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Juliette Mather, Youth Leader, Editor

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Miss Juliette Mather, Miss Ethel Winfield and Miss Kathleen Mallory worked together in Woman's Missionary Union from 1921 to 1948.

At Miss Mather's last YWA Camp in 1948, girls presented her with a wrist watch.



After 1948, busy as editorial secretary, her desk was always piled high with materials for all publications of WMU.



Early days of YWA Camp at Ridge. Below: In 1935, leaders included Mrs. F.W. Armistead (left) and Miss Mather (rear, bow in hand).



IN JAPAN MISS MATHER SEES HER

Cherished Dream Fulfilled

by Alma Hunt

FROM at home and home lands beyond the seas have come questions like these:

"What will WMU do without Miss Mather?" "Didn't you regret to lose Miss Mather?" "Won't you miss her?"

You who are members of Woman's Missionary Societies all over the world know that we have to make all sorts of adjustments in our work here at Southern Union headquarters because Miss Mather left us on January 31, 1957.

Do we regret to see Miss Mather go? Yes and no. Surely we miss her bright smile and contagious laughter, her ever-present willingness to go on and on beyond the call of duty that her work and ours would be acceptable. We shall be missing her great store of knowledge about mission work and the missionaries of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Then, there is the enthusiasm with which she met each new task, feeling beforehand that the impossible is altogether possible. The list could go on. You ask us if we regret to see Miss Mather go. When we think on these things only more, the answer is an emphatic

But when we saw the twinkle in Miss Mather's eyes as we talked about her going to Japan, when we pause to remember that she chose to retire at the minimum age in order to see her missionary dream come true, then we say with conviction, no, we do not regret to see her go. Few there are who can serve so long and widely as Miss Mather, and then take up a cherished dream and see it fulfilled.

From Miss Mather's early youth missions has been her heart song. When she stopped off in Japan on her round-the-world missionary journey in 1953, the tug of Japan upon her heart was overwhelming so that the mission's invitation extended formally in 1955 fitted into her plans of retirement.

She sails from our shores on March 15, her destination is Seinan Gakuin, our Baptist University at Fukuoka where she will teach English. The same fine qualities of mind and spirit which Miss Mather has used in God's mission enterprise here at home will also bear wide witness in Japan, we are sure.

Graduating from WMU Training School in April 1921, Miss Mather came to be

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Woman's Missionary Union's young people's secretary.

From the first she showed a pioneering spirit and a great capacity to inspire young people to give themselves to the mission task. Young lives grow taller when their leaders hold the call of Jesus as the ultimate in happiness and achievement. It is as Christian youth reach beyond themselves that they respond with enthusiasm to dedicate their talents to remote as well as to nearby challenges. Perhaps this ability so to inspire youth is Miss Mather's great contribution to Southern Baptist life through the years, while she served as young people's secretary from 1921 to 1948 and as editorial secretary from 1948 to 1957.

My own life bears testimony to Miss Mather's influence in the lives of young people. Shortly after I became acquainted with her at Ridgercrest YWA Conference she began to talk with me about entering WMU work. Thirteen and one-half years elapsed from the time she first talked with me until I became executive secretary. Never during that long period of time did she let go her idea. She talked with me whenever we met, in the interim she prayed; never did she allow more than six months to pass without writing a letter in which she reminded me of her hope that some day I would come into WMU work. What she did for me she did for others.

The missionary education of young people was an absorbing and urgent concern of Woman's Missionary Union at the time Miss Mather accepted God's call to use her talents for WMU youth. Because of her efforts as a pioneer there has developed through the years an extensive program as she worked closely with committees, with WMU executive and youth secretaries, and with many in local churches. Successful local, associational, and state plans have been promoted on a convention-wide scale as Woman's Missionary Union has maintained her grassroots contacts which characterized Baptist women even before formal organization in 1888.

Through publication of WMU literature and magazines Woman's Missionary Union

has realized a wide influence in countless lives awakened to world missions. Much of the responsibility for launching the youth magazines rested upon Miss Mather: *World Comrades* in 1922, *The Window of YWA* in 1929, *Ambassador Life* in 1946, *Tell* and *Sunbeam Activities* in 1953. She always kept an open mind as to ways of improving Woman's Missionary Union's graded missionary education promotional materials.

Miss Mather served through Woman's Missionary Union for thirty-five years and seven months. Her length of service is exceeded only by that of Miss Kathleen Mallory who was executive secretary of WMU for thirty-six years and with whom Miss Mather was co-worker from 1921 until 1948.

Yes, we must think of Miss Mather's leaving in the light of her illustrious service to God's missionary enterprise through Woman's Missionary Union.

To the women and youth of Japan we frankly admit our regret that Miss Mather will no longer serve with us at Woman's Missionary Union headquarters. But we sped her on her way, realizing that our Japanese friends will be blessed immeasurably by her radiant, Christian witness.



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OUR COVER—Miss Juliette Mather, secretary of the department of publications since 1948, retired from Woman's Missionary Union in January. She sails on March 15 to teach in our Baptist boys' school in Japan. Her address will be Seinan Gakuin, Nishijin-machi, Fukuoka, Japan. Through her leadership Royal Service has prospered; subscriptions have reached \$15,000. The combined circulation of all WMU magazines is now 577,000. Just as her ability and guidance have led to progress in WMU publications, so may her knowledge and her radiant Christian love be evidenced in Japan. (See story on page 1.)

Photo by Jimmy Wilson, Birmingham

Love Does the Impossible Through Good Will Centers

by Mrs. Noble Beall

You are about to read some true life stories. They all happened in your Good Will Centers. Lives were changed and a great Saviour given his chance to work through them.

"The Good Will Center meant everything to me. It was the only home I ever knew," explained a strong Baptist pastor. He had been pushed out into life, sink or swim, live or die. The center meant love and guidance, a sense of security and belonging. It meant opportunity to earn enough money to provide for himself. Through Bible study, group work, and personal guidance he found a Saviour and a calling. It meant for him an education for through the center came a scholarship. Yes, it meant everything to him.

"God saw the need in my life and created your Good Will Center"—telegram to missionaries on the fortieth anniversary of the center. It had been necessary for her mother to work away from home when she was a child. Every morning at seven she was left at the day nursery. They were happy days for every child loved it. After she was too old for the nursery she became a part of the club life of each age group. The deep religious background of all her training led her to accept Christ as Saviour

early in life. The missionaries taught her to love her church and a lost world. She never fails to thank the center for her life in Christ.

"The center missionaries were the first ever to visit my home with a spiritual interest in me and my family. Not one member of my large family had ever accepted Christ as Saviour. Now there are four generations of Christians"—testimony of a great grandmother. She explained that they were seeking better living conditions, better schools, but did not know how to find a better faith to live by. The workers at the center went to them as friends. They practiced Christianity as well as taught it. Through such channels as Bible study, personal witnessing, group work, they came to see Christ as the answer to their need. They were led to the nearest Baptist church for membership and became a powerful influence in their community.

"I did not understand the message of the church until I went to the center. I almost despised church members"—a young Naval officer. He came to the Bible class for servicemen. Step by step he was led to a personal faith in Christ. He soon fell in love with a young woman who came to help with the recreational activities in part of her community missions, directed by her YWA. He came to understand that churches do care and the center was seek-

ing to show that love through this Bible-centered program. They were married in the center. The wedding was planned and cared for by the Woman's Missionary Union of the local church. They give all of their spare time to witnessing and teaching the other young couples near them. Many have been won and baptized into the local church through their influence.

"I was lifted out of the mire into the choir," said a teenager. He lived in a housing project near the Good Will Center. Because of other children in the crowded home, the chances were slim for "Tip." He got into serious trouble. He was at dead-end street, bound for somebody's prison. Because the director of the center had worked closely with the police and the judge of juvenile court, she was called. The Baptist Brotherhood joined in her effort to rescue him. He was paroled in care of a strong Baptist layman. Through the recreational program, the Bible study, and the fatherly guidance of the layman, "Tip's" was led to Christ, to school, and to safety. His love for his church, and his new life are indeed a miracle of grace.

