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A Dream Come True

By Evelyn P. Hill, Missionary in Thailand

DO you believe in dreams? Have you ever had a "daydream" come true? My dream is a girl of twelve years came true in two ways.

As a GA I heard and read much about the life of the first missionaries, and my heart was touched by their devotion to the service of the Lord. For some time he dealt with my tender young heart and I surrendered to "go to the uttermost parts" to tell of the Saviour. Then I began to dream of the time when I would be not only a missionary, but a "pioneer" missionary like Lottie Moon, David Livingstone, Ann and Adoniram Judson and the others who so faithfully witnessed for the Master. Little did I realize how different, yet how much the same would be the problems of the first pioneers and those of today!

It was in November, 1953, that I began to feel like a pioneer. Then the Thailand Mission voted for the Hills to begin a witness for the Lord in Cholburi Province where there had never been a witness in the Thai language and no missionary had ever lived. From the first sight of Cholburi the previous August, we had wrestled with the call to go, but now that the commission to "Go!" had come, what were the steps to take? There was much praying, planning,

and hundreds of things to be done. Perhaps the hardest of all was the waiting which is inevitable in this part of the world.

In these days we do not face the hazards of the early missionaries but the same problems of housing and reception by the nationals. Barriers of suspicion and superstition must be faced and broken down. For months we looked for a house in which to live and a building in which to preach the gospel and teach; but there seemed to be nothing available in this city of 58,000 people. One afternoon after a hot, tiring day of looking for a place to preach, we felt compelled to ride through the city once more, and as we did there was the answer to prayer. Right on the main street was a three-story building almost completed but as yet not rented. Praise the Lord, he had given more than we had asked! After much bargaining with the owner, we made a contract to rent for one year, beginning March 1, 1954.

Many more trips were made from Bangkok to Cholburi in search of a house until the Lord provided a place more than adequate for our needs. Some of the Chinese Christians knew the owner and made contact for us; then we met him and made a contract. At last things were opening up so that we could move on March 23, 1954.

Now we were where the Lord had been preparing us to go, but still there were many lessons to be learned, especially the hard lesson of patience.

After three weeks of getting settled, we went to the northern part of the country for a few days of rest. On the way someone took all of our camera equipment. While up there in Chiengmai (*Cheng-may*) Ronald became ill; and the doctor prescribed a complete rest of two months which meant we would not be able to open the chapel to preach until July. Our hearts sank! During those months we were to learn many things from the Lord.

What a glorious day was July 4, 1954, when the first service was held in the chapel building! Thai, Chinese, and American Christians from Bangkok gave testimonies in word and music to the saving power of Christ. The Word of God was preached in the Thai language. A light-house for the gospel was now opened in the Thai language in a province of 211,000 people!

Even after eight months of teaching and preaching there still has been no outward confession of faith in the Saviour, but there are many who come faithfully to the services. Some have raised their hands asking for prayer and saying they want to know more about the Way, Truth, and Life.

There are street preaching trips in other cities of the province with the two young national workers. There is Sunday school for the children. There are English classes

to make contact with the people of the city. There are Bible classes, worship services, chapel services, and now a book room is being opened with books in Chinese, Thai, and English for people who are passing by the chapel to come in and read. Our hearts yearn to see souls come to the Light out of the darkness which these people have known so long. Will you pray earnestly for this "pioneer" work?

While the seminary is out for three months, we are privileged to have one of the Thai students and his wife live in Cholburi. They are helping to spread the Word along with the young Chinese who has been working with us for several months. We are now waiting the "go ahead" permission from the Thai government to buy a piece of land on which to build our first Southern Baptist owned missionary residence in Thailand. Though this is only a material and physical aspect, it is a very important part of the work; and we are thankful unto the Lord and to those who love him and give of their material means that his Word may be carried to the far places.

Yes, my dream came true and here I am on the other side of the world in a pioneer work. But my dream goes on as I look to an early day when we may have the joy of seeing these people whom we love accept Christ as their Saviour. Will you help my dream come true by praying sincerely and often?

Children singing in Sunday school at Cholburi Gospel Center.



To go with your fall mission study;

here is a story of Moslem life in Nigeria.

Can Ayisatu Become a Giant?

By Dr. R. L. West, missionary in Nigeria

PLEASE, Ma, please help me! I must talk to someone! Come to my house and let me talk to you." Ayisatu, weak, sick, and fragile-looking, begged the missionary to visit her rented room. In a short while she and an interpreter came to Ayisatu's house and heard her story.

"I was born in Mecca about thirty-two years ago. My people have always been faithful Moslems. My father was an Arab; my mother was of Hausa lineage.

"My present husband, Mallam Alhaji Alaka, visited Mecca frequently, especially during sacred seasons of the Moslem year. During those visits he stayed in my father's home. The two men became fast friends. Because of his great love for Mallam Alhaji Alaka, my father gave me to him as a present, and as a reminder of their religious ties in Mecca.

"I was twelve years old when my husband and I boarded a plane for Kano, northern Nigeria. From Kano we took a lorry to Oyo, my present home. When we reached my husband's compound, I found that I was to be his third wife.

"During these twenty years that I have been in Oyo, I have never been outside our compound. Most of the time I have to stay in my room. There have been many palavers and fights between us wives. Polygamy always brings strife. My husband has sent away three wives because they mistreated me. There are now four wives in my husband's house."

Ayisatu, thinking she was pregnant, was allowed to come to Ogbomoso for treatment. Her body was covered with scars where the other jealous wives had beaten her; they had even tried to poison her. In Ogbomoso, she went to stay in a Mos-

lem home. She sought treatment from a native dispenser of medicine. After taking all her money, he advised her to return to Oyo because there was nothing further he could do for her.

She was afraid to start home in her weakened, sick condition, so she called for help when she saw a white woman passing by. Ayisatu had heard of the hospital, but she did not know how to gain admittance to it. She had no money for treatment. But, towering above the lack of money, was her unreasonable fear of a white doctor. Having been reared in a harem and having lived all her life in one, she was afraid of any man, especially a white man.

The missionary arranged for an appointment for Ayisatu with the doctor. As the hour approached, Ayisatu became more and more afraid. A few minutes before her appointment, she got up from the waiting room and ran home. The doctor had to ask the missionary to find her, to persuade her to return to the hospital, and remain with her while he examined her. He discovered that she was suffering from a huge abdominal tumor. It had to be removed soon, or she could not live more than a year at the most. First, she had to gain strength through a prepared diet, vitamins, and iron. The operation was scheduled for several weeks ahead.

While Ayisatu was awaiting her operation, she had ample time to think about Arabia and her childhood days. What a long way she had come—from Mecca, the stronghold of Islam, to Ogbomoso where she had entrusted her life to a Christian hospital.

The long-dreaded day came at last. Ayisatu, frightened half out of her wits,

did notice that these white people who called themselves Christians had prayer for her. How strange their words! Were they really concerned about her? Did Christians care about women? As the anesthetic took effect Ayisatu drifted off to sleep, feeling secure, protected by these white Christians.

While Ayisatu was slowly regaining her strength, she said, "Thank you, thank you" again and again to Dr. W. J. Williams and Mrs. W. L. Jester. How grateful she was to these Christians! Despite her efforts to concentrate on her Moslem prayers, she found her mind wandering; questions kept rising about Christianity. Could she be wrong about the Moslem beliefs? Were these Christians "heathen"? Or, was she a "heathen"?

Trying to appear disinterested, she listened intently to the women missionaries who proclaimed Christ on the hospital wards. When she could stand it no longer, she held up her hand, signifying that she wanted to know more about Christ, the Saviour of mankind. At first, because there had never been a Christian on either side of her family, she stoutly resisted the claims of Christ. She argued with the missionary. She recounted highlights of her Moslem experience; she told of miracles at Mecca. She was puzzled when no one argued with her. Despite all her claims for the Moslem faith, the love manifested by these Christians battered down her every objection. In spite of herself she felt her heart being strangely drawn as if by a magnet to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ayisatu embraced Christianity, realizing that to do so would mean great persecution, possibly even death. She was remind-



Ayisatu and her husband, Alhaji Alaka.

ed again and again by the missionaries that following Christ would mean forsaking all that she had previously held dear. She smiled and said, "I will follow Jesus. I will never go back to Islam no matter what it may cost me." Eagerly she listened as she was taught more and more about the Christian way. She joyously gave her testimony at the hospital.

Upon returning to the Moslem home in Ogbomoso, she was beset by troubles. The Moslems there laughed at her new faith, hoping to win her back to their way. She refused to listen to them, or to the lengthy discussions that they used trying to make her renounce Jesus. To their amazement she declared her faith to one and all in that compound, even witnessing on the hospital wards. Then they hit upon a plan to teach her a lesson. From nearby houses they took clothes and personal effects and planted them in Ayisatu's room. They called all the neighbors and confronted Ayisatu with the stolen goods. Of course, she denied ever having seen the goods; but, in order to

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Mrs. Bill E. Lunceford, community missions chairman, talks with a patient at the Louisville Red Cross Hospital. The patient's happy face makes the visit more than worth while.

