mrs. Herman D. Moore, is the wife of the missionary supported by Magoffin Institute. She is an ardent soul-winner, constantly visiting in this and nearby communities, yet she has her own home and two teenage children, plus a full-time job as dietitian and teacher for the school.

We are all missionaries, working in a grade and high school in the midst of a treedy mountain field, but our interest is by no means limited to this locale. The eight members, whose salaries are comparatively small, gave \$105 to our 1953 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and \$40 to the 1954 Annie Armstrong Offering.

When we studied about the migrant work in February, we recognized that some of the poverty surrounding us is equally as great as that of the migrants, but we also wanted to have a part in that great work. So we sent \$10 to one of the migrant missionaries.

From Jessie L. Green  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

From Kuala Lumpur we are trying to reach out to states around us. Our splendid Mrs. Lim is going twice a month to Seremban, capital of the next state to the south. Seremban is a thriving city and two Baptists live there. One owns a lumber mill which employs about a hundred men. The workmen in the mill have said they will put up a shed and make some benches to use for the meetings.

Our new chapel at Petaling is growing with a devoted Bible woman in charge. There are already literacy classes, Sunday school and evangelistic meetings. The house fills easily with interested people. The clinic is opened and bearing its witness to our God, the loving Father. Please pray for all this new work.

From Mrs. H. R. Littleton  
Gold Coast, Africa

The Northern territories of the Gold Coast are really our most neglected area. This is true not just for Southern Baptists but for all mission efforts. Until less than ten years ago half of the Gold Coast area with one fourth of the total Gold Coast population had hardly been touched by any Protestant group.

A small church was built by one man who with his two sons and their wives lived faithfully as Christians. They made a good impression before any missionary came to help them.

Southern Baptists now have a new mission home in Tamale and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cather will make that their headquarters while reaching out over the entire area as much as they can.

For forty-seven congregations, each needing an African pastor, there are only six. So pray that God will call more trained workers willing to come to this section and more missionaries from America to help reach and train them.

# New Books to Read

by Anne Crittendon Martin

Order these books from your Baptist Book Store

## PEOPLE'S PADRE

by Emmett McLoughlin

Beacon Press, \$3.95

This book refutes the Catholic slogan that "all roads lead to Rome," for here is one who chose to go away. Emmett McLoughlin was for forty years a Roman Catholic and for twenty-five years a seminary student and Franciscan priest. But for the past five years he has been a plain nondenominational citizen who feels that he is closer to God than ever before and that he has just begun to live.

"Father Emmett's" story is valuable chiefly for its inside story of life within a Roman Catholic setting. It tells of how his spirit rebelled against the unyielding Roman hierarchy until there was no way out but to leave the priesthood and church. The story seems more negative than positive for his experience was more of a rebellion against the evil he found within his church and its leaders than it was a conversion to another way of life and belief.

Beyond a doubt Father Emmett was an able, devoted priest who made his mark on the city of Phoenix by seeking to lift the people of the blighted areas nearer to God. To do this he not only preached to them but provided housing, recreation, medical care through clinics and a hospital, and a nursing school for girls of all races and creeds. This activity in behalf of the downtrodden brought accusations from his church superiors that he was neglecting his priestly duties. Finally there remained no other course for him but to leave the priesthood in order to continue serving the people he loved.

He is still administrator of the hospital he was instrumental in building and is active in civic affairs in Phoenix, where he chose to remain to face the storm that broke over his leaving the priesthood and his later marriage. The criticism over his marriage is understandable since he chose a wife who had been twice divorced.

His outspoken criticisms of policies and laws of his former church are well-docu-

mented and unquestionably valid. The narrative is slowed considerably by copies of letters and excerpts and clippings which are quoted to substantiate his story.

There is bound to be controversy over the book and its author but the story is an eye-opener.

## STAY ON, STRANGER!

by William S. Dutton

Farrar, Straus and Young, \$1.75

"Stay on, Stranger!" an old Kentucky mountain woman said to Bostonian Alice Lloyd when she came to Pippapass in 1916. Mrs. Lloyd was seeking a more favorable climate and an inexpensive place to live. She found both in Knott County but she found much more: a place of service which has kept her there ever since.

As the founder of Caney Creek Community Center and Caney Junior College, Mrs. Lloyd has opened a whole new world to the proud, deserving people of this Kentucky mountain area. Of the graduates of the college she exacts an unusual promise: that they will come back and serve the people of their own area. The most promising students are sent on to University of Kentucky and medical school on Caney scholarships—but they always come home.

Many changes have come to the Kentucky "hollers" since Mrs. Lloyd decided to stay and many of them, directly or indirectly, are due to her. Not the least of these is the fact that most mountain cabins are built with windows nowadays. In the old days the dark, airless cabins were a fertile field for the TB bacillus and whole families sickened and died without knowing why.

Mrs. Lloyd has written thousands of letters to her list of friends "in the outside world" to enlist their aid in her building programs.

This excellently-written book is another in the classic examples of what one person can do with a dream and a heart big enough to make it come true. Another "Miracle in the Hills!"

## To Committee Chairmen

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in number of tithers and amounts of offerings.

Your stewardship calendar for this month should include "Sunbeam Focus Week." This gives you an opportunity for emphasis on the Sunbeam Stewardship Plans. The leaders may need to be reminded that Sunbeam materials are found in *Sunbeam Activities*. You might visit the Sunbeam Band meeting to tell a stewardship story, or present a stewardship picture or poster. Sunbeams could sing a stewardship song or repeat stewardship Bible verses.