"How does a fellow know when God is calling him to preach?" asked a young Jew. His little boy learned many passages of Scripture at kindergarten and went home quoting them over and over. It was all right with his parents until he came home saying, "I learned today that God so loved this world that he gave his only begotten Son and that whosoever believed on him should not perish but have eternal life." This was too much. The father became irritated and insisted that the missionaries at the center were unfair in teaching his child such heresy. They explained, "We must teach it for we believe it with all our hearts." He took the New Testament to study for himself. God's promise came true! The Holy Spirit went along with the words of the Bible, dug the hole, and planted the seed of truth in the man's heart. The young Jew joyfully accepted this Christ as his Messiah. He is a faithful student in



Missionary leads group of adults in night Bible study class at a Good Will Center.

adult Bible classes in the center. Mother and son are now members with the father in the Baptist church close by.

"I went to kindergarten in your center. I know what you teach. I want my child to have the same privilege I had." The missionary did not understand for she did not know about her child. She quickly explained, "My baby is coming soon. I know your waiting list is so long." This request was from a woman whose parents came to America from a foreign land. She was one among twenty-five foreign-speaking groups within the area close to the center. Christ found her and she found Christ in this strange land. What more could she ask for her unborn child?

"Honey, if what you have is religion, I want it, too"—husband to wife. Incredible! A few months before his wife was a cynical, dissipated woman. Now here was a gentle, understanding wife. She had lost all interest in living. Now everything was alive with her new love for life. She explained how she went to the Mothers' Club to escape her boredom. There she found the Christ of the abundant life. The courses

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Daily kindergarten for preschool children is a regular program of most Good Will Centers. Mothers have sustained contact with the missionaries who lead many to Christ.



Women in the World

by C. Oscar Johnson

I would not say "Women of the World" because as Jesus said, they are in the world but not of it.

Everywhere I have gone I have found our Baptist women doing a great job carrying on the work of the kingdom of God. My most recent contact was in Australia where I spent four months preaching in four of the six states in Australia. In each one of these I found the women alive, active, and organized for the Lord's work.

In Sydney, I spoke to some 400 women at their united meeting. They traveled long distances to attend and eagerly they listened as we tried to tell them of their sisters scattered over most of the world, and doing a great work in each country. Interested in missions and evangelism, they respond with sacrificial giving and in personal effort to win the lost in their own area.

Their groups are small in Australia, but they are dedicated to the cause of Christ. It makes a Baptist of the U. S. A. heartsick to realize that Baptists in Australia are so few that they are listed as a cult. Just a fraction over 2 1/2 per cent of church membership are Baptists. Anglicans lead, of course, with 40 per cent and Roman Catholics have 20 per cent. Various other denominations are listed on down to Baptists, and there are some others with 2 per cent and under. But the women "down under" are going to do something about it—they pray, they work, and they give.

One of the most remarkable women I met in Melbourne was the wife of one of our leaders in Victoria. She has been bedfast for nine years. As I stood by her bed and looked into her radiant face, I tried to find out something about her trouble and how she held up after so long in bed. To my chagrin, I found she did not want to talk about herself, but began asking if I had any suggestion as to what could be done about juvenile delinquency. I learned that she kept in contact with agencies of many kinds who might help in this. She also planned programs for the women of the churches. So, even though lying flat of her back now for more than nine years, she carries on for her Lord. Many others I met were serving heroically in hard places.

The women in the world are a mighty power for God and good.

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Dr. Johnson



James D. Crane
Missionary to Mexico



Margaret Silke
Soloist



James D. Soleta
Missionary to Hong Kong

In Chicago WMU Annual Meeting, May 19-21, will feature part Baptist women are playing in the Christian missions.

Voice speakers will stress opportunities and needs in all parts of the world. The 50th Anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary will be observed with a pageant, "Challenge and Response." Carver School of Missions and Social Work will celebrate its semi-centennial with a luncheon open to all women.



Finlay M. Graham
Missionary to Lebanon



John D. Hughey, Jr.
Missionary in Switzerland



Miss Doris Hawkins
Missionary to Brazil

Dr. Johnson is a favorite of Baptists anywhere in the world. He has been vice-president of our Southern Baptist Convention, president of the American Baptist Convention, and president of the Baptist World Alliance. Recently returned from a trip to Australia, he will speak at the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Chicago, May 19-21. Plan to be there.

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Streams of Living Water

by Marie Eudaly, who serves with her husband in El Paso, Texas

When Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, pioneer missionaries and founders of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, were forced by the revolution to leave Old Mexico, the Lord led them to continue the work of printing and in 1916 they settled "temporarily" in El Paso, Texas. Since that time the Publishing House has published Christian literature of all types, ranging from books to tracts, and God has used it graciously to propagate his work. The literature enters homes, villages, cities, and remote places where neither missionaries nor other Baptists have ever been.

This is one of the letters received in 1956: "Please send me samples of your literature and a catalog. I'll tell you how I found your address. You see, I'm a Catholic and last Sunday as I was waiting for my family to come out of mass from the Church of the Immaculate Heart (the address of the church followed), I found a little magazine called *Revista Evangelica* for February, 1953. I read it and like it very much and thought I would ask you to send me some other magazines or booklets that I could read. If I do not offend you, being a Catholic, I would appreciate this information as I enjoyed the *Revista Evangelica* very much."

The letter was signed by a Latin American living in one of the western states.

The words, "I was waiting for my family to come out of mass," are significant in the over-all picture of religious conditions in the Spanish-speaking world. The male population is not regularly attending the services of the Catholic churches. As a group, they are better educated than the women and they are thinking. Many of the men have left the religion of their fathers and have turned to a "vast nothingness." Their questions about spiritual matters need to be answered affirmatively. Baptists have those answers. They are published in tracts, in books that explain about the different beliefs of various religions, in quarterlies, and in other forms of printed matter.

In order to have a background for knowing what evangelicals believe, the seeking Spanish-speaking person needs to read. If all of the missionaries of every denomination attempted to explain privately and personally what they believe, it would be utterly impossible to minister to the seeking masses. The printed page is the answer if these people are to be won to the Lord.

Not long ago while distributing some literature in New Mexico, a lady said that in 1936 or 1937 she talked with Dr. Davis, at that time director of the Publishing House. He gave her literature which she took to a town in Texas where there was no organized work among the Spanish-speaking people. Her face was radiant as she said, "There is now a fully-organized church there. We just do not know what good may come from this matter of taking literature with us and distributing it."

Such notes as this on a birthday card stimulate your missionaries to do more effective work for the Lord:

"My son is a student in Oklahoma Baptist University and pastors the Spanish-American mission of the First Baptist Church of Frederick. I have seen your literature there and have used it in giving devotionals on missions in our own church here in Dallas. Then I see your name on the prayer list and when I received my Commission, there are all the very interesting pictures and the article about the Publishing House. You can be sure my prayers are with you. Happy Birthday."

One of the professors at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is recently back from Cali, Colombia, where he gave a series of lectures to the students. He reports that, although persecution is pronounced, the Baptist work progresses. Theological books, literature for the rapidly growing Sunday schools and Training Unions, tracts and gospels are being used. The service of one missionary couple is limited to distributing literature because the law will not permit organized work where they

are located. Their testimony is, "We patiently give ourselves to a seed-sowing ministry, knowing the harvest will inevitably follow."

From the hospital at Barranquilla a missionary writes:

"In our hospital an active program of evangelization is carried on through personal contacts and visitation, messages preached daily in the out-patient department, and distribution of Bibles, tracts, and Scripture portions."