Members of the Seminary Woman's Missionary Society bring cheer to patients at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Louisville. They leave behind a copy of HOME LIFE for each patient.



Busy While Studying

By Mrs. Bill E. Lunceford, Community Missions Chairman
WMS of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

THE Woman's Missionary Society at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in cooperation with the Long Run Association of Baptists, promotes monthly programs and bedside visitation in many of the institutions in and around Louisville. With the assistance of Mr. Fred G. Tucker, director of institutional work in the association, the fifteen circles, each composed of approximately thirty members, visited eight institutions regularly during the last school year. These included: Central State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, Cowan's Home for the Aged, King's Daughters' Home for Incurables, Red Cross Hospital, Spring Meadows (a Baptist children's home), Veterans' Administration Hospital, and the woman's prison.

In many places, the bedside visit may be an informal approach with a quiet

prayer, a personal witness, or just an encouraging word. The buildings have halls, wards, and chapels that can be used for singing, preaching, and devotional services. The challenge is to be able to fit this ministry to the needs of varying physical conditions, ages, nationalities, religious attitudes, and educational levels.

Good literature is a necessary part of this witnessing. Many tracts, carefully selected for individual situations, have been especially helpful to continue our ministry after our visits. Often treats of cookies, ice cream, and other such delights have been helpful and have added a friendly touch.

Student wives and women students of the Seminary family welcome and respond to this opportunity for Christian service. The experience gained will have its carry-over into a fuller ministry on leaving the Seminary.

Bible story time at Spring Meadows, one of Kentucky Baptist children's homes. Mrs. Paul Howerton is at the flannelgraph. With her are the house mother and three other student wives.





from Miss Mary Brooner
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

I have been so grateful that many of the WMC members back home in America have been praying for these months that I would be able to learn the language of the people here. With no language school available and with so much work given to us when we first reach the field, it has been almost impossible for any of us as new missionaries to learn to speak Shona. I have tried to be faithful in seeking time to study.

Almost a month ago I had an experience that has meant much to me. I have talked with people in Shona telling them about God's love for them and about Jesus. But I have been fearful to try to get them to make a decision for Christ unless I had someone with me who could interpret for me. I kept feeling "maybe I won't be able to say to them exactly what I feel that I should at the right time."

There was a man whose wife had been faithful in our WMC work on Katsuro line. Often she and her children had to run away to the forest to hide from her husband because he would get drunk and beat them. (Line refers to a series of villages.)

For a long time she and I have been praying for her husband. Sometimes I had stopped to talk with him about what God could do for him. One Sunday I came by and found that both he and his wife were very sick with malaria. I talked to him about what would happen to him if he died. Then I was able to persuade him to come to our hospital for help. This was a wonderful opportunity for me as I visit at the hospital every day. I went often during that week that I might witness especially to him.

He was dismissed from the hospital on Saturday. When I went by for the Sunday afternoon service on their line, I found that

the Holy Spirit had been working in his heart. When I asked him to repent from his sins and believe on the Lord Jesus who would forgive him and who would save him, he gladly did so.

It means much to me to know that with the help of the Holy Spirit, I can now make the plan of salvation clear enough in the language of the people that they can understand. Pray that I may be able to learn much more because so often our interpreters do misunderstand us and do not say just the message that we want the people to hear. Ask the women to pray, not just for me, but for the others who are working here in Southern Rhodesia. Especially have them remember the "brand new missionaries" who have come and will soon be coming. How important it is that we learn the language of the people we have come here to serve. The prayers and gifts of the WMC back home mean so much to us here on the field! We are ashamed and embarrassed sometimes that we do not seem to be able to find time to write all the personal notes of thanks that we want to

from Mrs. H. A. Borah
Ketchikan, Alaska

Our WMS here in Ketchikan enjoys mission study classes. We had three in six months.

We are urging more of our women to subscribe to ROYAL SERVICE. After being in Japan and knowing our missionaries and seeing our work there, we love and ap-

First meeting of Ketchikan circle.



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from Mrs. B. Frank Belvin
General Missionaries to Creek
and Seminole Indians

"When you coming back for another Bible school?" Jumping Boy watched us pack up after vacation Bible school.

"I don't know. I hope before long." I thought of the 38 little churches in our area. How long it takes to get around!

Five years had passed since our last vacation Bible school there. Five years makes a difference. Some young people and many old timers were gone. Death strikes often in Indian country where the average life span is only 42 years. Five years ago Jumping Boy was three. He spoke no English and little Indian. Now he even acts as interpreter for some of the older folks.

At vacation Bible school we had classes and handwork for all, nursery to grandparents! But now commencement exercises were over.

"When you coming back for another Bible school?"

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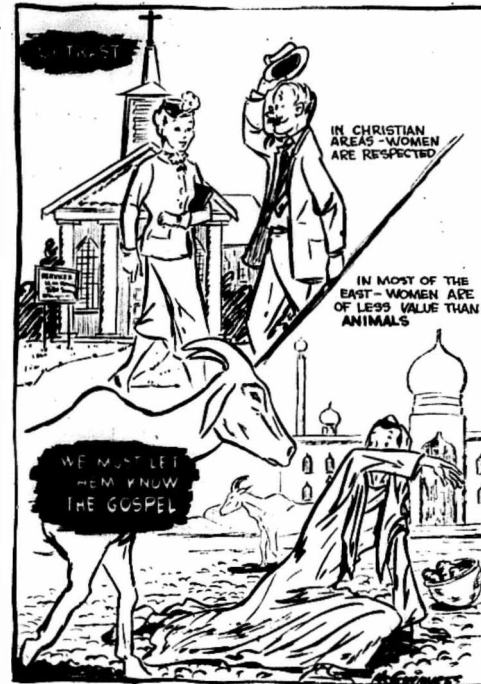
preciate missions more. We named one circle the Mary Connelly circle here in Ketchikan.

The work moves slowly here and is discouraging at times, but we know God wants us here. Pray for us.

from Mrs. Margaret Diggs
Tripoli, Libya

We have wanted to organize a Sunbeam Band here at Wheelus Field in Tripoli for some time. We did get it organized in March and there is quite a bit of interest in it. We have twenty-five members with an average attendance of nineteen. Our turnover is pretty fast as the personnel rotates from here after thirty months.

We use Sunbeam Activities and other helps: our children are from homes of



Christ lifted womanhood: have we thanked him?

other denominations as well as Baptist. You know how it is in the service.

So we give our offerings to the British mission downtown. They do a lot of medical mission work and everything is on faith, so they do not have much money. They are fundamental and evangelical, so we think it is a good thing to give them our Sunbeam Band offerings as we do our vacation Bible school gifts. My husband and I send our check for the various mission offerings back to our home church in Louisiana.

It is quite interesting that our Sunbeam lessons this quarter are on Africa. It is still hard for us not to say, "away over in Africa," as we do when we are in the States.

Around the world, service people can be missionaries, too. How glad and grateful we are for such faithful witnessing.

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It's Happening Now!

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

Guests from Overseas



American colleges and universities expect 35,000 international students this fall. That equals the total student body of all the Southern Baptist junior and senior colleges.

Of last year's 34,000 students from abroad, approximately 600 were Baptists, 19,000 were Evangelical, Coptic, Eastern Orthodox, or Roman Catholic. The almost 15,000 others were Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist, or of no religious faith.

This information was secured by the rather amazing organization known as the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.

This non-government agency, with an office in the YMCA Building, 291 Broadway, New York 7, tries to put out the welcome mat for every student arriving in this country for the first time. It alerts trained volunteers in fourteen ports on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts, to meet anybody, regardless of nationality, religion, or sex, at dock or air terminals on short notice. The volunteer wears an armband to identify him as "Foreign Student Adviser." He is dedicated to one purpose: "to give the stranger a sense of belonging from the moment he lands in the United States."

He helps the newcomer get rates and schedules to his overland destination and buy the ticket; recommends local places for food and lodging that are clean and not too expensive; sees him off to his American college town if he likes. The adviser is especially helpful to the dark-skinned foreign student landing at Southern ports, facing segregated society for the first time.

The New York headquarters is equally concerned about the student's welfare during his stay in America. In a few weeks after the opening of school, the committee can furnish the name, American address, nationality, and age of every foreign student on a given campus, in any state, or in the whole country; a list of the foreign students of any particular denomination in

one or more states; and a list of foreign students from a certain continent or area of the world. This is for distribution free upon request, to make it possible for persons of good will to befriend the foreign student in their midst.

Yet this Committee on Friendly Relations operates on very meager resources. The State Department, which constantly calls upon the committee for assistance with guests from abroad, has repeatedly offered funds for those services. The committee politely declines. Its work is financed by churches and individual Christian groups, and every five dollar bill that turns up in the mail is greeted with joy.

Miss Helen K. Hunt is a retired Baptist missionary to Burma who has been assisting in the committee's office. She said:

"We know how vital this work is to missions overseas. In Southeast Asia and other places where nations are being born these days, hotheaded leaders sometimes threaten to expel all foreigners and all white people as enemies of the state. They try to suppress religion. I have known of incidents where an American-educated lower official has been able to say, 'Let's not be too hasty. In the U.S.A. the church is not a tool of the government. It does not receive state funds. Maybe the Christian churches here can be an aid to us in our struggle to attain maturity as a nation.' That man was undoubtedly well treated during his educational career in this country."