August is the time to begin planning definitely for "Church Night of Stewardship." A night late in September is the appropriate time for this observance. In the leaflet, "Stewardship Education Plans for Young People," free from state WMU office, is a suggested pattern for you to follow. This program shall make use of what the young people have learned about stewardship during the year.

Junior boys and girls can tell some of the stories or give the short poems included in their monthly programs. The year's material could be dramatized with Jane, John and Grandmother talking about stewardship in the Old Testament, while the other members of the Junior GA and RA repeated the Bible verses and poems. Intermediates could have a panel discussion, using the material contained in the year's programs. Then, why not let the YWA present "Aunt Tillie Learns to Tith?" Order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala., 15c.

In most states September is the month for the WMU State Mission offering. You will be planning for that, setting a high goal for the offering and seeing that envelopes are distributed at the right time and in the right way. Don't be satisfied until every member of your Woman's Missionary Union has an envelope and makes a worthy gift.

Mrs. C. D. Creamer

## Carver School

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1954 came from ten states, China and Germany. Master of Religious Education degrees were conferred upon thirty-four of these, and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees went to four.

Master of Religious Education: Mildred Jane Andrews, Virginia; Nancy Bond Bergman, Kentucky; Eugenia Miles Boatwright, South Carolina; Mary Evelyn Brown, North Carolina; Loy Naomia Clifton, Mississippi; Olivia Crane Cates, Florida; Sarah Katharine Dean, Kentucky; Marilyn Elizabeth Dennis, Alabama; Jane Du Pree, Florida; Ann Elizabeth Du Priest, Georgia; Anne Clark Ellison, Tennessee; Marjorie Ann Ferguson, Kentucky; Lorena Bernice Gillespie, Tennessee; Jola Maxine Habs, Missouri; Doris Link Helvey, North Carolina; Sara Ann Hobbs, Alabama; Dolores June Johnston, Tennessee; Ernestine Kesler, Georgia; Greta Johnson Lloyd, Georgia; Lillian Sung-hai Lu, China; Dorothea Mallau, Germany; Evelyn Margaret Neese, Missouri; Marjorie Beverly Neilson, North Carolina; Evelyn Wood Owen, Georgia; Jerrie Walker Reeder, Alabama; Beverly Jane Ricketts, Missouri; Elsie Carolyn Taylor, Tennessee; Rose Marie Walker, Georgia; Nina Mae Warren, Kentucky; Pauline Linwood White, North Carolina; Pauline Williams, Virginia; Marcelle Anne Winn, Virginia; Frances Bishop Woodruff, South Carolina; Emily Louise Yarbrough, North Carolina.

Bachelor of Religious Education: Lois Webb Rynn, North Carolina; Hilma Alford Howard, Florida; Lorene Mae Simpson, Virginia; Dorothy Pollen Wind, Alabama.

## A Newly-Given Freedom

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the ancestors of many of our southern Negroes lived in Africa as pagans. We will need to remember that for two hundred years the Negro race suffered the humiliations of slavery. We must remember that they have not had equal educational, religious, social or financial opportunities with us. And because of this, we must not be discouraged or disgusted if they forget to be humble, or when they flounder in their newly-given freedom. They will need unusual love and patience and help and guidance as they attempt to catch up. In comparison, we will not feel that our part is too heavy. We have had educational, religious, social and financial opportunities all of our lives and most of all, we have Christ.



# It's Happening Now!

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

Two bills have been introduced in the 83rd Congress which are of more than passing interest for Christian Americans. Both were sponsored by men of proved sincerity in spiritual matters; one a Baptist, the other a member of the Disciples of Christ. The first bill finally passed. The second never reached the floor for a vote, but it was put into effect by the appropriate agency of the government.

Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas had long felt the need for a prayer room in the nation's capitol. He introduced a bill for it in the 82nd Congress but it was pigeonholed by the Senate Rules Committee. He introduced it again in 1953, and again Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma introduced it simultaneously in the Senate. On May 4, 1954, it became a law.

The bill had a fight for its life in committee. Some of the members argued that prayer is a personal matter, to be indulged in only in the privacy of one's "closet," and they cited the Sermon on the Mount as their authority.

Others asserted that privacy would be impossible. The public who tour the capitol building from sub-basement to dome would resent being excluded from any part of it and would demand to see the prayer room. Some members contended that a few Senators or Representatives would be tempted to have their pictures made, kneeling or otherwise using the room, to circulate back home!

The use of religious symbols was questioned. The bill specified "appropriate symbols of religious unity and freedom of worship." To include the cross, the crucifix and the shield of David and omit the crescent, and other religious insignia would be a form of discrimination against minority religious groups, they contended.

Objections were met and overcome. By Act of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol was authorized "to provide a room with facilities for prayer and meditation." Like

the prayer room in the United Nations building, this will have no symbols but the Bible and other sacred writings will be placed for convenience. A room under the dome of the capitol, just off the rotunda, where it is equally accessible to members of the House and Senate, has been designated. The number is P65. By now this prayer room has been created.

The second bill was introduced by Congressman Charles E. Bennett of Florida: "To provide for the issuance of special postage stamps expressing the desire of the American people for peace."