The Publishing House furnishes the literature for the work that people in the States promote among the Spanish-speaking migrant workers. To some degree there is an attempt to win these laborers in the beet fields of Michigan, the cotton picking sections from Mississippi to Texas and other states, on west to the lettuce harvest in California. Often the Anglo-Americans who have a vision of this type of mission work cannot speak Spanish. They rely entirely on literature and records in Spanish.

A district missionary in Arkansas wrote in December, 1956:

"Just today I mailed to the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso the names of 510 of the fellows who made decisions in our association this year. I feel that we should do more for them (the *haceros* who harvest the crops) while they are here. They need to know what we believe and go back to Mexico with the gospel in their hearts."

"One of our local churches spent about \$1,000 on one month's work with a special missionary employed for that time. They had 128 professions but they saw each of the men five or six times. This church now has at least one mission in Mexico organized by the men who worked here and were saved in 1955. It hopes to organize some more missions after all of these conversions. The church here is to pay for the literature. If preachers in Mexico were available, this church would probably see that they had a pastor of each mission."

"I am now working on a letter to each of these 510 men. It is quite a job but it is also a wonderful opportunity. One fellow this year, back to work with us again, said that he knew me and that I had written him two years ago. The man said that



Lillian Williams witnesses to patients in the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia, and leaves a gospel tract tied to a rose.

he takes his family and they all go to the 'big church' in Monterrey, Mexico."

One laborer received a Bible while working in the harvest. He wrote Mr. Eudaly at the Publishing House that he would be happy when he got back to Mexico and could read the new book but that while he was working with many others he was permitting them to read the book because they had never seen it before and liked it and passed it from one to the other. He wanted to share it while he was with them.

In many places the Rio Grande River is completely dry and all we see as we cross the International Bridge from El Paso to Juarez, Old Mexico, is dry land. People are suffering from lack of water for crops while many, who cannot find work because of the little farming, are at the verge of starvation. We cannot manage the rainfall but Southern Baptists can do something about the "spiritual drought." If the Baptist Spanish Publishing House had more money and more personnel, more literature could be printed and distributed. If one thinks intelligently and realistically, he knows that the spread of Christianity waits upon those of us who live in the land of religious freedom and whom God has blessed in a material way.

Spiritual streams of living water can be increased until the people who are eager to know more about the God whom we worship and the Christ who saves all, can receive the printed Word.

(See December, 1956, inside covers of ROYAL SERVICE for picture story of this Baptist Spanish Publishing House.)

Christianity Is A Family Affair

by A. CLARK SCANLON, missionary in Guatemala

THIS is the story of a man and a family and a dream, and the daily sacrifice that makes that dream a possibility. Nestled high in the Guatemalan highlands stands the town of Tecpan. Its weather is cold and its people are ninety-five per cent Indian. Its life centers around the plaza that becomes a sea of tents on Thursday when the once-a-week market is held.

One block away from this central plaza lives the Rosales family. The father, Ruben, is a cultured, wide-awake, creative man with an insatiable thirst for knowledge and an unending desire to better himself. Consuelo, the mother, is an excellent cook, a self-sacrificial nurse, and a sweet Christian.

This couple has five children who are first-rate examples of the value of a Christian home. They range from 7 to 11 years of age. There are three girls, Nonota, 11, a high school student, Ligia, 11, Janet, 7, and two fine boys, Rubenito, 13, and Elie, 9.

Briefly, that is the Rosales family. But there is much more to this man and his dream. Ruben Rosales is pastor of the Baptist church in this town of Tecpan. His alert brown eyes and tremendous endurance would never show that he is prob-

ably in his late 30's or early 40's. He accepted Christ at the age of 15 in an independent church. At 16 his enthusiasm and desire to serve carried him into a walking, preaching ministry. About three years later, along with a group of young men who became the leaders of Guatemalan Baptist work, he went to the Instituto Biblico of Costa Rica.

Romance came to Ruben in the three years he studied there. Consuelo was a fair-skinned, blue-eyed girl of the classic Spanish type. At 15 she, too, had met the Saviour and now was dedicating herself to nurses' training. As a part of her course in the Christian hospital, she attended classes in the seminary. Love will have its way. The dark-eyed boy met the blue-eyed girl, and their two dreams merged into one dream of service for the Master.

Back again in Guatemala, the two served in several pastorates. There was the little Indian village of Santa Catarina. There were the perilous trips by canoe across Lake Atitlan, and the endurance of the difficult health conditions that prevailed in the lake villages of those days. They could easily write a book telling of the difficulties and the struggles they faced in fighting prejudice. But all of this was in years past; see how the dream of service is

Ruben Rosales with part of his family pose in front of Baptist church in Tecpan where he is pastor. Below: Sr. Rosales' study is the front room of their home.

expressing itself in their lives today.

As a pastor, Ruben is one of the finest. His sermons are of the highest quality. On pay day you will find him in a book shop spending his limited book budget in the wisest way possible. Once or twice a month he goes to the capital to spend a couple of days studying in the national library. As he leaves, he takes out the limit of books to read until the next time. On Sunday afternoon he has soul-winning visitation with his deacons that resulted in the conversion of thirty people last year. Consider this in a church with a membership of a little over a hundred! One day walking around the town a man told me: "Ruben could be mayor of this town if he wanted to." Such is the place of high respect that



Dona Consuelo ministers with healing hands in her men's neat home



Clark Scanlon watches Sr. Rosales in kitchen



Christianity Is A Family Affair



Janet waters flowers in the patio.



Sr. Rosales takes this bus in front of his home for trips to Guatemala City to study in public library and borrow books.

this pastor occupies not only among his own people, but in the community.

Consuelo's ministry is no less comprehensive than his. Until recently she employed her excellent talents as a nurse in the government clinic. Then came the conversion of some of the town leaders, and prejudice reared its ugly head to take away her work. The loss of her job for being an active Christian caused a big loss of income to the family. The already tight budget had to be cut even more. But her love of service both in her church and out of

Eddie studies in patio while Egin helps prepare a meal in kitchen



it were not lost. Now in her own home, often at her own expense, poor people continue to receive healing with love. In everything she stands directly at her husband's side.

Many times in her clean, neat kitchen, talking with her well-mannered children, we have realized that in this home Christianity is a family matter that touches each one.

Yet without mentioning their special work of this past year, I believe we would be omitting another important contribution of this family. Last year Ruben was elected director of *Nueva Era*, the Guatemala-Bonduras Baptist Convention magazine. This year with insight and imagination, he has constantly improved it. The covers are attractive, the layout is good, and the articles are of a high quality. This must all be done on the \$25 a month that Southern Baptists put into this publication work of 300 to 400 copies. The magazine carries a section of the poetry that is dear to the Latin heart. It follows a monthly theme that is planned well in advance, such as "the home" or "Christian youth," "the message of the church in the world today" or "the living Christ." Each issue carries special sections of practical help for the pastors and some up-to-date news in the work of the churches. To produce such a magazine, it takes hours of securing, selecting, editing, and then proof reading. Soon the

sustaining funds are to be cut, and the additional burden of finance will have to be carried by the subscribers.

Each of the children in the Rosales home gives promise of being of the same timber as the parents. They are polite, wide-awake, and show the same love for learning as their mother and father. In a crowded schedule these parents still take time for a long hike up a mountain side—or a stroll along the banks of a brook, a day in the country to cut a Christmas tree, to watch the animals, or to eat a picnic lunch on one of their favorite hillsides. With all of the fine contributions that this dedicated man and his wife are making, I feel that best of all they are building Christianity into their children's lives day by day; and that construction will be solid to stand the storms of an endless number of tomorrows. Ruben is a superb preacher, an excellent pastor, and a fine editor. Consuelo is a Christian mother and a loving nurse; the children are growing Christians. It all adds up to this: with the Rosales family, Christianity is a family affair.

Love Can Do . . .