Church leaders and foreign student advisers on the faculties of schools in the Washington, D. C., area recently discussed this obligation of Americans to be hospitable to the student stranger.

One adviser said, "From my experience, I'd rather the churches would leave them alone. You may mean well but you fumble badly." More talk showed what he meant. Boiled down, it produced a set of do's and don't's for Christian people who honestly

want to do good, and to help these unofficial ambassadors to our country.*

DO invite them to your home early in the school year. That's when they get homesick.

DO invite two at a time, not just one foreign student, into your home or church. If there are no children or young people in your home, draft one or two neighbors of the same age as the foreign guests. Young people from abroad want to know young Americans.

DO strive for a continuing relationship, whenever you hit it off well with a foreign student. Let him know he is welcome to drop by without a special invitation—to talk, to read, to be alone, or to cook a meal of his favorite foods. He needs a "home away from home" more than his American fellow students do.

DO urge your college son or daughter to bring the foreign student friend home for a holiday—Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. This is the natural, most rewarding kind of American contact for the newcomer.

DO respect the student's religious faith, and know the dietary rules it imposes. The Roman Catholic eats no meat on Friday; the Moslem eats no pork at any time; some Hindus are vegetarians. Knowing these rules and serving a meal that does not cause offense is the height of Christian courtesy.

DON'T give "foreign student teas." Such affairs are baffling to the student who has not yet mastered English, and of no value in cultivating permanent friendships. Invite overseas students to church parties given for the church young people, and let them get acquainted.

DON'T exploit strangers. "Please send me six foreigners, the more exotic the better. I'll take one Fiji Islander, a Ubangi, one Burmese, an Australian aborigine, an Aymara Indian, and an Eskimo—all in costume, please!" is not more absurd in College Town, U.S.A., than for a program chairman in Scotland or Germany to ask for six American students: "one share-cropper, one Kentucky colonel, a Texas cowhand, a Sioux chief, a Harlem band leader, and a Hollywood starlet—all in costume!" With the exception of Asiatic Indian women and a few others, foreign students usually don western style cloth-

ing in America. They are timid about putting on a show when invited out; they do not expect to be the entertainment.

DON'T embarrass foreign students by an effort to proselyte them. They tend to be chary of American hospitality because they think there's a "catch" in it. They know this country is predominantly Protestant. They do not understand the ready cordiality of the American people. It takes a while for them to accept the offer of a meal in a home as a gesture of international good will.

An attempt on first sight to "convert" any guest is in bad taste. The foreign one may refuse to accept any other invitation. Be your most gracious self as a hostess and trust the Holy Spirit to use your home in his own time and way to reveal himself to the student. Of course, you may follow your family custom of grace at meals and Bible reading before or after meals without fear of giving offense.

In time, if you do not push the matter, you may be rewarded by the wonderful question: "Why? Why did you take me, a total stranger, into your home and heart?" Then you may give your simple testimony: "It is basic to my religion to love my neighbor as myself, and to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. God has given us our home; we are always glad to share it."

This is one way to world peace. A survey of men and women in India today who were educated in the United States showed that their attitudes toward this country were shaped by what happened to them off campus, not what was taught them in the classroom.

Many of the earth's peoples have been bombarded with falsehoods about the United States. One of the most vicious is that the nation's home life has gone to ruin.

An intimate glimpse into the average American home quickly disproves this, and the average American family is greatly blessed by befriending a young man or young woman far from his own home for one, four, or more years. The time to begin is now.

*For more detailed suggestions, send six in stamps to the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., for the pamphlet "Your Entertaining—Make it International."

Hints to Committee Chairmen

To Stewardship Chairmen

Church Night of Stewardship should be one of the most important events on the church calendar, looked forward to with eager anticipation by the young people who participate and the adult audience. This can be true only if the program is well given, and that will come only through the most careful preparation.

This preparation actually starts at the beginning of the year when the young people's organizations begin the year's series of Stewardship programs. Month by month as they use these programs, hear and retell the stories, sing the songs, learn the memory verses, and engage in the projects and discussions, they are storing up what can be used in Church Night of Stewardship.

Then, as the time draws near, definite planning is necessary. Usually this night is observed the last of September or early in October, so this is the time to start more definite preparation. A program plan must be decided upon, perhaps with a theme. Part of the year's material must be selected and definite assignments made.

A good program theme would be, "The Earth is the Lord's." Appropriate songs would be "This Is My Father's World" and "I Am Thine, O Lord." Many of the memory verses would fit with this theme. Psalm 24:1 could be the basis of a devotional service. A Sunbeam could tell the story, "The Earth Is the Lord's," found in the stewardship program for March in *Sunbeam Activities*. Members of Young Woman's Auxiliary or Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassadors could hold a panel discussion on "God's Ownership—Our Stewardship."

"Timothy's Tithe" is always an appropriate playlet for Royal Ambassadors or you might prefer the playlet for Girls' Auxiliary, "Ann's Allowance." "Timothy's Tithe" and "Ann's Allowance" are both free from your state WMU office.

The important thing is that all parts on the program be well prepared. The youth director and counselors will do most of the planning and rehearsing for the program.

but as stewardship chairman you will encourage and help all you can.

You will not forget that this is the last month of the quarter and of the WMU year. Make your report carefully noting progress and work yet to be done. Also, it is probably time for your state mission offering. When it comes, you will see to the setting of a worthy goal and distribution of envelopes.

So you see there is much work for the stewardship chairman to do in September. Do it all and do it well!

To Community Missions Chairmen

September is your last chance to study the *Guide for Community Missions* before beginning a new year's work. It will mean everything to your plans to have your members well informed as to the why, who, what, where, and when of community missions. The free Teaching Helps for the *Guide* from the state WMU office give detailed suggestions for the class. Be sure all of your committee members for the coming year attend, along with all the youth counselors, and as many of your members as possible. Work out the complete plans with the mission study chairman.

As soon in September as possible, get together the new community missions committee for an over-all planning meeting for the coming year. Try to have it at a time when the BWC community missions chairman can come as well as your other circle community missions chairmen. If you do not have circles, invite the two or three women who will serve on your committee. It would be nice to invite the youth director and counselors to this first committee meeting, even though you will go to the regular meeting of the youth committee with community missions suggestions to the young people.

On the community missions pages in your Year Book, you will find listed the free helps for community missions. Order from your state WMU office enough of those you wish to use in your committee meeting.

With your committee, outline some gen-

eral plans. What will be your particular emphases throughout the year? Soul-winning visitation? Christian recreation? Work in a mission center? A ministry among the Negroes? Distribution of Bibles and religious literature? Christian use of the fallout? Reaching the newcomers in your community? Consider your membership and their abilities, and decide how much you can undertake. Community missions, important though it is, is just one phase of your WMU work, and women have other responsibilities, too. It is better to do one thing and do it well than to skim over the surface of a number of needs without satisfactory meeting any of them.

Make your plans this year for *sustained* activities. For example, if you decide to give a personal Christian welcome to every newcomer, do that all year long, not just one month. If you put Christian literature in public places, do it week by week, and month after month. If you help with a mission center or Good Will Center, do it consistently so its leaders can depend on your help. Your members will thrill as they see month after month what is being accomplished through their efforts.

In this first meeting decide in general what the youth organizations can do, what the women will undertake for the year. Then work out the details for at least October, and preferably the first quarter.

The way to a successful year starts with a good beginning, letting your committee share from the first the responsibility for the entire community missions program of your WMU.

To Mission Study Chairmen

The deeper you plunge into the theme of the Foreign Mission Graded Series the more excited and stimulated you become. No doubt you eagerly scan every newspaper and weekly magazine for items of interest. Rarely a week passes but some illuminating bit of news can be gleaned. If you have the habit of reading with a pencil in hand, checking pertinent articles, there will be little trouble in deciding what to clip when you finish with a number. As an example, *Newsweek* carried a series of excellent articles on the Arab states beginning in 1951 and continuing through the first six months of this year. You may have them in your file or something similar from another

Did You Realize

CHICAGO MOSLEMS: A peaceful congregation of Moslems in Chicago has as its leader a former Nazi tank captain with Rommel's Afrika Korps. Their mosque on Chicago's South Side is said to be the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, having been founded in 1921; it belongs to the Islamic Midwestern Circle of four states; world headquarters of the movement are in Pakistan. The former Nazi officer, now known as Badush Shakoor Kunze, first became impressed with the Islamic faith when dealing with captive Moslems who had been fighting with the Free French armies in the desert. "They seemed to have had an inner peace that our victories did not give to me." Later, a captive himself, he was sent to a prison camp in Alabama where "only the colored people acted toward us as though we were human beings. They came to see us because they had the understanding of what it meant to be suppressed." After his repatriation, Kunze accepted Islam in '46 and "decided to dedicate my life to its propagation." He trained in Pakistan to be a missionary, was assigned to Chicago. Most of the converts there are Negroes, according to Kunze. He is married to a Hindu.