In comment he said, "It was my idea that stamps of this type used in foreign distribution could help win the cold war and could

help to show the peaceful purposes and the spiritual content of our country.\* It was intended frankly as propaganda, but truthful propaganda to combat the charges of germ-warfare and other false information then being circulated by Soviet Russia.

Today, largely through the influence of that bill, you are using a new 8-cent stamp for overseas mail and a new 3-cent stamp for domestic mail. They carry the motto "In God We Trust" and the word "Liberty" with a drawing of the Statue of Liberty.

When first announced this looked like a good thing. Our slogan certainly is as good for postage stamps as for coins. But a question has been raised by *Church and State*, monthly publication of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "Will the stamp set the precedent for others embodying religious belief, and for other acts of gov-

ernment in aid of religion?"

Baptists took pride last year in the postage stamp issued by the Brazilian government honoring the World Baptist Youth Conference in Rio. It was good publicity from a surprising source, giving out to all Brazilians the news of a non-Catholic religious group. It "put Baptists on the map" in South America.

Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, who supported his colleague's effort for a stamp for peace, wants a "Marian year 'world peace stamp.'" He made public a letter from the stamp news editor of the *New York Herald Tribune*, Ernest A. Kehr, congratulating him on his co-operation in the "In God We Trust" stamp campaign. Now Mr. Kehr has been awarded the \$100 prize of the Christophers for 1953—an award given by the organization founded by Father James Keller, a priest, to "exemplify the good which

\*Celebration in behalf of the Virgin Mary.

## Circle Program

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### Mission Study (alcohol education)

Did you make a fine start on your study of *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility*? August and September circle meetings should continue and complete that course. Is everyone in the circle reading the book? It is 65c from your Baptist Book Store. Did your teacher use the suggestions given by mission study director, Mrs. William McMurry, in April *ROYAL SERVICE*?

When you look at your daily newspaper and see the record of accidents and crimes due to drinking intoxicating beverages you can see at once important reasons for this study. Young people need the wise help and information which WMS mothers can pass on in conversations at home.

If you simply cannot (will not?) do this mission study why not discuss the subject

individuals can accomplish . . . by being mindful of Christ in their daily tasks." The award was given Mr. Kehr for his efforts to put over this stamp campaign!

Pressure is being brought to have the Post Office put out a stamp for the Jewish Synagogue Tercentenary. From another source pressure for a stamp honoring the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, is being exerted.

Not only in the United States but abroad there is interest in postage stamps as a propaganda medium. St. Gabriel's Academy of Philately ("stamp collecting") was founded in Vienna recently for the purpose of promoting "scientific research into the use of Christian themes on postage stamps all over the world."

If sectarian commemorative postage stamps bring on a propaganda "holy" war, we may regret having ever displaced the profile of Thomas Jefferson on those purple patches that adorn our letters.

with the book as basis for talks given by several women as a circle program? That would be better than entirely omitting the helpfulness of some treatment of the subject.

GAs working on the Forward Step requirement for Queen with a Scepter, Section II, Question 6, and Royal Ambassadors working on their Higher Ranks, Project Number 2, can add to your mission study or to a program on this subject.

Porches are cool for mission study in summer and often an attractive ground floor room in a church building is one of the coolest places in town. Lemonade, iced tea or new beverage recipes you can secure from Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Evanston, Illinois will add pleasant flavor to the meeting.

Theme: A Sinful World—A Sufficient Saviour

## Program The Challenge of Indonesia

### Program Plans

**Poster:** Print in large type "Put Yourself in Indonesia." Time, date and place of meeting. Make "Indonesia" stand out with a cutout of women under each I or with a mirror instead of each I.

You can fix the time and date in Indonesian as well as English. This month is *Augustus*. Your meeting will likely be on Monday (*hari Senin*) or on Tuesday (*hari Selasa*).

Some phrases to use at the program are "Good afternoon" (*Selamat siang*), "Thank you" (*Terima kasih*), "Please sit down" (*Silahkan duduk*).

Plan cool refreshments of different fruits because Indonesia has so many. Use papaya or papaya juice if available or mangoes. Serve peanuts or cashew nuts. Decorate with a profusion of flowers—roses, lantana, lilies, marguerites, salvia, poinsettias—whatever you have bright and colorful.

Let nine women hold the letters of INDONESIA as they tell the bits of information below. They may be on cards shaped to represent the islands of Indonesia. One woman may speak the first sentence and put up the letter, then a second speaker finish the discussion. Have a large map showing position of Malaya and of Australia, and place these islands or letters on a strip of green crepe paper between to show their geographical position. With so few missionaries in Indonesia the women should readily learn all their names and places of service so they can pray much for them.

You might enjoy singing these familiar hymns in the Indonesian language. Most of the words are pronounced as they look. You will have fun trying even if you don't say them correctly.



#### Into My Heart:

Dalam hati, dalam hati,  
Masuklah, ja Tuhan Yesus;  
Masuk s'karang dan tinggallah  
Dalam hatiku, ja Yesus

Into my heart, into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, come in to stay,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

#### Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

'Isa, hampir salibmu  
Abu hendak tinggal;  
Oleh kuasa darahmu  
Sujikanlah daku.  
Hampirlah salibmu  
S'lamat dan sentosa.  
Bermegahlah djiwaku  
Akan salib 'Isa.

by Juliette Mather



Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

"East Indies Story" is a small, paperback book filled with facts and pictures of Indonesia and surrounding islands. You may order it from The Graphics Group, Whitestone, New York, for 25c a copy.