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in cooking, sewing, and child care had helped her see what she could do to change their torment at home into a bit of heaven. With her own Bible, a gift from the center, she explained the plan of salvation. This couple became the beginning of the enlistment and winning of many couples in this neglected section of the city.

"Twenty-six senior boys and girls singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's *Messiah*!"

These had been brought into the Good Will Center from off streets, back alleys and all kinds of spots in a crime-ridden area. Through the well-balanced program for youth in this center many have been won to the Lord. The director and her staff have used music to help many. Some are given private voice and piano lessons. A new world has opened for them. The music organizations of the city give tickets to concerts. From this group have gone a foreign missionary, pastors, schoolteachers, and doctors.

Love can do the impossible.

Treasure at Rainbow City

by Margaret Hollingsworth

Between a poor telephone connection and the British accent it was difficult to understand the voice that was inviting me to the ninth anniversary of the WMU of the Bethany Baptist Church, Rainbow City, which is near Cristobal on the Atlantic side of the Canal Zone. I was not quite sure what I had promised to do two weeks away. From a preaching engagement of my navy chaplain husband, I knew that the pastor of that church was David A. Morgan. I must have been speaking to Mrs. Morgan. My subject was to be "The Purpose of Missions." I thought that I could not go wrong in reviewing Dr. W. O. Carver's *Missions in the Plan of Ages* as preparation.

We had been scheduled by two short-wave operators to talk to Norfolk, Virginia, on that very day at 5 o'clock. At six o'clock at the latest we must leave for the other side of the Zone to make it by 7:30. When the time came, we were nervously standing by for the call, each with his own reasons for wanting this particular contact to be successful. Suddenly the ham operator asked if we were ready, the Virginia operator was on the air. It was amazing but true that all of the atmospheric conditions were just right and we were talking to Norfolk, Virginia.

Hurrying along to the other side, I glanced at my husband who was driving, and not talking to me as I was still thinking about my talk. Suddenly the light failed and I saw that we had entered the jungle. On each side was a maze of trees and growth that people admire from their cars, while hoping with all their hearts they will not have car trouble and have to stop.

Remembering the last group I had spoken to in the States, I was mentally visualizing my audience; it would do well to come up to the attendance of that farewell study course and reception. What would this visit to the Baptist church made up of "British-speaking" West Indians be like? John assured me that it would be an entirely different experience. Frances Paul-

erweski, WMU association president, had called and explained that she would be unable to attend but that she was sure I would give and receive a blessing.

The city was glamorous at night with many lights from the business places and houses like any city in the States.

When we had difficulty finding a parking place, I began to wonder what else was going on besides the WMU meeting. Didn't the church look unusual? The walk was covered with a canopy stretched out in front of us in the shape of a T, one branch going to the church and the other to what seemed to be the educational building. This was certainly a good plan, for Panama in the rainy season is unpredictable.

From a large number of people standing under the canopy between the two buildings, a sweet looking woman stepped forward to meet me. She was the program chairman. In turn I met the president, the minister, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Morgan, and Mrs. Scarlett, wife of another Baptist minister. Other women in white dresses with white hats were standing about in groups.

In the education building I saw a rubel about, waiting and ready. It seemed that I was expected to walk with the president of the society and we were to begin the procession. It was night, I was bare-headed and wearing a simple cord two-piece suit. My attire would have given me a sense of insecurity, but I couldn't take time to think about myself. The procession began and the president led me to the seat of honor on the platform where I was joined by another North American white woman. On introduction, I learned that she was the presiding chairman.

In front of me was a congregation that any minister would be proud to stand before on Sunday morning. It would certainly be an inspiration to have his church filled like that because there were no empty pews. Every organization was represented and in the congregation were so many men

the Brotherhood must be there, also. In the congregation to my left sat my husband in uniform, the pastor, our home missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth, from Mississippi, and others I did not recognize.

I realized that the address I had prepared was directed to the WMS and was not the message for the occasion. Here I sat facing a full house, speechless, and I was the principal speaker. Maybe I was suffering from shock, but the strangest thought came to my mind. When our ham operator friend was at his radio trying to make contact with Norfolk, Virginia, he repeated over and over, "CQ, CQ, calling Norfolk. CQ, CQ, calling Norfolk." In my mind I was saying something as I listened to the roll call from the various churches. I was saying, "CQ, CQ, calling the Lord. CQ, CQ, calling the Lord. I need some help down here. CQ, CQ."

Certainly, Dr. Carver's book presented a wonderful introduction. One could not spend all the time I had in Missionary Education in the WMU Training school (now Carver) and not be able to rely on the proper thought coming back to aid in a time of need. I began to rework my talk, using as my guiding outline, the fundamentals of our missionary program: prayer, mission study, stewardship, community missions, all woven in with the leading of our young people.

As the roll call proceeded, each church presented its president who brought greetings from that WMU. It was obvious that the children representing their own organization had put a great deal of importance on the occasion and had been well trained. One by one boys and girls came to the platform and spoke. The eloquent and sincere manner of one Royal Ambassador, especially, reminded me of the days when

children were encouraged to memorize speeches and give them before the whole church. Could it be that our children were missing something in churches that never gave them a chance to perform before any group other than their own?

The choir rendered a number, and a woman, radiant with joy, sang "The Holy City."

After the offering, it was time for me. I was introduced as the wife of Chaplain Hollingsworth whom they had already learned to love. I invited my husband to the platform to sit behind me as I spoke. I told the audience that for fourteen years I had listened anxiously while he preached, and since I would be putting him in the same position tonight I preferred to have him behind me. There was a gentle chuckle over the audience and from then on I was on my own.

After my part of the program was over, I sat down. The pastor's wife welcomed all of the visiting groups and to my surprise I discovered Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches as well as the Salvation Army represented.

The ninth anniversary of the Bethany Church of Rainbow City was over. For as many years as I live I shall never forget the large congregation that came together to give blessing and good wishes to the WMU and to thank the Lord for all that had been done for them in those happy and fruitful years. Oh, that our North American churches might have been present and caught the spirit of the occasion. Here was a whole community supporting the true purpose of missions in making Christ known to every man, woman, and child, beginning first at home and then going into the uttermost parts of the world. It was worth making the trip to Panama.



From a Summer Missionary Diary

by Carolyn Evans

JUNE 9. Today riding the train, I have been thinking. I shall reach El Paso tonight, a student missionary "on the field" for three months. I shall serve in a Good Will Center with Mexicans; much of the work will be in Bible schools. I actually know little of what I shall meet. But I do know about the Home Mission Board program, the Annie Armstrong Offering, and the prayers of Southern Baptists for summer missionaries. Most precious of all is the thought that God had granted me this privilege, and he will be with me.

JUNE 10. I awoke this beautiful, sunny Sunday, to find that we can see the peaks of Mexico out our kitchen window. Our house is two blocks from the border; so is the Good Will Center.

We went to Sunday school at the Center. I played the piano, twice for every song, for the children sang first in English, then in Spanish. I taught the three Junior girls. The lesson was almost unimpaired and, I

felt, inadequate, but I did begin to make friends with Faviola, Isabel, and Josefina.

JUNE 12. The day at Junior girls Bible school was good. The girls are so lively, happy, and affectionate. They greet us clamorously, everybody wanting to help. Faviola Valdez, who was in Sunday school, seems to be faithfully present whenever the Center is opened; Soledad is winsome with short pigtails and a beautiful smile. The Valles sisters are so lively, and the Perez girls so attractive. And they all love to sing!

Three of them came to the door during the morning telling us that the Catholic señoritas have visited them with word from the priest that they should not attend Bible school any more. They are sisters and old enough to decide for themselves, but their family and friends are Catholics, so they dropped out. This kind of thing seems common.

JUNE 15. Today our big event was a picnic in the park after our formal commencement last night. The girls always enjoy a ride in a car, and we had two cars full. The park was beautiful and the day perfect. Such a time of turning cartwheels and playing hide-and-seek!