—Between the Lines—C.A. Weiss

news magazine; if you do not, see if you can find the following issues of *Newsweek*:
May 21, 1951—Israel
July 5, 1951—TVA for the River Jordan
October 25, 1951—Egypt
December 6, 1951 and May 2, 1955—King Hussein of Jordan
February 11, 1955—Iran and the Shah. Beautiful full page pictures of the Shah and his young wife.
February 28, 1955—Remaking the Garden of Eden (Iraq)
March 7, 1955—Inside Saudi Arabia
March 14, 1955—Gara. Rioting between Jews and Arabs.
And later issues . . .

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Not only do the secular magazines provide excellent source material but our own WMU magazines are news worthy too. Surely you were far-sighted enough to save the January, 1955 issues of all these periodicals. The December, 1954 numbers also contained useful information. On the cover of the December issue of *Ambassador Life* is a map showing Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria with the flags of the first three. This feature alone can be put to several uses. If enough copies are available in your church, each girl and boy can have his own map as he studies *Mission Doctor*. Or the flag can be cut out and used in a photo quiz which will be described in next month's column. Pictures in *Tell* for the same month feature the Star Ideals written in Arabic and illustrated by girls in Ajloun, Jordan.

But to return to the January numbers. *Ambassador Life* carried a double page spread of Israel pictures. The story of two Arab girls from Ajloun who teach in the Baptist Girls' School there, is in *The Window of YH.A.* A charming story about the baptistry painting brought to Nazareth by missionary Baker's mother who is an artist is in *ROYAL SERVICE*.

It is likely that you are familiar with the Foreign Policy Association and its Headline Series. These booklets are written from an objective point of view by authorities in their respective fields. In simple, under-

standing language they contain enough impartial information so that you can make up your own mind on the international questions of the day. Recently the Association has introduced a new series called the discussion series. *The Middle East Today* by Emil Lengyel is the second one of these booklets. In the section titled "Talking It Over" you will find discussion topics, reading references, and suggestions for visual aids arranged for eight weekly meetings. You will readily see possibilities for an intensive study on our theme by adapting both the method and material to the mission emphasis.

Here are samples of the type of discussion topics suggested: How can Israel-Arab relations be improved? What can be done about the refugee problems? Is political democracy making headway in the Arab countries? Can the United States reconcile its policy toward Israel with its policy toward the Arab countries? All of these questions bear heavily on the mission enterprise in this area. Order the booklet from Foreign Policy Association, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, New York. Price 35c. Dr. Lengyel is also the author of *World Without End: The Middle East*, one of the recognized authentic sources for background information.

Two William M. Murray

SOMETHING NEW For Your Study of the Moslem World



Book cover folder

BOOK COVER FOLDER, *World Within A World*—Order one for each woman to use as a cover for notes or program. The cover of the mission study book is reproduced for 2c each, 50 for \$1. Better yet, see that each woman has her own copy of the whole book, price 60c each. The book is published inside this same cover.

Individual Map of the Near East—Each woman should also have a map in full color, so she can follow the discussion of the Moslem World, price 25c a dozen.

Order the above items from your Baptist Book Store.

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We need to know more about your BWC doings. Write us!

South Carolina

Items of news, important dates to remember, letters from friends, and interesting discussions are included in the *BWC News* of South Carolina.

In a recent issue an article contained a discussion of the weeks of prayer and special offerings.

An attractive publication such as this *BWC News* is sure to help to develop an interest and concern among the BWCs.

Texas

More than sixty women attended a banquet in Texas celebrating the Diamond Jubilee.

The Fern Harrington BWC of the First Baptist Church, Freeport, Texas, presented a program on Hong Kong.

Everyone dressed in the type of clothes that were worn seventy-five years ago. And the printed programs also represented the year 1880 with their calico patterned covers.

Kentucky

Two hundred and fifty attended the Long Run Federation meeting at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. James Wood, missionary to Japan, spoke.

Good reports were made of gifts beyond the Cooperative Program. The \$1000 to furnish a room at Kentucky Baptist Hospital and more than enough money given by federations throughout the state to buy a deep freeze for Cedarmore Camp.

Florida

A "Flight to Italy" was taken by approximately 250 BWC members at Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida, at their banquet during the annual meeting of the Florida WMU.

Airline ticket folders held the programs which were designed to look like tickets.

Traveling from Lakeland to Rome, Italy, the ladies went by way of India, Ireland, and Spain. Each of the stops was portrayed in the songs, "Song of India," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and "Donkey Serenade."

The welcome to Rome was extended by Miss Virginia Wingo, superintendent of the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome.

Everyone present felt as if she had visited the Training School after Miss Wingo's fine speech.

Dressed for the Diamond Jubilee banquet at Freeport, Texas. Styles change but missionary hearts beat loyally always.



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by Margaret Bruce

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by Elsie Rives



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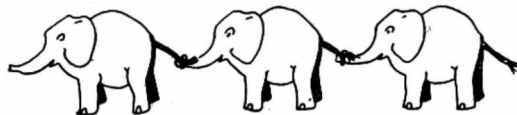
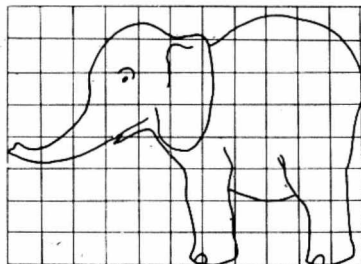
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Elephants for your Program

Draw elephants on cover of your program folders. Enlarge this pattern by marking off one-half inch squares and draw outline of elephant by squares as indicated.

Larger pattern of elephant, at right, is in September *Tell*, a Missions Magazine for Girls. Order a copy of September *Tell* from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 15c, or borrow from your GA daughter. Directions are given for making a chain of elephants of gray paper using twine for their tails.

The chain of elephants would make nice table decorations this month. Include small palm trees along the roadway.



Circle Program

BWCs use program material on page 30.

Mission Study

Hymn: "O Zion, Haste"

Use the worship materials on page 19, 20, or 22 of the Teaching Helps.

You are ready now for the last period of your study of the *Guide for Community Missions*. Try to have a full attendance at this circle meeting, and work toward a climax of personal dedication and decision to do more to make your own community more Christlike.

After the reports and discussions of the problems assigned in August, lead the women in evaluating their own community missions for the past year in the light of what they have learned in this study of the purpose and program of community missions. Are they satisfied? Do they feel they are ready now to meet spiritual needs more effectively? What definite suggestions would they like to pass on to the community mis-

sions committee as to plans for the coming year? Regarding Christian recreation? Cooperation with Negro Baptists? Efforts to reach people who are not Christians? Ministry to other nationalities?

To close the study on a personal note, ask each woman to write down at least one decision that she has made about what she can do in the coming year to make her community more Christlike. If there is time, let the women share these decisions and resolutions with each other.

Your circle's participating in a study of the *Guide* will mean more women working together in 1955-56 to build a more Christlike community.

Use "To the Clinic" in September, *Home Missions* in connection with your meeting.

Hymn: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

RELIEF MONEY

Our Foreign Mission Board is scraping the bottom of the barrel and people are in dire need in Hong Kong, Korea, and in the Near East

Did you read in your newspaper about the young man in Seoul, Korea, who gave thirteen ounces of blood for \$8 to help buy food and books to stay in school? He gave too much and died.

How much have you given to help Korean Baptists and others?

Send a gift marked
for RELIEF to:

Foreign Mission Board,
Box 5148,
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Temples of Thailand... Marble and Gold

Buddhism is the state religion of Thailand, no longer called Siam; this is perhaps the strongest Buddhist country in the world.

Pan American World Airways Photo

The Marble Temple in Bangkok is fantastically beautiful—spired shrines covered with gold leaf glisten in the sun.



Classical dancers at Temple act out religious stories.



Worshiper at Marble Temple bows before idol. The symbol of Wheel of the Law shows the spokes representing the noble eightfold path of Buddhism.

Fon Scofield Photos



Almost 500 Million Asians bow to the Buddha at Shrines and Temples

A striking irony of history is the way in which Buddha, who did not claim to be a god, is himself now worshiped. His message was a call to renounce all desire, without depending on any divine being. Yet he is worshiped with the largest and greatest number of images in the world!

Photos by Juliette Mather



Left—Chinese woman leaving temple. Center—Spirit House at Cholburi and a Bo tree sacred to Buddha because under a Bo tree he became "the Enlightened One." Bottom—Offerings of correct foods at Chinese temple en route to Ayuthia.

Right—Children learn the ritual of offerings and idol worship from their young parents. Below—Broken bodies and hungry hearts crave peace of soul which incense and bowing before idols fail to satisfy.



Photos by Morris Wright

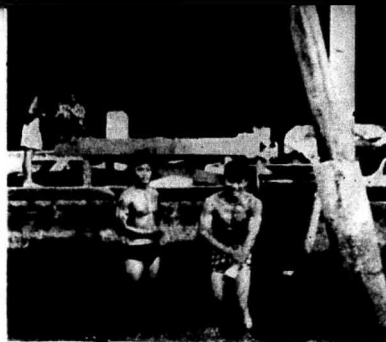




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Life Along the Klongs of Bangkok

EVERY MORNING these same scenes are repeated on the canals of this city, of a million people. The klong is their main street, market, water reservoir, laundry, and bath house. Hundreds of children know only a river or klong boat as home. Small shrines at bow and stern protect floating homes while steps to the temple areas give priests and people easy access to and from the klongs.