### Program Outline

Hymn: "Send the Light"

Prayer: That we may meet the challenge of Indonesia by sending missionaries and by praying.

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Hymn: Fourth verse of "America," then silent prayer that we may be in sympathy with Indonesia's desire for freedom of worship and justice.

Talks: An Important Chain of Islands  
The Cry Is Merdeka! Freedom  
Binding Webs

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Some Have Accepted True Freedom

A Chorus in Indonesian, page 24  
We Help Make Their Future

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Benediction

### An Important Chain of Islands

I is our ignorance of the wealth of Indonesia, "wonderland of equatorial islands," an "emerald girdle." Indonesia became the sixtieth member of the United Nations on September 25, 1950.

N is the number of products which Indonesia supplies: cloves, tapioca, coffee, kapok, tea. The biggest quinine factory in the world is in Bandung. In war days, pepper and nutmeg were rarely found because Japan held Indonesia, their source of supply for us. Tin and rubber and oil come from these islands in great quantities.

D is for the Dutch who ruled this most valuable colonial possession, Indonesia, for 350 years. At first it was the Dutch East Indies Company which owned armed ships and soldiers to protect its commerce. The company made its own laws and people were subject to its rule. Then the Netherlands government took over until Japan's cry of "Asia for the Asiatics" so nearly won the islands permanently. The people of Indonesia saw that the white man's boasted supremacy was gone and when Japan surrendered Indonesia they determined to be free.

O is for our surprise at the 3,000 miles in the outreach of the islands from east to west. Their length is greater than the USA at its widest point. They stretch from thirty miles off the mainland of Asia to within 250 miles of Australia, from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific.

**N** is for the number of people—80,000,000 who live in these islands. Java is the most densely populated with 1,000 to the square mile. In population Indonesia is the sixth largest country in the world.

**E** is for the enchantment of this island republic—beautiful with mountains, blue skies, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, silver rivers, green jungles and soft sandy beaches. There is lush growth on green terraced fields, riot of color in exquisite flowers, and blooming trees. Friendly people smile a welcome to visitors and life seems gay and happy.

**S** is for the "steaming" heat that demands redressing three or four times a day. There is no cold season, only wet and dry variation: always the humid heat. Indonesians have learned to rest when the sun is highest and hottest and American missionaries must take precautions for their health in the enervating climate.

**I** is for Islam. Here is the largest Moslem population in the world, sixty-eight million. The call to prayer sounds over the enchanting islands and the faithful bow toward Mecca in the name of the prophet Mohammed.

**A** is for all these lovely islands though we have Southern Baptist missionaries on only one, Java, and on Java only six couples and eight single women.

#### Above the Java Sea

The puffs of candy cotton clouds were floating past us light and free;  
While in our silver ship we flew above the Java sea  
Beyond the palms and fields of rice  
The craters rose to greet the blue,  
Inside our modern bird of steel  
We marvelled at the view  
I too, would dwell on heights like these;  
The lovelies of this higher plane  
Awareness gave that God is near  
And over all must reign

FAY TAYLOR, Bandung, Indonesia



#### The Cry Is Merdeka! Freedom!

The symbol of Indonesia is the Garuda, a mythical eagle with a banner held in its talons reading "Bhinneka tunggal Ika," which means "Unity through Diversity," or "Many Remain One."

That sounds like our "E Pluribus Unum," one out of many, and the intent is the same. The people and the leaders undertake in this century what the USA has been accomplishing since 1776. They will become a unified nation with people of different cultures and backgrounds molded into one independent democratic nation. Through the years of domination by colonial powers, Indonesians longed to be free. Sometimes the control was harsh, sometimes kindly, but "merdeka" was the cry in whisper or in loud acclaim.

Indonesia builds today on five principles or pillars, the "Pantja-Sila":

##### 1. Belief in God

"The Indonesian State shall be a State where every man can worship God in freedom."

##### 2. Humanitarianism, or Internationalism

"... do not say that the Indonesian nation is the noblest and most perfect, do not belittle other peoples. We must aim at the unity and brotherhood of the whole world... one family out of all the nations of the world."

##### 3. Nationalism

"The State is not for an autocracy, not for an aristocracy, not for a plutocracy, but 'all for all.'"

##### 4. Democracy, or Political Justice

"To achieve this, to provide a strong basis for the Indonesian State, a Repre-

sentative Government, a Government by Consent, is essential."

##### 5. Social Justice, or Prosperity

"... that there be no poverty in free Indonesia."

#### Binding Webs

Though the Dutch mission societies did valiant work with noteworthy results, especially on Sumatra, the resources of Holland were scarcely adequate for so large a task as giving all Indonesians the gospel. There are some 2,750,000 Christians including 700,000 Roman Catholics. Presbyterians, Dutch Reformed, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, Christian Missionary Alliance, and several undenominational groups work in Indonesia. All their missionaries add up to some 200, counting children in missionary families as the report does.

Meanwhile Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism hold sway. None presents a God of love. None offers a Saviour who died as sufficient sacrifice for sin and lives again. None provides a Holy Spirit to comfort, sustain and give power over temptation.

In each of these religions is the tangle of regulations, of ritual, of gods who must

be kept in a good mood. (See "Vacation in Bali," page 8, and tell about fear of evil spirits.)