At our final worship period, several responded to the invitation to trust Jesus, but many do not understand. Their Catholic background is very strong and work is slow.

JUNE 19. I'm enjoying the afternoon clubs. We have Junior girls, Junior boys, mothers, Intermediate girls, and Primaries. I know most of the members now. The Intermediates seem quieter than the Juniors, but they enjoy their Bible stories and painting in handwork. Florencia especially seems a leader (Faviola is her sister); Bertha comes regularly from across the border in Mexico. We have Intermediates in Bible school now. They like to sing and are learning some two-part choruses. I wish they could have a choir—they do love it.

This week we are having services at

night, sponsored by the Mexican church; the men bring the evangelistic messages. The church is offering the Center all the spiritual support possible, making itself available as a church home to any won at the Center. Actually, most of the people who come are the church people, for there is someone at the door every night to see what Catholics attend and report their names to the priest. Florencia's mother, Mrs. Valdez, seems the most regular person from the community.

JUNE 21. Tonight at the service a wonderful thing happened. Mrs. Valdez made a profession of faith. Before the service, she told me about her six children whom she supports alone. She has believed in Jesus for some time, but now she is making it public. This is the happiest occasion so far this summer.

JULY 1. Today marks another splendid event in a human life, and in the whole work of the Center. Florencia was baptized tonight in the Mexican church. She, like her mother, has believed for some time; a lady used to come to talk with her mother about Jesus when she herself was only four. Now she has taken the step on her own, even before her mother, fully knowing that she may be set apart from her friends. It is a big step for her at thirteen. She is the first girl, actually the first person, from the Center to be baptized since it began work over four years ago. We are all rejoicing.

JULY 5. We have Primaries in Bible school these two weeks. The children are precious. I'm having to learn more Spanish so they haven't been to school yet and I don't know much English. The twins, Mary and Gloria, are bright and learn easily; they need much encouragement; Samba and Gavino are mischievous, Elpidio looks



Junior girls at commencement night after vacation Bible school in El Paso, Texas

after his three little brothers and sisters carefully. It's a real treat to work with them.

Eva brought her sister Hortencia to Intermediate club this afternoon. All the girls seemed to enjoy sewing on the machines. They all are so fine, with such splendid possibilities, but hesitate to make final decisions.

JULY 8. Sunday school was discouraging today. Even after we visited all over the neighborhood, only two Primaries came. But Mrs. Valdez came tonight asking for baptism and for membership in the Mexican church. Her joy and sincerity are radiant. Faviola wants to come, too. I don't know when I've known a nine-year-old girl to love the church more. She is disappointed to tears when it is her time to stay home with the tiny children. She has told us of her faith. This is a happy family now, in spite of many problems.

JULY 18. Junior boys' Bible school is one of the hardest, but most rewarding, yet. Many of them belong to a street gang, the Baby Kings, which is their recreation, their companionship, and almost their family. The gang ran off one of the finest boys. But Perfecto is learning that a pleasant "please" is the best way to get what he wants, and Rafael comes around to talk with me some. The three Montielongo brothers are models of behavior and always work together. Best of all is the way they like the Bible study. Most of them

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Faviola Valdez (left) doing handwork with the Junior girls at Bible school.

Below: Cooking day at Intermediate girls' club; Eunice, Miss Williams, Eva, Hortencia, and Lucy



Warm Hearts in Sub-Zero Weather

by J. O. Jeffcoat, missionary in Alaska

Last summer the Home Mission Board asked Mr. Jeffcoat to be the superintendent of this new work for natives. Saying yes has proven already one of the richest decisions the Lord has given him.

Twelve people gathered in our home to form the Native Baptist Mission last September. Just before this organizational meeting the old Native Baptist Church had voted to merge with the Emmanuel Baptist Church to form the new Calvary church of Fairbanks, Alaska.

This was to clear the way for opening a new native work in the interior. It is the conviction of the Home Mission Board, through its years of dealing with language groups, and of the missionaries in the Fairbanks area that this will more fully meet the needs of these we seek so earnestly to serve.

Multiple problems are confronted among the Eskimo and Indian peoples. Help for their material needs is so urgent that attention must be given to this lack before an individual can be persuaded of a need for spiritual concern. When winter sets in, sub-zero temperatures are the order for every day. The first 35 degree below zero weather this season set an all-time record for so early in the year. Under such severe climatic conditions the often ill-clad, poorly housed, and underfed men, women, boys, and girls have to see tangible evidences of Christian concern lest "what we do speak all too loudly in defiance of what we seek to teach."

And with this in mind—with the acute awareness that the critical, destructive presence of yawning tavern doors, bowdy houses, and other satanic forces are making vast inroads into the lives of these who have so little training against such vices—we are planning by God's grace a work that will begin to cope with this situation, we hope.

One of the outstanding Christians at the native mission is a mother of eight children—Mrs. Pauline Willock. As faithfully as the lights are turned on to announce that Southern Baptists have a glowing love for the Eskimos and Indians of the Fairbanks area, that faithfully Pauline Willock leads her little ones to the house of God. Pauline's life is not an easy one. She is not too strong physically, her husband has deserted his family and is serving a prison term, but she never complains. She has a loving, cheerful manner and an eagerness to grow in grace and win others to the Lord.

Native Baptist Mission has a temporary "little mission" on the lot with the missionaries home. It is pretty, adequate, and attractively fitted for our work. The attendance increased every Sunday in the fall and reached forty-two in November.

In the spring the Home Mission Board is going to erect a new mission on the site of the old, burned church, directly across the street from the parsonage. The new mission will have dormitory, nursery, recreational, and dining facilities, showers, and best of all a splendid, roomy auditorium where these who have so great need can learn of the giver of all gracious gifts.

It is gratifying to see the pride of the native people as they rally to the new Baptist mission. This is the only all-native mission in the interior and we have reason to be proud of our efforts. The Presbyterian Church is establishing a home for native girls, a rescue mission. Outside of this, the work is wide open for a real ministry to the native people.



Time must be spent in translating Eskimo songs to be used at the native mission.



Mrs. Willock helps Mary find a familiar Bible story as Clifford watches them.

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have never handled a Bible before, and they are delighted to learn about the kinds and numbers of books and how to find them. Everyone wants to look up the familiar verses. But they hesitate to read them, for English is still difficult for them.

JULY 23. The junior girls had a good club today. They finished making their scrapbook and took it to a nursing home where they sang, said Bible verses, and decorated the scrapbook and tracts to the old people. They were a little shy while they were there, but we never did finish answering questions on the way home.

Visitation brought in a new girl today; but the Perez girls are irregular now and some others seem to have stopped entirely. Attendance varies so much.

AUGUST 1. The pastor's wife came to lead the devotional for the mother's club today. The ladies used to come only for the sewing or handwork they could do and "endured" the Bible study. Now they are happily enthusiastic. Some seem so close to becoming Christians, yet they will take no definite step.

We took some clothes to a family in difficult circumstances. The intermediate girl has to work or keep the children often and cannot attend club regularly now.

AUGUST 2. It was good to visit once more before Bible schools close. The summer has passed so swiftly. Now the children greet me on the streets excitedly, calling me "Miss" or "Teacher"; my name doesn't matter, they know I am from the Center.

AUGUST 3. Plans are under way now for moving the Center to a larger building owned by the Home Mission Board. There will be more rooms and more outdoor playing space. We're packing today, and the old place really looks different with more boxes than children around. We only hope that these people will continue to come. It is only four blocks, but we will be next to the Mexican Baptist church and near the Catholic church, and we are already meeting some excuses in our visitation.