Bathers smile good morning in front of their house . . . farther along a yellow-robed monk receives breakfast and gifts for the day. By such good deeds as feeding priests, Buddhists win merit toward entering heaven.



Men and women sell their wares in floating markets of big boats or small ones crowding all along the klongs (see cover). The Thai hat, somewhat like a lamp shade, has its own clever elevated ventilating system. Photos by Mather and Wright





Rudolph Russell witnessing to boat people along the klong.

Ronald Hill teaching a new hymn at Cholburi Gospel Center.
Evelyn Hill at piano while national worker Mr. Liam helps.



Our Missionaries in Thailand GO ... TEACH ... PREACH

Thailand has only one Christian in every 1,300 people and there are 19 million people! We have 24 missionaries under appointment here, many of them still in language school. This is a small beginning for a big task. We at home must have "compassion on the multitudes." As we see their spiritual need through the eyes of our missionaries, we will pray, learn and give!

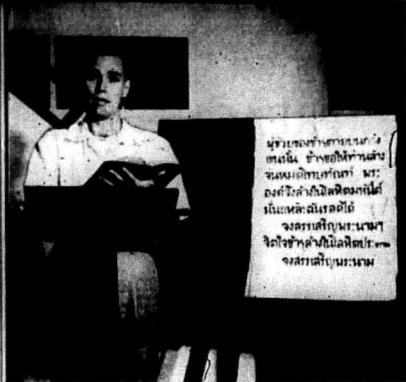
Photos by Morris Wright, missionary in Japan



Glenn Morris baptizing Chinese converts.

Mr. Hill preaches in Thai language at street service. His wife Evelyn plays accordion and Mr. Liam assists. Note the Buddhist priest in center of crowd.





How would you like to learn this language?



or perhaps you prefer the Chinese?



Southern Baptists Training CHRISTIAN LEADERS in the Far East

Moving in to give an old civilization the gospel so new to them requires winning a national leadership. Missionaries will learn the language, but those who know the traditions and thinking of their own people as does Miss Mary Chen, can best interpret the divine message. Theirs must be adequate training for devote young men and women called of God to be leaders strong to turn from the old way.

Mr. Harold Reeves (below) working in the student center is used of the Lord to find his leaders. The verse is John 3:16 in Thai.



The "Baptist Theological center" has moved from a fore-front building into more space in this large old-style Thai house. Bicycles carry students out to reach, to lead young people's meetings for Sunday school and location Bible school. Hours are given to study of the Bible, church history, evangelism and religious education for these students who are the builders of a Baptist missionary in Thailand.

Pictures at right—Southern Baptist Seminary in Bangkok, students are cleaning bicycles used in field work, studying on the porch where there may be a little breeze, in the classroom with Glenn Morris, president of the seminary.

Photos by Nao Yung



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Program Along the Elephant Trail

From material sent by our missionaries in Thailand

Program Plans

Enlarge the inside cover map of Thailand if necessary, for all the WMS to see. Or let each woman bring her own Royal Service. You need a map to show where Thailand is in relation to other countries. Also, use a world map with Thailand outlined to show up clearly. Give time to really look at and talk about the pictures on pages 20-29.

Make elephant cutouts of gray construction paper and attach brief items to them to distribute to women to read. Use elephant pattern on page 18.

Thailand is a land of many delicious fruits so serve a fruit punch, fruit salad, or fresh fruits in any form.

Additional Reading

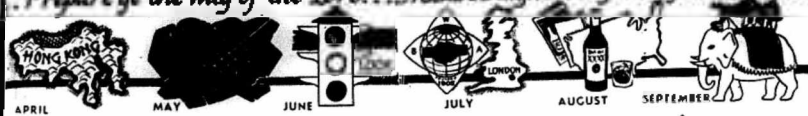
Anna and the King of Siam, by Margaret Landon, \$5.00; School Edition, \$2.48
Face of Asia, by James Michener, \$3.50
New Nations of Southeast Asia, Headline Series, Number 110, price 35c
 "Buddha, 'The Enlightened One,'" *Reader's Digest*, July, 1955

Program Outline

Select missionary hymns for this program
 Did You Ever See an Elephant?
 Deep Tracks of Tradition
 Sad Way of Superstition
 Southern Baptists Enter Thailand
 Other Christian Missions
 Opportunities—Unlimited!
 Psalm 115:1-8; 16:18

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Faces reveal character whatever their color, wherever people live in the world, as do these in Thailand.

be cultivated. Perhaps this is one reason the Thai (Tie) are a happy people.

7. More than 50 per cent of the people can read. That leaves more than 60 per cent illiterate. But the warm climate and fertile country keep most people fed, and "mai pen rai" (*my hen rye*) meaning "it does not matter" is the spirit of Thailand.

8. The Thai are so old they can look on Babylonians, Assyrians, Egyptians as children. Thailand is clearly mentioned in Chinese history in B. C. 2208, but is thought to go back before 3400 B.C. Some scholars think they can prove the Thai were a nation before Moses was born.

Deep Tracks of Tradition

Buddhism has been the state religion in Thailand for long generations and the king is "Defender of the Faith," yet there is religious liberty.

Buddhism teaches a method of escape from life's miseries. It holds to a belief in transmigration by which every life is a cycle of birth and death so nothing must be killed. The future existence is settled by behaviour in the present. Every act which has any consequence should be avoided; every desire should be suppressed. Buddha did not claim to be a god, but people worship him and pray to him now.

Alone one night sitting cross-legged under a bo tree, Buddha thought out the Four Noble Truths as the psychological solution of the cause and cure of evil. These Four Noble Truths are:

1. All existence brings suffering.
2. All suffering is caused by indulging in desire.
3. So all suffering will stop when all desire ceases.
4. While still living every one should follow the Noble Eightfold Path.



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CONTRAST in Bangkok—A boy presents his offering to a god supposedly strong in healing power, while other children learn about Jesus the Great Physician.



"What is the real aim of Buddha's doctrine or the purpose of being a Buddhist? To gain salvation from misery through the extinction of the threefold thirst: (1) sensual craving, (2) craving for existence, (3) craving for wealth and power, by practicing the Noble Eightfold Path in the right manner, as taught by the Buddha."

The "Noble Eightfold Path" is Right Knowledge, Right Intention, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Attentiveness, Right Concentration.

The Buddhist teachings permeate the entire life of Thailand. Plays and classical dramas are based on legends in connection with the gods.

Every morning the saffron-robed monks leave their temple schools with empty bowls. They go from house to house receiving rice and fruit and other foods, and often the lotus flower, for the day. Every boy spends three months as a monk; he may continue longer, even all his life.

There are many festivals observed by all. The king pays at least four formal visits to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Three are to change the attire of the twenty-four inch idol. One visit is the celebration of the nativity, attainment, and death of Gautama Buddha. This comes at the full moon in late May. The king lights candles to Buddha in the royal chapel and with a lighted candle in his hand leads a procession of the royal family and government officials round the Temple of the Emerald

Buddha three times. Then thousands of people also with lighted tapers follow, making a gorgeous sight.

Another great celebration in all the temples over the country is at the end of Buddhist lent in October. Annual gifts, including new robes, are taken to the temples. The king will go to some royal monastery in his royal motor car and take his gifts while processions of people in festival dress carry their gifts to the temples. In Bangkok there are over three hundred temples. These are not single buildings but temple areas with many exquisite pavilions.

The buildings are often covered with rosettes of brightly colored pieces of porcelain, with colored, gilded or red lacquer tiled roofs, the ends curved in the shape of the Naga (the sacred snake), with Gables of Garuda (mythic birds) or snakes. Court yards are slabs of marble laid in geometrical design.

Towers or pillars are often covered with mosaics of colored glass and enamel which catch the sunlight hues and create a fairy land of beauty. Doors will be decorated with another of pearl designs on lacquer.

The tower of the Temple of the Dawn stands 213 feet high, supported by a series of terraces with steps which lead past images of Buddha in different positions. The tower is made of bits of colored figured china set in plaster in rosettes climbing upward to a point shining and exquisite in the early or late writhings of sun light.

There are Buddhas everywhere, sitting, standing, hands folded, one hand uplifted, two hands held up, a thin emaciated statue showing Buddha after he fasted forty days. The images are made of wood, of bronze, of alabaster, of precious gems, of gold, of silver. Everywhere the image of Buddha is seen surrounded by disciples, by temple guards of animals, or grotesque mythological figures.

Buddhas or alms are given to make merit. Prayers gain merit. Hope rests on piling up credit which may lift one from a lower to a higher level of life. Good deeds are done not for service, not as an expression of love, but to gain merit.

Thailand is the strongest Buddhist country in the world. How can one think of turning from the worship of Buddha?