#### Think of Christmas, 1951

The three million Chinese in Indonesia actually led Southern Baptists into Java when the doors of China were shut by Communist pressures. At Ridgecrest in the summer of 1951 ten ex-China missionaries prayed that they might go into Java. Eighteen months later the ten met in a mission meeting at Bandung and praised the Lord that they were there in Java.

The three pioneers were Mr. W. B. Johnson, Mr. Charles Cowherd, Mr. Stockwell Sears. They reached crowded Jakarta, population three million, on Christmas Day. The hotel could keep them only two days. Then they went 110 miles in to Bandung. In that city of 750,000 they knew one person's name and address. Mr. Johnson had been speaking in Mississippi and had told that he was soon going to Indonesia. A woman went to him saying, "My sister is in Indonesia, perhaps you will see her." She gave Mrs. John Banning's name and address in Bandung:

the only person's name Southern Baptist missionaries knew in all Indonesia.

They could not get a permanent visa until Southern Baptists owned property. So they must buy at once. They did; with the Lord's leadership, buying wisely.

Step by step, prayerfully they moved forward in their plans. As they looked at the map they decided Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would go to steaming Jakarta, the port city of entry; someone must be there to negotiate with government authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell Sears would go to important hot Surabaya, population one million, and establish a

W. B. Johnson and Charles Cowherd landing in Jakarta, Indonesia, December 25, 1951



church. Mr. and Mrs. Cowherd with their children would stay in the mountain city of Bandung and build that center of work. The language school where new missionaries could study before being assigned to other stations would be there. While studying, the missionaries could help in the Bandung church speaking through an interpreter or to those who understand English.

As soon as possible they planned for a hospital to be established because this new republic could not yet supply enough doctors and nurses.

In faith the three men planned and the Lord rewarded their faith. Their wives were granted visas and joined them, and other missionaries also. And on November 23, 1952, the first Baptist church was organized in Indonesia at Bandung.

Our church in Surabaya was organized in November, 1953. The promise of God is true, "My word shall not return unto me void."

### Some Have Accepted True Freedom

- (1) Tell story of Mrs. Yo, see page 1.
- (2) Tell this story of our first Indonesian convert.

It used to be said that the long curls of an Indonesian carried a dagger. When our missionary Mr. Buford Nichols advertised in the daily paper and a gentleman with long curls answered the ad,

*Catherine Walker, Everley Hayes, and Ruth Ford are our nurses in Indonesia*



there was no dagger. Mr. Sukirna has a position of some importance in the Bureau of Information in Bandung, but he thought it would be interesting to teach Indonesian to the Americans. He could improve his own English meanwhile. He is an excellent teacher and our missionaries are learning Indonesian well from him and others.

But Mr. Sukirna has learned to love the Lord with all his heart.

As a young boy twenty-five years ago he attended a Christian Dutch school where much Bible was taught. He felt that Jesus is God's Son, but his family were Mohammedan and required that he be a Moslem, too. In his heart he believed, feeling himself an outsider when he had to go to the mosque. He had learned a child's prayer song about sins being forgiven and after these years sought that forgiveness and made public profession of his belief in Christ when our church was six months old.

It was an encouragement to our missionaries to have this distinguished teacher come in simple faith acknowledging Christ as his Saviour.

Mr. Sukirna is translating Primary Sunday school materials to be mimeographed for the Sunday schools. He teaches Mr. Nichols' Sunday school class when Mr. Nichols has to be away on Sunday.

Missionary Everley Hayes was reading *Pilgrim's Progress* in her Indonesian lesson and asked Mr. Sukirna if he liked the book. "Oh yes," he replied, "it is what I felt for so long."

### We Help Make Their Future

Indonesia as a new independent country is a promising young state. Her ideals sound like ours and, as Americans, we rejoice in her progress and strength. We especially appreciate her assurance of religious freedom. There will be an election in early 1955 providing a representative national parliament for the first time. We should pray that the processes of election will be understood and the privileges of voting wisely used. There are many problems. A major one is the illiteracy of the people. The government is working hard



*Front row: Mr. and Mrs. Cowherd, Miss Ford, Miss Hayes, Virginia Cowherd, Miss Schwartz. Back Row: Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Miss Walker and Miss Taylor*

on this, but if we had missionaries and money we could help by establishing Christian schools and helping train teachers.

Under colonialism less than one-tenth of the national budget was spent for schools. Most of that was for schools and colleges for Europeans which only a few well-to-do Indonesians or other Asians could attend.

In 1949 only 270 Indonesians graduated from high school among 70,000 pupils attending. Now people are learning through mass education and literacy movements.

It is true that the literacy rate among Christians is above the average, and many of the leaders in government are Christians. But there is a new interest and strength in Islam and many feel that "to be an Indonesian is to be a Moslem." We expect to open a seminary in Semarang this fall with Dr. and Mrs. Buford Nichols and Miss Catherine Walker moving there to teach and direct in it.

We have Dr. Kathleen Jones and two nurses, Ruth Ford and Everley Hayes learning the language in Bandung. And Mr. Johnson is negotiating with the Min-

ister of Health regarding the location of our hospital. We must have money and staff to make this an excellent hospital. The need is great with only 1,400 doctors among all the 80,000,000 Indonesians.

The gospel must be preached but also it must be demonstrated as of practical value in this new nation increasing in influence and importance in Southeast Asia. This calls for a far larger force of missionaries and strength of financial support than Southern Baptists have yet given, as well as prayer which empowers the witness of all missionaries. Two new missionary couples were appointed this spring. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Moore and Mr. and Mrs. R. Keith Parks, to be stationed at Bandung for language study at first.