AUGUST 9. Things at the new Center are taking shape now with painting and arranging going on. Bible schools are over and clubs suspended until September, but one of the workers and I went back visiting the old neighborhood this afternoon. Results are hard to measure though. One young woman with no work, in one room with her four children, one a tiny baby, is interested and took the tracts; but it takes much effort and courage to prepare them and herself to go to a service which may change her life completely and cause misunderstanding among her neighbors.

I really dread leaving now, knowing so much is to be done, except that perhaps I can tell others. So much more could be done with more prayer, more money, more people, going in the name of Jesus.

"ASK, and it shall be given v..."



by Ondina Maristany, Student Secretary

The Baptist students at the University of Havana made this promise of our Lord Jesus theirs when they started to ask the Lord for a student center to permit the development of their activities.

Missionary A. C. Queen, pioneer in doing student work at the University of Havana, put before the students the truth that the University campus was their mission field. The students caught the vision and went forward, working, praying, and worshipping together, with the purpose in their hearts to win their University for Christ. As their work grew, they realized that the small apartment on a fourth floor several

blocks from the University campus was inadequate to attract many of their fellow students and professors. Yet even as they prayed and waited, they did work and were able to see fruits in students being saved by their witness.

The prayer: "Lord, thou knowest our need for a place to meet, do give it to us when thou knowest we are prepared to receive it. Thy will be done"—was repeated many times day by day, as the different groups gathered for prayer meetings.

As time went by, often they were tempted

and through thousands of Southern Baptists, the Lord fulfilled his promise and our prayers. Two blocks from the University of Havana, Cuba, stands this new Baptist Student Union building.



Inside the student secretary's office, the council meets with Miss Maristany. The library is popular but more Christian books are needed.



of Southern Baptists, to answer the faithful prayers of the students. As you gave to the Annie Armstrong Offering you were buying bricks and concrete for this beautiful building of which you can be duly proud.

Thirty-two students will be living in the building and more than a hundred and fifty will receive its benefits right now. If you meet Nelson Sosa, the enlistment chairman, he will tell you with a big smile that before he leaves his post in the student council, more than three hundred students will be coming to the building.

The joy and enthusiasm of our students is contagious; their plans of activities are ambitious. Would you like to share some of them?

There is a meeting now of the library committee. Let us listen to their discussions. The chairman talks about the round tables they will be able to have now that the library is so well located and also of the conferences about great writers, musicians, and missionaries. She is interrupted by one of the members of the committee who has an interesting motion for a plan to enlarge the number of books in the library. They all realize their unique privilege of having the opportunity to offer to all students the right kind of Christian books that cannot be found in any public library in Havana.

You may be interested also in knowing some of the reactions of the members of

to be impatient and downhearted, but they looked up and remembered Jesus' promise and took courage.

Today the promise has been fulfilled, the prayers have been answered in a greater way than they had even dreamed. At 1 street, two blocks from the University of Havana, a good-looking building has been erected to offer "a home away from home" to the Baptist students of Havana.

The Lord used you, and other thousands



Weekly student meeting at the Baptist Student Center in Havana

"Ask, and It Shall Be Given You . . ."

the program committee. Many times during these past three years one member of this committee wanted to invite some University professor to speak, but soon he was brought to reality when another member asked the question: Do you think he will be willing to climb to this fourth floor and talk with all the noise from the street? How joyously they make plans now about bringing all of these professors to their meetings, that they may receive the impact of their message about the living Christ.

Let us take this opportunity to thank

Mrs. Umbelina Landeros, president of Cuban WMU tells students about YWA plans.



ROYAL SERVICE ★ MARCH 1957



Thirty-Six Years—Then Japan

In 1921, Miss Juliette Mather became young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. She served in that position until 1948 when she was elected editorial secretary of the WMU.

Through the almost thirty-six years she has been with Woman's Missionary Union, she has influenced the lives of women and young people in a most significant way. Surely there has been a growth in missionary organizations and membership, interest in missions has been quickened; and there has been dedication of life and of

offerings because of her efforts.

During her years of service she has seen the youth work develop to such an extent that there are now four workers in the Department of Youth and the magazines of WMU have grown from one to five. The camp program was developed and many accessory plans in missionary education.

As young people's secretary and as secretary of the Department of Publications, she has helped the work of Woman's Missionary Union to develop and progress in a remarkable way.

Now that Miss Mather has decided to retire from service in Woman's Missionary Union and go to Japan, we shall miss her wise counsel and contagious enthusiasm. But we congratulate Miss Mather on this extra privilege which will be hers. To teach in the boys' school in Fukuoka is a high climax to an exceptionally useful life.



Sunbeam Slants

by ELSIE RIVES Sunbeam Band Secretary

By this time the home mission study book for Primaries, *New Friends for Freddy*, should be in the hands of each child six through eight in your Sunbeam Band. This mission book is written on a seven-year vocabulary level so that the child can read about Baptist home missions for himself. With so many other demands for reading made upon our children today, this book affords an unusual opportunity to replace poorly written literature with a book of information and inspiration.

Woman's Missionary Societies can take this opportunity to show interest and concern for the reading habits of Primary age children. Perhaps a library is needed in your church to continue to provide suitable reading opportunities for the children in your Sunbeam Band. Begin with *New Friends for Freddy* or add copies of it to your already established library.

It is not too early for Sunbeam leaders to save two dates for a special time of counting while attending one of the WMU Conferences.

WMU Conference, Glorieta, July 18-24
WMU Conference, Ridgecrest, August 8-14

During these weeks classes are offered to leaders of Beginner Sunbeam Bands and Primary Sunbeam Bands. Each is a time for getting information about methods and materials in teaching missions and for receiving inspiration through contact with missionaries from the home and foreign fields. Choose the conference which you wish to attend and make plans now for your summer Sunbeam Band training course.

The Woman's Missionary Society of your church may plan to pay the expenses for a car to take leaders for this week. Make your reservations through:

Mr. E. A. Herron
Glorieta Baptist Assembly
Glorieta, New Mexico
or

Mr. Willard K. Weeks
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly
Ridgecrest, North Carolina



Help the "Miss" in Community Missions

by BETTY BREWER
Girls' Auxiliary Secretary

In our community missions this year our main emphases are: 1. Christian citizenship and 2. alcohol education. There is so very much we can do to make these avenues known to our girls.

For the Christian citizenship emphasis we have a leaflet, "Christian Youth and Citizenship" (free from state WMU offices). As counselor, you will want to read it and use it with your girls. Distribute it among your older Intermediate girls and be sure each GA community missions chairman has a copy for study, then plan how to use the ideas in your auxiliary. Look at your community (at school the girls are studying government and national affairs) and see exactly, concretely, what we can do as Christians. What can you do now, right where you are?

There is a motion picture, "Christian Citizenship" (rental price \$5 from your Baptist Book Store) available which is excellent and would be good for your whole church to see.

Our second emphasis is alcohol education. You say, "Oh, this does not concern my group—not our girls!" Think twice! This is one of the greatest, most deadly evils which our young people have ever faced. Alcohol and its advocates are subtle and creep into the life of our community and young people like the water which fills a ship, coming in through a pin hole—but eventually causing even the largest vessel to sink!

"More than 60 per cent of all arrests made by police in the first six months of 1956 were due to crimes directly related to alcoholic beverages, according to the Methodist Board of Temperance. Of 2,915, 216 arrests for all offenses made by police in 1,771 cities, 1,278,191 were for drunkenness, 325,935 for disorderly conduct, 137,098 for driving while intoxicated, and 50,195 for violations of state and federal liquor laws. The total of 1,786,517 liquor-related arrests amounted to almost 10,000 a day.

... Latest Internal Revenue Service figures show that on June 30, 1956, there were 274,877 retail dealers in liquor and 168,180 retail dealers in beer in the United States,

a total of 443,057. In comparison, there are 305,419 churches and synagogues in the United States."