Sad Way of Superstition

On top of and around the worship of Buddha is woven the fear of evil spirits. Spirit houses are seen in front of almost every house (see page 22). A new one may be set up beside an old one. Offerings are put in the new one, but the old one still stands as silent witness of its own uselessness.

Strange that people will still offer fruits and flowers to the spirits? Yes, but stranger that Christians have not told them the true way of Christ.

Southern Baptists Enter Thailand

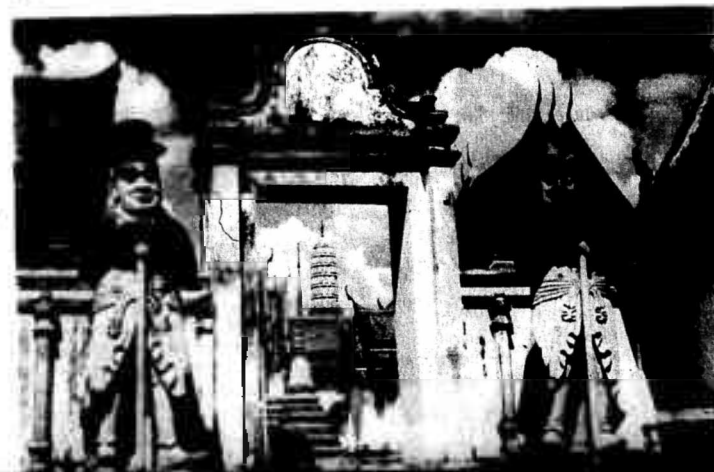
Yet Buddhists have no assurance of salvation.

*"No one saves us but ourselves,
No one can and no one may;
We ourselves must tread the Path,
Buddha only shows the way."*

When missionaries could not remain in China, they could go to the Chinese in Thailand. Two couples went in 1919. Now there are 24 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Thailand and work has spread to the Thai people.

There is a seminary (see page 29). There is the beginning of a Baptist book store. It opened in September, 1953, in the front window of a Chinese chapel. After a year and a half, business had grown so that there just had to be more space. For \$300 a frame building with a nice sized sales room and a stock room was built on the street by the front gate of the new seminary building. A sign invites passers-by to come in and read or buy. A gracious Chinese young woman, Miss Wilma Chui, who was converted in our Baptist Girls' High School in Canton in the "stall" Japanese aggression brought her family back to Bangkok before she finished college and she is one of the four Chinese charter members of Grace Baptist Church. She is lan-

In area of the Sleeping Buddha, these temple guards "frighten" away evil spirits.



gauge teacher, translator, church worker, helper in the library as well as book store clerk.

There were youth retreats in rented cottages at the beach last summer. Three days for Thai young people, and four days for Chinese brought wonderful opportunity for deepening the spiritual life of these young Christians. Fifteen, two Thai and thirteen Chinese, dedicated themselves for the ministry or Christian service.

With so few missionaries we can learn their names and their specific tasks.

(Put names on blackboard or poster in advance and show them now. Point to name as tell of work. See pictures in this Royal Service, see Missionary Album, price \$3, from your Baptist Book Store. Notice that Southern Baptists center their work in only four cities now.)

Harold Reeves has been pastor of the one organized Thai Southern Baptist church, known as Immanuel Baptist Church in Bangkok; he has resigned to concentrate on the language before his full-time comes. Mrs. Reeves is in charge of the Thai Student Center in which the Immanuel church meets.

Glen Morris is pastor of Grace Baptist Church of seventy members where the Mandarin language of China is used. This membership includes members in two Chinese chapels in Bangkok and the chapel at Ayuthia. Dr. Morris is full-time professor in the seminary for both Chinese and Thai. Mrs. Morris opened and directs the Baptist book store.

Miss Margie Shumate opened New Hope Baptist Chapel in October, 1953, in a rented three-story building. The first floor is rented for services, the second floor is Miss Shumate's home, the third floor is classroom and recreation room combined. On Sunday, classes must also be held on the second floor. New Hope Baptist Church was organized in October, 1951, with sixteen members.

Miss Mary Frances Gould also teaches in the seminary, works in Immanuel church, and has charge of the Thai Sunday school held on Sunday afternoon in Grace Baptist Church. Her major work is with the publishing of Sunday school material and leaflets in Thai language. She has trained one full-time helper and two rooms of her

home see the beginning of Southern Baptist publication work in the Thai language. Literature for Chinese churches is bought from the Baptist Press in Hong Kong, but Thai literature must be produced.

Mr. Ronald Hill teaches in the seminary once a week. He has opened a new chapel at Cholburi where he and his family live in a city of 50,000. There are only two small Chinese evangelical churches in the entire province of 211,000 people. Mrs. Hill uses her music in evangelistic work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spear, are learning Thai language and helping in the Immanuel church.

Mr. Cobb also assists Miss Hudgins in the Nonthuri chapel and preaches once a month through an interpreter in Ratchuri where a new center is to be opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Lennon, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cline are new appointees going out this summer and fall.

Mr. Deaver Lawton is pastor of New Hope church and preaches and teaches classes in Hai Tien Lou Chapel and Rong Liang Dek Chapel, all three centers for the Chinese, of whom there are 500,000 in Bangkok. Mrs. Lawton helps in two of these centers and in the Thai Student Center. They are at present on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Russell have charge of the chapel in the ancient Siam capital, Ayuthia—Southern Baptists' only missionaries among that population of 25,000 in a province of 400,000 most of whom have never heard of Jesus Christ. Mr. Russell often takes a Thai interpreter, rents a boat, and goes among the people preaching the gospel over a loud-speaker and distributing tracts.

Miss Jennell Greer teaches in the seminary and with Mr. Lawton's help keeps a chapel going. She is now on furlough.

Miss Frances Hudgins teaches in the seminary, and has charge of the Nonthuri chapel.

Prayer for the missionaries by name, for the phases of work.

Other Christian Missions

Southern Baptists are not alone in taking the gospel to Thailand. American Baptists minister through the oldest evangelical church in the Orient, a Swatow-speaking Baptist church. This Chinese Baptist



CONTRAST in Ayuthia—The photographer gets some attention but the broken idol cannot hear or heed his whispers. Children are learning about clean hearts in our chapel. Loud-speaker is necessary because of street noises.

church was organized in 1837 by William Dean, a Baptist missionary from America. After his service, the church clung together with Chinese pastors. In the past few years thirteen American (Northern) Baptist missionaries have been assigned to Thailand.

Back in 1818 Ann Hasseltine Judson in Burma heard about Siamese (name then used) and longed for them also to know Christ. Tombstone she studied the language and translated her husband's catechism and a Christian tract and the Gospel of Matthew. The catechism and tract were published and sent into the country. But Baptists did not follow them with missionaries to the Thai people.

Presbyterians began their witness in Thailand in 1810; they have long established and highly influential schools and hospitals. When China was closed to missionaries, some one hundred missionaries were transferred to Thailand by the China Inland Mission, now called the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance is the third largest mission. The Christian Church Mission, the Tribes Mission, the World's Evangelization Crusade, some Pentecostal groups, the Seventh Day Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses are some of the other missions. The American Bible Society has a flourishing and indispensable work in Thailand.

Opportunities—Unlimited!

This is the day of the open door in Thailand and what are our prospects for seizing this day of opportunity and making it Christ's day of salvation?

We need more evangelistic missionaries who will be ready in heart and in language to preach—on the street, along the canals, in the rented chapels, anywhere! There is need for medical work. There should be more missionaries in publication work. How the seminary needs teachers! The Macedonian call sounds loud from Thailand!

The work is real pioneer effort; results seem slow yet 113 have joined Southern Baptist churches since 1919. Grace church young people's and adult organizations used the Week of Prayer materials last December and have sent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Richmond for two years now. But WMC and Training Union and Sunday schools need promotional missionaries.

Property is very expensive and securing permission to buy requires long patience. Building will be costly. But shall Southern Baptists not serve the Lord well in Thailand? Shall we not do for love of our Lord more than people who bow before idols and try to pile up merit?

Read Psalm 117:1-2, 16-18.

New Books to Read

BY MRS. A. F. CRITTENDON

SEPTEMBER MONKEY

by Induk Pakk
Harper and Brothers, price \$3.

This is a strange title, but it is the story of how Christian missions played a very large and important part in the development of a most remarkable woman. The author, Mrs. Induk Pakk, a native of North Korea, had been terribly confused in her early life by the teachings of a Buddhist mother and a scholarly Confucian father. Yet the power of God was at work lifting her life above fear and superstition to happiness and usefulness.

The birth of a daughter was a great disappointment to her parents. Noting that she was born in the year of the monkey, the father mused, "If only this baby were a boy what a great career he would have." The mother smiled and said, "She is a 'September Monkey,' she will be very clever." So to balance this, the mother gave her a feminine name, Induk, meaning "virtuous woman," and went about preparing her for the ordeal of experience of an education.

It is a delight to discover the strong influence Christian missionaries had exerted in many areas of Korea. Induk's mother accepted Christ and started out to make a new life for herself and her children. The daughter early proved her ability to learn, but there were no schools for girls. The wisdom displayed in combating this hindrance is thrilling. In Christ she was free and became very courageous. Many Scriptures, memorized in her youth, helped her in times of crisis, especially in prison and near starvation.