Militant Islam is stirring up persecution of Christians in the Celebes and in West Java. Some would like to declare Indonesia a Moslem state. We have no time to lose now but should advance with strength of missionary force and unusual support of money to present the claims of Christ effectively in hospital and seminary and in well built churches.

# Pray Ye

by Mrs. Elmer W. Brillhart Oklahoma

Addresses in "Directory of Missionary Personnel" free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, and in Southern Baptist Home Missions

**1 Sunday** "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart"—Psalm 27:14 \*Mrs. J. B. Durham, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. Harold Hurst, Tegucigalpa D. C., Honduras, ev., Mrs. E. C. Branch, Lakeside, Ariz., ev. among Indians, Miss Irene Chambers, Atlanta, Ga., HMB field worker, Rev. Leon S. Craig, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Negroes

**2 Monday** "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"—Phil. 4:13 Rev. C. B. Melancon, Stowell, ev. among French, Rev. C. F. Landon, Dallas, Tex., ev. among deaf, Rev. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, T. H., Dr. Frank H. Connelly, Tokyo, Japan, ev., Mrs. Wilson Fielder, China, Dr. S. L. Watson, Brazil, em., Jack Landon, MF

**3 Tuesday** "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you"—John 15:14 Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rev. Deaver M. Lawton, Ayuthia, Thailand, ed. ev., Mrs. Mike Cassidy, New Braunfels, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Robert Falls, Avery, Okla., ev. among Indians

**4 Wednesday** "Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord"—Psalm 105:3 Mrs. Irene Edwards, San Antonio, ed. ev. among Spanish, Rev. D. M. Regalado, Rio Grande City, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. M. A. Calles, Sr., Havana, Cuba, Rev. J. N. Thomas Barranquilla, Colombia, Rev. M. O. Tolbert, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev., Miss Grace Wells, Jakarta, Indonesia, ed. ev., Miss Ruth Womeck, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN

**5 Thursday** "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ"—Gal. 6:2 Mrs. J. W. McGavock, Mexico, em., Rev. R. B. Wolfard, Sao Paulo, Brazil, lan. sc.; WMU Week, Ridgecrest, August 5-11

**6 Friday** "The Lord will give strength unto his people"—Psalm 29:11 Rev. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, ev., Mrs. L. J. Harper, Asuncion, Paraguay, RN, Rev. Milton Murphey, Nazareth, Israel, ed. ev., Mrs. T. H. York, Tampa, Fla., ed. ev. among Italians

**7 Saturday** "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth"—Eccles. 7:1 Mrs. Garrett Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, Rev. W. W. Lawton, Jr., Pasay City, P. I., ev., Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Manaus, Brazil, ed. ev., \*Dr. W. C. Gaventa, Eku, Nigeria, MD, Miss Elizabeth Lundy, Atlanta, Ga., GWC

**8 Sunday** "Break forth into joy, sing together"—Isa. 52:9 Rev. Paul Bell, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. sc., Mrs. J. A. Lunsford, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Miss Sara Frances Taylor, Rosario, Argentina, ed. ev., James Lunsford, MF; Sunbeam Focus Week, August 8-14

**9 Monday** "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"—Psalm 33:12 Miss Edelmira Robinson, Havana, Cuba, sec. ev., Mrs. Ralph L. West, Ogbomoso, Rev. W. J. Ferguson, Oyo, Nigeria, Dr. John D. Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Mrs. Ignacio Villalpando, Sebastian, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Miss Mary Lou Massengill, Tokyo, Japan, RN, lan. sc., Rev. C. J. Lowe, China, em.

**10 Tuesday** "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things"—Joel 2:21 Miss Mary Crawford, Honolulu, T. H., ed. ev., Mrs. Clem D. Hardy, Mansos, Brazil, \*Rev. Charles L. Whaley, Kokura, Japan, ev., Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Iwo, Nigeria, RN, Mrs. Walter Blair, Shiprock, N. M., Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. C. J. Lowe, China, em.

**11 Wednesday** "The joy of the Lord is your strength"—Neh. 8:10 Rev. Filomeno Hernandez, Catalina, Cuba, ev., Dr. A. R. Crabtree, Rio de Janeiro, ed. ev., Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Brazil, em., Miss Cristina Aguilera, San Benito, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Solomon Aragon, Clayton, N. M., Rev. I. B. Williams, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Spanish, Miss Roberts Hampton, Costa Rica, lan. sc.

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; prayer is laying hold on God's highest willingness."—TRENCH

**12 Thursday** "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"—Psalm 139:14 Miss May Perry, Abeokuta, Nigeria, Dr. A. B. Craighead, Rivoli, Italy, ed. ev., Rev. Rafael Fraguela, Placetas, Cuba, Mrs. R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ev., Rev. Norman Kelley, Flagstaff, Ariz., ev. among Indians, Rev. Henry Walters, Baltimore, Md., GWC, Mrs. H. M. Harris, China, em.

**13 Friday** "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings"—Isa. 52:7 Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Honolulu, T. H., Mrs. Alejandro Pereira, Cumana-yagua, Cuba, ev., Mrs. Andres Viera, Roswell, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish, Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Porto Alegre, Brazil, ed. ev., Dr. A. W. Yocum, Pusan, Korea, MD, Mrs. Gerald Fielder, Tokyo, Japan, ed. ev.