An editorial in one of our Baptist state papers concerning a survey among teenagers in a city of that state reads: "This survey was taken among 5,000 boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 17, in 90 communities. The result of this survey showed that 79 per cent of these youth had had at least one alcoholic drink in their lives. Only 15 per cent of those interviewed said they had never had a drink.

"It is thought 56 per cent of these youth get alcoholic beverages in their homes. Thirty-three per cent of them said they got their drinks from parties and neighboring bars. These figures include boys and girls.

"These facts are sufficient for us to realize the awful damage liquor is doing in society. We cannot become a strong nation with drunken youth and inebriate adults. If you do not think your child is in danger, then you are asleep. They are tempted from every angle and it is becoming more popular and accepted as a social custom in our midst. There are already 50,000 alcoholics in Alabama, and if this trend of drinking continues, then we can expect a larger percentage of our citizens to be totally disabled by strong drink.

"It appalls us to see how complacent the average person is about the sweep of this intruder of character. Liquor cannot be served in our homes without our children being affected by it. We still contend there will be a turning back from this destroyer and people will insist on prohibition again. Many alcoholics will vote for prohibition because they know what liquor does for people and what it will do to them while it is available. The sentiment for prohibition is growing in our country and we should ever keep alert for the opportunity to push this industry back into the back streets and the woods."

There are excellent films and film-rips available on this subject from your Baptist Book Store.

In March the Training Unions of our

churches are having a study course on alcohol. You and your girls can take advantage of this. This study cannot count as a mission study or as a community missions project but a community missions project should result from the study: such as a display of tracts, books, magazines, posters, scrapbooks, and other materials; leaflets and tracts ordered and distributed along with the display and in the community.

We have big opportunities and responsibilities in these two areas of community missions, especially in the latter one. Use them!



Announcing that Girls' Auxiliary Forward Steps Charm Bracelet will be of sterling silver instead of gold gild.

Price: Bracelet and Queenly Quest charm, \$1.25. Each additional charm (Maiden through Queen Regent), \$1 each.

We will continue to carry the gold gild charms for those who already have the gold gild bracelets.



Spring into Action

by DORIS DeVAULT

YWA Secretary

The arrival of March reminds us of the following events which clamor for early springtime consideration and planning.

Your YWA daughters must begin now to make definite plans for attending one of the YWA Conferences. The excellent dates should make it possible for high school graduates, business girls, and others to attend—at Ridgcrest, June 13-19 and at Glenora, August 1-7. Write your state WMU youth secretary for details regarding travel plans, reservations, and so on.

Outstanding personalities have been secured as speakers, teachers, and leaders. The programs will feature the Golden Anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

The February magazines presented details regarding the missionary tours which are being planned for Young Woman's Auxiliary members. For additional information and explanatory leaflet contact Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama, or your state WMU office.

If there is a Grace McBride YWA or an Ann Haseltine YWA in your city or association, you will be especially interested in the Anniversary Houseparty which will be held in Louisville, April 19-21. Carver School and the Southern Seminary are joint hosts for the occasion. Can you assist in making it possible for two young women from your campus or school of nursing to attend? Or for a college or nurse-in-training YWA member from your church? By all means do, please. Write your state youth secretary for travel plans from the state.

If you enlist your young women in missionary service in your church and association this summer, it will be necessary for you to plan now. For college girls there is always "My Promise to Share." Plan to use these experienced YWAs as teachers of mission study for younger organizations, teachers of methods for new organizations, extension work into new areas. Provide some missionary opportunities for your college young people.

Be sure all young people join heartily in observing the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Offering.



LETTERETTES

New Mexico . Uruguay . Indonesia . Colombia

from Mrs. Laurice M. Burford
Wagon Mound, New Mexico

During the month of March, 1956, we were truly laborers together with God. Because of you who pray, I have disproved the theory, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today." At March drew to a close I did put off several things—until the day my name appeared on the prayer calendar. Then with a prayerful heart my husband and I visited again homes where we had not been able to overcome indifference or even outward contention for our mission work. The day was marvelous! Not all went smoothly, but during the difficult and trying, I had a calm assurance and my testimony and statements were made easily while my husband, usually the calm one of the two of us, found a tremble in his voice and had to refrain from talking for awhile. Three who had not been to the mission since early fall brought their problem into the open and it was solved in a concrete way. They found their place among the worshipers at the mission that very night.

We think that one of our community missions projects really meets the test of community missions. We have assisted for several months in the monthly distribution to the needy of the surplus products issued by the Department of Agriculture through the Welfare Department. It has been a wonderful avenue of contact. In addition to the distribution of food we have a fruitful tract ministry and this last time gave out 261 tracts. In addition we were able to extend to more than a hundred an invitation to worship with us. The number of saved among so many could be counted on one hand with a finger or two to spare. Our ultimate goal is always winning the lost to Christ and we think that is the meaning of community missions here on your mission field or anywhere.

from Isabel Angelone of Uruguay
(translated by Mary Moore)

The Baptist women of Latin America formed their Continental Union in Santiago, Chile, during the last days of July, 1956. Mrs. George R. Martin and Mrs. Edgar Bates, president and treasurer of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, guided and inspired the meeting by their presence. There were two messengers from Mexico, one from Costa Rica, one from Colombia, two from Brazil, three from Bolivia, one from Paraguay, six from Argentina, and twelve from Uruguay. There was also a good representation of Chilean women from all parts of the republic. The official meeting was held on the twenty-fourth in the beautiful new First Baptist Church with a total of 240 messengers present. This fused the three areas organized in 1953 into one Continental Union similar to the unions already organized in Europe, Australia, and North America.

Mrs. Esther Silva Dias of Brazil graciously presided at the meetings. Reports were given of the women's work not only in the countries represented but also by letter from others who could not be present. Most interesting was the hour in which the representatives of each country presented the national anthem or some typical song or poem.

The theme chosen for the day is found in the second chapter of Philippians: "That we . . . be of the same mind . . . that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." The messages were of great inspirational value: "Of the Same Mind on the Day of Prayer" by Mrs. Bates, and "Of the Same Mind about Foreign Missions" by Mrs. Solveira of Brazil. Mrs. Martin's address climaxed the day's program.

During the week, meetings were held in the morning and afternoon in the seminary buildings. An hour's devotional period was



During their meeting the women of Latin America had lunch at the seminary in Chile.

led in turn by women of different nations, then discussion groups and round table studies divided up according to special interests. At the same time the International Committee on WMU Literature held its official meetings. On the last day each group brought its findings to the whole body.

The officers chosen for 1956 to 1959 are: Esther Silva Dias of Brazil, president; Olivia Lerin of Mexico, vice-president; Teresa Pluis of Argentina, secretary; Mary Moore of Chile, treasurer. We pray that God will bless the work of the women of Latin America, that they may be indeed God's fellow workers in the redemption of the world.

from Evelyn Schwartz
Djakarta, Indonesia

The WMS of Calvary Baptist Church in Djakarta meets the first and third Thursday of each month. One meeting is devoted to a program, the material for the programs being taken from WMU magazines and other SBC publications in the States. The other meeting is given over to handwork. Before Christmas we prepared used Christmas cards for distribution to hospitals and helped to get the books in our church library catalogued. Every three months we try to have a social. The women enjoy all the meetings, but the social is an especially pleasant time for them.

Several weeks ago our program was on "The Word of God." When I asked how many could name the books of the Bible,



Mrs. Bates of Canada. Dr. Espinoza, Chile. Mrs. Martin, Virginia, in Chile.

only one person could go straight through, so our project now is for all to learn the books of the Bible.

Our Young People's Conference was held in Semarang last October. As I was a member of the youth committee I went a few days early to help with last-minute preparations. So, my birthday, October 13, was spent hanging curtains, making badges, and doing numerous other things. The new administration building at the seminary where the conference was held was not yet completed. With workmen and plaster all over the place it looked like an impossible job to accomplish as much as we must on that day. But Fay Taylor and I started working and even by nighttime we could see our way clear although a lot remained to be done. By about 10 p.m. I was not even very tired in spite of the

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terrific heat. I know you were remembering me especially on that day.