After an unfortunate marriage, a renewed dedication to God opened doors of opportunity to world travel and speaking engagements in many countries. In 1928-29 she was with the Student Volunteer movement, where her many personal contacts with missionary leaders and volunteers were most encouraging.

Back with her family in Korea, she found that being bound by age-old concepts and traditions was the worst of all burdens.

Order these books from your Baptist Book Store.

She had learned that the most precious thing in the world is freedom and determined to devote her life to securing it in and for her native land. This book will be enjoyed for its intimate personal narrative and valued for the insight it gives into conditions in present day Korea.

SO STRONG OUR FAITH

by Clem Hardy
Baylor University Press, price \$1.00.

I could wish that every Southern Baptist home owned a copy of *So Strong Our Faith* and that every Southern Baptist would read this interesting and thrilling story. Here are experiences of Clem and Ethel Hardy, Southern Baptist missionaries in the Amazon Valley of Brazil, following the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Nelson.

One cannot avoid sharing the disappointments, loneliness, opposition, and privations of these pioneer missionaries as the story unfolds. Even the casual reader will feel the spiritual thrills of the victories accomplished and will feel abundantly repaid for reading this enriching story of Southern Baptist mission work in South America.

Young people will be challenged by Mr. Hardy's experiences at Baylor University and will especially enjoy the chapter entitled, "Baylor and Romance."

Mr. Hardy's first missionary journey in Brazil is recorded as a fascinating diary giving a day by day report of his missionary labors for a month. The reader feels that she is walking by his side and participating in these experiences.

The missionary attributes the success and progress of work in Brazil to the fact that one language, Portuguese, is spoken in all of Brazil, and to the great help of our Rio Publishing House which supplies needed denominational literature for the people.

Emphasis throughout the book is upon overcoming difficulties through faith. All things are possible with God. By faith, doors open and victories follow.

Pray Ye

by Mrs. Elmer W. Brillhart, Oklahoma

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

1 Thursday "Let us follow after the things which make for peace"—Rom. 14:19 Mrs. James P. Kirk, Vitoria, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. C. L. Neel, Mexico, em.

2 Friday "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"—John 14:27 Rev. Robert D. Buss, Ceboilla, N.M., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. Ted Dowell, Taejon, Korea, Mrs. William R. Narman, Oyo, Nigeria, Dr. A. B. Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *Mrs. Robert L. Harris, Lima, Peru, ev., Mrs. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile, ed. evs. Rev. J. Bryan Brasington, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.

3 Saturday "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding"—Prov. 14:29 Mrs. Harold Clark, Singapore, Malaya, *Rev. B. P. Emanuel, Takamatsu, Japan, ev., Mrs. W. O. Hern, Beirut, Lebanon, RN

4 Sunday "Delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth"—Isa. 58:14 Dr. A. L. Iglesias, Ailigand, Panama, Rev. Charles Whitten, Madrid, Spain, Rev. Walter T. Hunt, Cotabata, Philippines, ev., Rev. Ralph Davis, Port Harcourt, ed. ev., *Mrs. E. M. Howell, Warri, Nigeria, RN, Rev. W. R. Glass, China, em.

5 Monday "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits"—Psalm 68:19 Rev. Bruce R. Conrad, Newkirk, Okla., ev. among Indians, *Rev. Ralph T. Bowlin, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, *Dr. G. A. Bowdler, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mrs. E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, ev., Miss Pauline White, Jaguaguara, Brazil, ed. ev., Rev. W. B. Sherwood, Brazil, em.

6 Tuesday "Give, and it shall be given unto you"—Luke 8:35 Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., Cel Galvao, Rey. J. L. Garrett, Recife, ev., Miss Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. Homer A. Brown, Ibadan, Nigeria, Rev. Tucker Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., *Miss Virginia Miles, Mati, Philippines, RN

7 Wednesday "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give

you rest"—Matt. 11:28 Rev. Eddie Sanchez, Eagle Pass, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Rev. P. A. Cline, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Frank H. Connelly, Tokyo, Japan, ev., Mrs. T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev., Mrs. L. C. Smith, HMB, em.

8 Thursday "Love is the fulfilling of the law"—Rom. 13:10 Rev. C. F. Frazier, HMB, em., Rev. Abel Tamez, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish, Rev. William P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, Mrs. Paul S. Cullen, Eku, Nigeria, ev.

9 Friday "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants"—Psalm 34:22 Mrs. Emily Barry, Los Angeles, Calif., ed. ev. among Spanish, Miss Mildred Womack, Miami, Fla., GWC, Mrs. C. A. Leonard, China, em.

10 Saturday "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men"—Eph. 6:7 Miss Margaret Vail, New Orleans, La., GWC, Rev. Leland Warren, Las Vegas, N. M., ev. among Spanish, Rev. W. Neville Claxton, Yaba, Nigeria, ed. ev.

11 Sunday "Be clothed with humility"—1 Pet. 5:5 Rev. Irvin Dawson, Sacramento, Calif., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Clyde Hart, Little Rock, Ark., ev. among Negroes, Rev. Harvey Headrick, Maringa, Brazil, ev.

12 Monday "Evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth"—Psalm 37:9 Mrs. E. E. Evans, Anchorage, Alaska, *Mrs. Buford E. Coekrum, Jr., Ogbomoshu, ev., Miss Amanda Tinkle, Shaki, Nigeria, RN, Dr. F. T. Woodward, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev., Rev. Fay Askew, Parana, Argentina, ed. ev., Mrs. Lonnie Brock, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rev. Carl Halvarson, Takamatsu, ev., Rev. Ralph V. Calcote, Kokura, Japan, Mr. H. H. Snuggs, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev., Mrs. Dewey Mercer, Tokyo, Japan, lan. st.

13 Tuesday "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"—Gal. 5:25 Rev. Eddie Savoie, Jennings, La., ev. among French

"Prayer is the most neglected of all the Christian ministries."

14 Wednesday "The Lord will command lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me"—Psalm 42:8 Mrs. Behrman A. Ducote, Morgan City, La., ev. among French, Rev. Elton Moore, Bandung, Indonesia, lan. st., Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed. ev., Miss Virginia Terry, Recife, Brazil, sec. ev.

15 Thursday "He that walketh uprightly walketh surely"—Prov. 10:9 Mrs. Russell Bowren, Gallup, N. M., ev. among Indians, Miss Troy Cunningham, East St. Louis, Ill., GWC, Rev. E. E. Ramirez, Cuero, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Mrs. R. M. Farham, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed. ev., Rev. R. C. Sherer, Kobe, Japan, Rev. William Graves, Santa Fe, Argentina, ev., Rev. William P. Carter, Jr., San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st., Rev. C. F. Stapp, Brazil, Miss Florence Jones, China, Mrs. J. B. Parker, HMB, em.

16 Friday "Thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever"—Psalm 102:12 Mrs. Audley Hamrick, Magdalena, N. M., ev. among Indians, Rev. Pedro A. Hernandez, San Jose, Calif., ev. among Spanish, Rev. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev., Rev. E. M. Cross, Manila, Philippines, ev., Miss Wilma Weeks, Surabaya, Indonesia, ed. ev., Mrs. T. J. League, China, em.

17 Saturday "Walk worthy of the Lord being fruitful in every good work"—Col. 1:10 Mrs. Robert Sieg, Oklahoma City, Rev. Fred A. Bloomer, Strong City, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. Jose Ramirez, Bakersfield, Calif., ev. among Spanish, Dr. J. E. Low, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD, Rev. James K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, ev.

18 Sunday "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts"—Col. 3:15 Mrs. Camara Guerra, San Benito, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Wiley Henton, Globe, Ariz., field worker, HMB, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Japan, em., Mrs. John C. Denton, Anchorage, Alaska, *Mrs. Lorne E. Brown, Ajloun, Jordan, Mrs. J. Wilson Ross, Torreón, Mexico, Rev. W. E. Craighead, Encarnación, Paraguay, ev., *Rev. J. B. Durham, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed. ev.

19 Monday "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"—Psalm 46:1 *Mrs. James E. Wood, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev.

20 Tuesday "Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his counte-

nance"—Psalm 42:5 Mr. Charles B. Lewis, Natchez, Miss., ed. ev. among Negroes, Mrs. Frank B. Owen, Bandung, Indonesia, lan. st., Mrs. Stanley E. Ray, Ibadan, pub. ev., Mr. Orville W. Taylor, Nigeria, ed. ev.

21 Wednesday "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"—Heb. 13:5 Rev. George Wilson, Albuquerque, N. M., ev. among Indians, Mr. M. W. Walker, Harpers Ferry, W. Va., ed. ev. among Negroes, Rev. Enrique Pina, Havana, Cuba, ev., Miss Irene Jeffers, Hsin Chu, Taiwan, ed. ev., Miss Carolyn Cate, Ajloun, Jordan, lan. st., Mrs. J. L. Hart, Chile, Mrs. G. Lee Phelps, HMB, em.