**14 Saturday** "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven"—Luke 10:20 Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taipei, Taiwan, Miss Jaxie Short, Hong Kong, Miss Juana Luz Garcia, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev., Rev. J. A. Foster, Baguio, P. I., ev.

**15 Sunday** "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul"—Psalm 66:16 Mrs. R. E. Gordon, Dagupan, \*Rev. J. E. Jackson, Davao City, P. I., ev., Rev. Lee Roebuck, Roosevelt, Utah, ev. among Indians, Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, China, em.

**16 Monday** "Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil"—Psalm 37:8 Mrs. C. F. Landon, Dallas, Tex., ev. among deaf, \*Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Tokyo, Japan, Rev. Lloyd H. Neil, Oyo, ev., Rev. Carrol F. Eaglesfield, Ibadan, Nigeria, Rev. Robert L. Lindsey, Jerusalem, Israel, ed. ev., Rev. E. L. Morgan, China, em.

**17 Tuesday** "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him; and he shall bring it in pass"—Psalm 37:5 Rev. Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev., Mrs. W. C. Newton, China, em.

**18 Wednesday** "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength"—Isa. 40:29 Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Dr. P. S. Evans, Mrs. P. H. Anderson,

China, em., Mrs. W. C. Grant, Sendai, Japan, ev., Miss Martha Elizabeth Hairston, Recife, Brazil, ed. ev., Miss Irene Brannum, Pusan, Korea, \*Miss Georgia Alice Miller, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN

**19 Thursday** "How forcible are right words!"—Job 6:25 Rev. S. P. Mireles, Kingsville, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Gerald Harvey, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Mrs. Morris J. Wright, Urawa Shi, Japan, Rev. Garreth Joiner, Quito, Ecuador, ev., Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Pearl Caldwell, China, em.; YWA Conference, Glorieta, August 19-25.

**20 Friday** "I laid me down and slept; I awaked for the Lord sustained me"—Psalm 3:5 Mrs. J. D. Watts, Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev., Mrs. Rudy Vidaurri, Abilene, Tex., ev. among Spanish, \*Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, Recife, ev., \*Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, pub. ev., Rev. J. R. Allen, Brazil, em.

**21 Saturday** "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God"—Micah 6:8 Rev. Juan Naranjo, Colon, Cuba, Mrs. James Bartley, Montevideo, Uruguay, Rev. G. B. Cowser, Santa Maria, Miss Minnie Landrum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

**22 Sunday** "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord"—Jer. 17:7 Rev. Bert Lewis, Charleston, S. C., ed. ev. among Negroes, Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Carrizo Springs, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Argentina, em., Rev. A. G. Dunaway, Jr., Okute via Shaki, Nigeria, ev., \*Miss Lenora Hudson, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev., Dr. Milton Fort, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, MD

**23 Monday** "Will thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"—Psalm 85:6 Rev. J. E. Lingerfelt, Jaguaquara, Brazil, ed. ev., \*Rev. O. J. Quick, Taipei, Taiwan, ev., Rev. W. W. Grafton, New Orleans, Woman's Emergency Home, Mrs. Marvin A. Lytle, Tyler, Tex., ed. ev. among Negroes, Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, em.; Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, August, 23-30

**24 Tuesday** "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Psalm 27:1 Mrs. Mike C. Mojica, San Antonio, Tex., ed. ev., among Spanish, Mrs. M. V. Gonnissen, Taos, N. M., ev. among Indians, Miss Vera Campbell, Fukuoka, Japan, \*Mrs. Winfred Harper, Abeokuta, ed. ev., Dr. W. R. Norman, Jr., Nigeria, MD, Miss Bertha Hunt, Brazil, em.



**23 Wednesday** "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye search for me with all your heart"—Jer. 29:13 Mrs. O. C. Robison, Jr., Benin City, Nigeria, RN, Rev. Luis Flores, Belton, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. S. F. Morris, Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians, Samuel Flores, MF

**26 Thursday** "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee"—Psalm 91:11 Rev. R. Eldon Johnson, Corrente, ed. ev., Rev. G. H. Wise, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

**27 Friday** "He that overcometh shall inherit all things"—Rev. 21:7 Rev. Rudy Vidaurri, Abilene, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. R. I. Franks, Santiago, Chile, ev., Rev. G. O. Foulon, RMB, em.

**28 Saturday** "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; and ye shall find rest unto your souls"—Matt. 11:29 Rev. Eugene Hill, Singapore, Malaya, ev., Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexico, Mrs. George Green, Nigeria, em.

**29 Sunday** "Having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience"—Luke 8:15 \*Rev. Boyd A. O'Neal, Macelo, Brazil, ev.

**30 Monday** "Every man shall bear his own burden"—Gal. 6:5 Mrs. Harold Hurst, Tegucigalpa D. C., Honduras, RN, Mrs. Eugene Kratz, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Rev. A. P. Pierson, Chihuahua, Mexico, ev., Rev. T. Ewell Hopkins, Washington, D. C., ed. ev. among Negroes, Mrs. James Horton, Caplus Creek, Calif., ev. among migrants, Mrs. Lucinda Y. Yazzie, Gallup, N. M., Indian interpreter

**31 Tuesday** "He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast"—Prov. 15:15 \*Rev. Horace E. Buddin, Goyania, Brazil, ev., Rev. Walter Blair, Shiprock, N. M., ev. among Indians

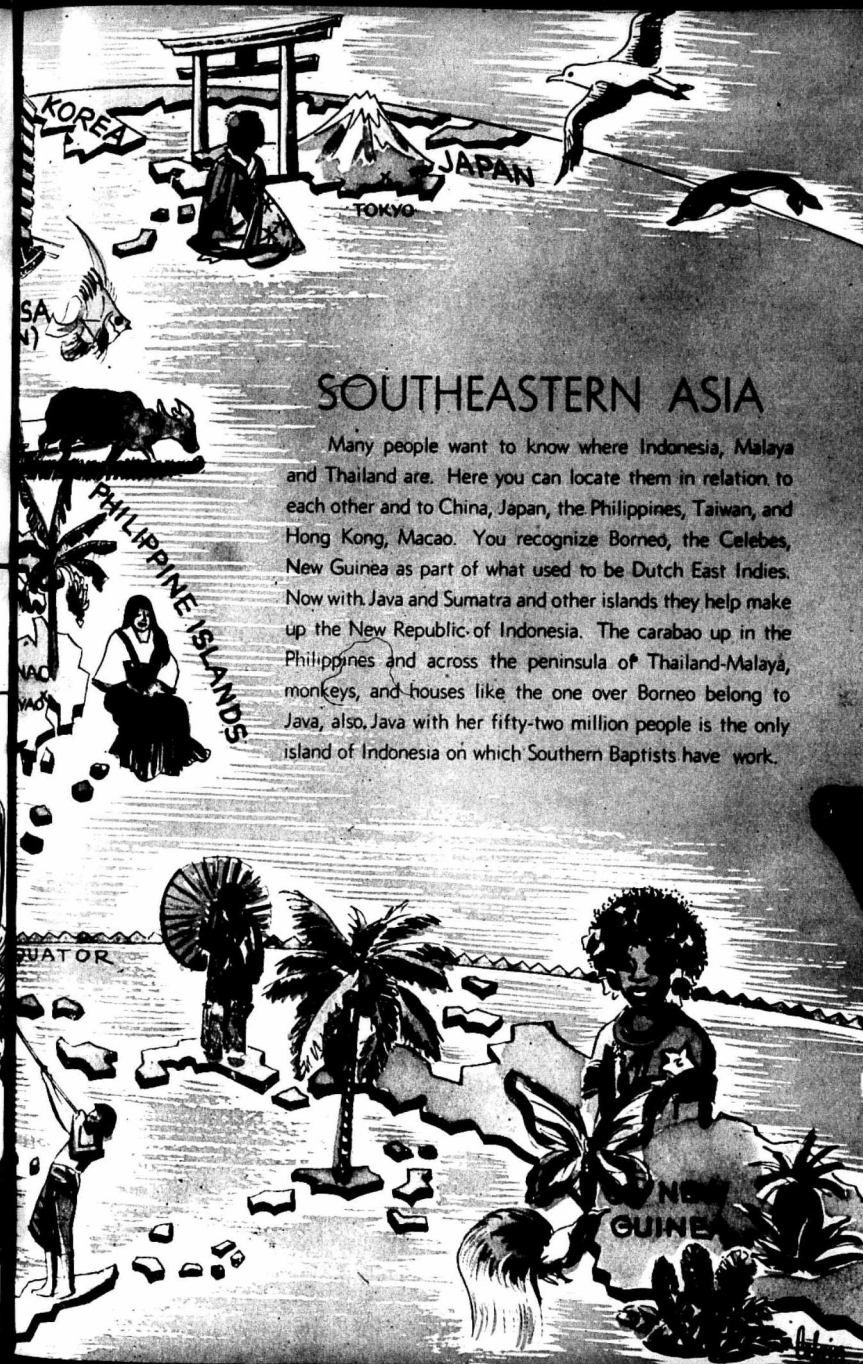
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sa. seafaring

## Revived Giants

by CHARLES A. WELLS

We think of Christianity as such a great bulwark against communism that we seldom realize that other great religions, with many more adherents than Christianity, are also considered as a defense against Marxism. In Japan, Thailand, Burma and in other countries, Buddhism is experiencing a great revival, and even in Red China reports indicate that a widespread underground revival of ancient Buddhism is under way. In India almost all sects of Hinduism are experiencing a vigorous awakening as the masses of India, by tradition a very spiritually minded people, gird themselves to withstand the expected onslaughts of the Red tide. In view of the great masses of population in Asia and the reviving of these ancient non-Christian faiths, how can we be so sure that our religion will be the dominant spiritual influence of the future? Asians visiting this hemisphere, and observing our spiritual formalism and religious indifference, are quite amazed at our attitude of religious superiority, for they know of the vast awakening that is stirring the great faiths of the East. What does God think?



## SOUTHEASTERN ASIA

Many people want to know where Indonesia, Malaya and Thailand are. Here you can locate them in relation to each other and to China, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Macao. You recognize Borneo, the Celebes, New Guinea as part of what used to be Dutch East Indies. Now with Java and Sumatra and other islands they help make up the New Republic of Indonesia. The carabao up in the Philippines and across the peninsula of Thailand-Malaya, monkeys, and houses like the one over Borneo belong to Java, also, Java with her fifty-two million people is the only island of Indonesia on which Southern Baptists have work.

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