22 Thursday "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"—Prov. 3:5 Rev. Reinaldo Medina, San Juan y Martínez, Cuba, ev., Mrs. J. D. Crane, Torreón, Mexico, ed. ev., Miss Eva Mae Eldridge, Nigeria, RN

23 Friday "Your love may abound yet more and more"—Phil. 1:9 Pray for all Southern Baptist chaplains as they serve in the various branches of the armed forces. Pray for students as this new school year begins. Pray that many will feel led to answer the call as mission volunteers.

24 Saturday "All unrighteousness is sin"—1 John 5:17 Mrs. Merced Becerra, Hondo, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish, Miss Jewell Morriscotte, Mobile, Ala., ev. among Negroes, Miss Edith Vaughn, Recife, Brazil, Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, Djakarta, Indonesia, ev., Miss Lucy Smith, Tokyo, Japan, sec. ev.

25 Sunday "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints"—Psalm 149:1 Mr. C. T. Paige, Memphis, Tenn., ed. ev. among Negroes, Mrs. Milton Leach, Jr., Miami, Fla., Mrs. Julian Reyna, Truth or Consequences, N. M., ev. among Spanish, Rev. Cleofas Castano, Jacomino, Cuba, ev., Miss Lillie Mae Hundley, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.

26 Monday "A vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work"—2 Tim. 2:21 Rev. Paul E. Sanderson, Belem, Brazil, ev., Miss Martha Tanner, Ibadan, sec. ev., *Miss Hazel Moon, Iwo, Nigeria, RN, Mrs. D. D. Cooper, HMB, em.

27 Tuesday "God hath chosen the weak

Can Ayisatu Become a Giant? (from page 5)

justify themselves in the eyes of Moslems, these people drove her away from the compound, branding her a thief.

Bewildered, crying, not knowing what to do or where to go, she turned to the missionaries. A missionary went with her to Rev. Ige's house since he is the pastor of the Ijeru Baptist Church in Ogbomoso. Rev. Ige said, "I think one of my members will allow her to live in his home with his family." When they reached Mr. Ogunjumo's house, he said, "Surely the Lord

things of the world to confound the things which are mighty"—1 Cor. 1:27 *Mrs. Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *Mrs. D. F. Stamps, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev., Mrs. J. C. Powell, Oyo, Nigeria, Rev. Nelson Rodriguez, Carlos Rojas, Cuba, Mr. Jose Perez, Ailigandi, Panama, ev., Rev. Juan B. Ferrer, Mrs. Paul C. Bell, Sr., HMB, em.

28 Wednesday "God shall hear"—Psalm 55:18 Miss Mildred Matthews, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev., Mrs. Bert Archbold, La Chorrera, Panama, ev., Mrs. W. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN, Miss One Belle Cox, Manaus, Brazil, Miss Fern Harrington, Baguio, Philippines, ed. ev., Rev. Daniel R. Cobb, Bangkok, Thailand, lan. st., Mrs. C. F. Clark, Kyoto, Japan, RN

29 Thursday "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing he deceiveth himself"—Gal. 6:3 Mrs. Ralph Davis, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ed. ev., Mrs. D. M. Regalado, La Feria, Tex., ev. among Spanish, Miss Mabel Malone, McAlester, Okla., ev. among Indians, Miss Ondina Maristany, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev.

30 Friday "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"—Heb. 11:1 Mr. E. W. Beasley, Los Angeles, Calif., ev. among Negroes, Rev. S. A. Candal, Birmingham, Ala., ev. among Italians, Miss Lillie Rogers, Singapore, Malaya, ed. ev., Dr. W. C. Taylor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

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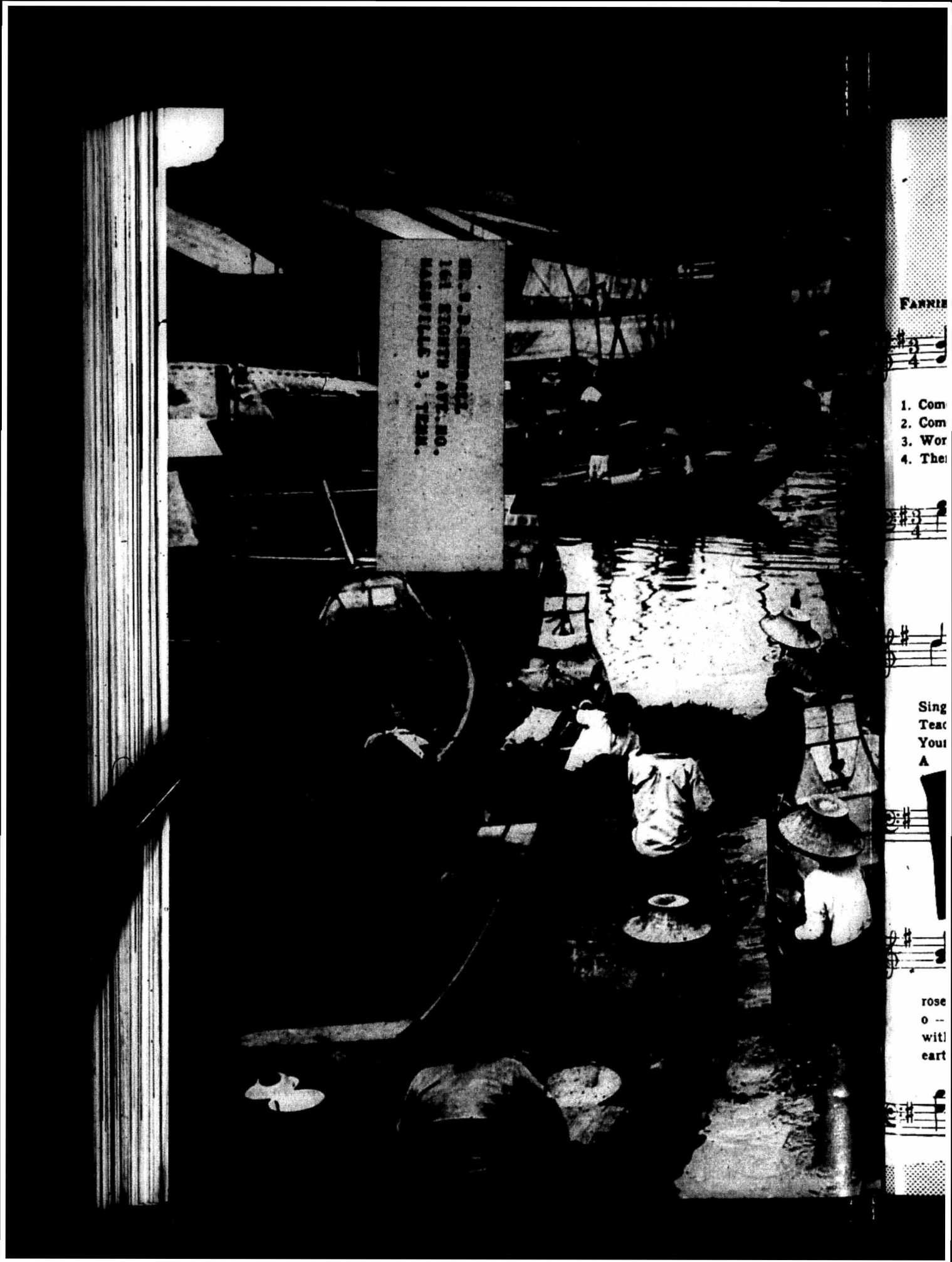
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has heard my prayer. I have just been praying that I might help this woman in some way. She is truly welcome to my home. She may have her own room and parlor, and she may stay as long as she likes as my guest."

Soon she faced her first test. Alhaji came to take her back to Oyo. Though he had been approached about becoming a Christian, this Moslem leader had always said, "It would never do for me, a man who has been to Mecca, to become a Christian!" He let it be known that he would do everything in his power to persuade Ayisatu to renounce the Christian faith. They left for Oyo on Friday. There was to have been a meeting of Moslem leaders on Sunday for the purpose of convincing Ayisatu that she could not be a Christian.

All of Ayisatu's Christian friends were burdened for her. How could this convalescent woman, knowing so little about Christ, stand up to the hounding of Moslem leaders? The missionaries, fearing for her safety, visited the Oyo compound the following week end. The husband was away at Lagos. Ayisatu met the missionaries, throwing her arms around them, welcoming them into her small room. She told them that the Moslem leaders had failed to appear on Sunday. The wives had taunted her with such questions as, "Why don't you go back to your white friends? Let them support you!" Her husband had tried to make her pray in the Moslem way; she had refused to do so. He, in turn, had forbidden her the privilege of attending church.

Ayisatu quietly continues witnessing for Christ, though her opportunities are few. Her husband is baffled by the change in his little wife from Mecca. Who knows but that he, too, may yet find Christ as Saviour and Lord? Ayisatu welcomes every visit of Christians to her Oyo home. Says she, "I am one of you now. In Christ I have found new friends and eternal life." Little Ayisatu, dainty and fragile, needs your prayers that as the days come and go she may grow into a giant for the Lord Jesus, bringing light into that sinful be-nighted Moslem quarter of Oyo.



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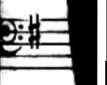
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