My mind went back to another birthday which presented similar difficulties when I was in Hawaii, and I remembered how those difficulties were overcome because you prayed.

But answers to prayer are not confined to birthdays. During my ten-day vacation I was very conscious of answered prayer. I decided to take a boat trip to the island of Sumatra and on to Singapore. We arrived in Sumatra on Monday and I was told there was a change in the ship's schedule. We would leave for Singapore on Wednesday instead of Thursday. I had planned to go to Lake Toba, a very beautiful resort in the mountains. With only two nights in Sumatra, could I make it? Now one doesn't take a trip to Sumatra every day; it is a "once in a lifetime" experience. The officers on the ship discouraged my trying to get to the lake for fear I would miss the ship on Wednesday.

On Monday morning I turned to *Open Windows* for my devotional reading. That day it was on "God Answers Prayer." I asked the Lord to take over and whatever worked out I would accept as his best plan. The gentleman who met me at the ship said he thought he could arrange the trip for me all right. So, he planned for a taxi and bus trip Tuesday morning. But, "ye of little faith," I am afraid I didn't quite trust the decision as the thing to do. I did not sleep too soundly and was up very early.

When the taxi came for me, I asked him if he was sure I could get back on Wednesday. He assured me there was nothing to worry about. I thought of the chorus, "Cheer up, ye saints of God, there's nothing to worry about, tomorrow morn' you'll be sorry you worried at all." Right there I really knew the Lord was in charge of the situation. The taxi took me as far as Siantar, a small town, and I was told I could get a bus in a very few minutes.

Time means nothing here so the few minutes stretched into 2 hours and 15 minutes. I sat by the side of the road talking with the people, and had a hot



The WMS of Djakarta, Indonesia

cake at one of the sidewalk cafes—which in Indonesia is a little wagon with a charcoal burner; food is cooked and served right there. There are no chairs and tables and there may be five or six such carts right together. Of course, it was beside the point that the girl who cooked the cake wiped the burner on an old dirty rag and later cleaned her fingernails with the knife.

When the bus did come, I wondered where there was room for another thing. I say thing because buses in Indonesia not only carry people but produce, bicycles, animals—about anything you think of. An old lady was motioning and calling "disini, disini," which means "here." I climbed in over ladies, babies, and bundles and sat on an already overcrowded bench.

After an hour, our lady and child got off the bus, and I breathed. I reached the hotel at 2 o'clock, very hungry. I was told the kitchen was closed, but the people were kind enough to provide lunch for me. I was also told that another person was making the trip back tomorrow in a taxi and I could ride with that person instead of going by bus. A trip by taxi is too expensive, and I had committed it out.

On Tuesday morning before leaving my hotel room, I read the devotional on "God Meets Every Need." All through the day God had met my every need. All day even through the long wait, there had not been a worry or fear.

The trip to the ship was made the next morning in the taxi, and although the

driver hit a pig and later almost collided with a large bus, there was still the feeling of God's protection and care. The ship sailed for Singapore about six that afternoon.

I was really looking forward to the day and a half in Singapore where I could go to a big supermarket and large department stores. After boarding the ship I learned of the riots and curfew in Singapore. Again I asked the Lord to take care of me. He knew how much and how long I had been looking forward to that time.

We arrived in Singapore Friday morning and were told that was the first day of no curfew.

Every day we are conscious of your prayers. Mention as many people as possible by name, this will bring you closer to God's work in faraway places. Now, as always, the Lord answers sincere prayer, above all that we ask or think."

from Ben H. Welmaker
Cali, Colombia

Not too long ago we made a trip north of Cali to visit some of our Baptist people who had lost their church building and pastor's home because of the persecution. It was sad to stand in the ashes of the burned down home and church and watch the members who came to weep with their pastor over the loss.

The other night one of the members of the First church here in Cali was awakened by a mob hanging on his front door and screaming, "Down with the Protestants!" The mob succeeded in knocking the door down, but they did not go any further when they saw that the man and his wife were defending their home with a machete and an axe.

A few months ago five members of a Presbyterian church not far from Cali were killed.

It never ceases to amaze us how the interest in the gospel grows day by day. It is evidenced by the wonderful student body that we have in the seminary this year.

This shown by an increased attendance reported in all parts of the country. Do not stop to pray for the Christians of Colombia. They are valiant in the face of persecution.



Virginia

Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, attracted a record crowd of over 600 persons at the annual mission study of the Federation of Business Woman's Circles of Norfolk and vicinity, one Thursday evening in November at the Freemason Street Baptist Church. The sanctuary almost overflowed, and the rafters of the old church rang as the group sang together "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Mrs. Martin, always eloquent, was at her best as she taught Dr. W. Maxfield Garrison's book, "Japan Advances," and added information about her own visit to the Orient, when she organized the Baptist women of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. "Beautiful Japanese articles—kimonos, dolls, lanterns, gold lacquered bowls, a mother-of-pearl screen—brought home by Mrs. Martin added interest in the meeting."

"Beautiful Japan" which was printed in the November issue of *ROYAL SERVICE* was sung by Mrs. L. C. Parker, of the Larchmont Baptist Church, and was particularly appropriate.

The meeting was arranged and sponsored by the Norfolk Federation composed of 17 circles with a membership of more than 700. Miss G. A. Downs is mission study chairman, and the class taught by Mrs. Martin was the highlight of the year's program.

Officers of the Federation are: Miss Ima Jennings, president; Miss Virginia Fleming, vice-president; Miss Dorothy Moore recording secretary; Miss Ruth Harris treasurer; Mrs. L. S. Overstreet, corresponding secretary; Miss Mildred Tress, pianist; Mrs. R. B. Reed, chorister, and Mrs. P. S. Latton, adviser.

Publicity Chairman: Let other BWCs in on the news from your circle. Write to *ROYAL SERVICE* about how your group does things; others will like your ideas.



... to Hungarian Refugees

Every plane load of Hungarians arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, those first days in December and January was greeted in their own language by a fellow refugee—Bela Udvarnoki of Budapest.

He helped them register with the U. S. Immigration authorities. He reassured them as the Red Cross supervised their physical examinations, and sent those who needed medical care to a hospital. After that he, as an agent of Church World Service, assisted in getting them transportation and new homes.

Church World Service is one of the five agencies responsible for resettling the Hungarian refugees. The others are the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Jewish relief agency, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Tolson Foundation. Hungarians being predominantly Roman Catholic, most Hungarian refugees are Catholic.

Dr. Udvarnoki is "president in exile" of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Budapest. He earned his doctor's degree at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and later married his missionary colleague, Ruby Daniel, of Hungary, Romania, and Nigeria, West Africa.

"Many requests have come from Baptists both North and South," Dr. Udvarnoki says. "We will not be able to fill half of them, but during the six weeks before Christmas, thirty Baptists and about that many non-Catholic Christian refugees were processed and welcomed by Baptist churches in the U. S. A."

One Baptist family was assigned to the Calvary Baptist Church in San Antonio. "The young father is the son of a Baptist minister; his wife is the daughter of a deacon. I knew them both," the relief worker recalls. "The Texas people rolled

out the red-white and blue carpet for them; even the mayor was on hand to welcome the refugees from Hungary."

Churches which were disappointed in their hopes for a refugee family can mobilize their energies for Hungary. "It will take tens of thousands of dollars," Dr. Udvarnoki declares. "To help the Hungarian Baptists restore their churches, the seminary, and the girls' school. We will have to help them with food, clothing, and money as soon as help can be sent in."

The Udvarnokis, who live at Murfreesboro, North Carolina, expect to participate personally. "Ruby and I keep our hearts open to return to Hungary," he says, "as soon as the international situation will permit."

It may not be long now. From what the refugees report, he is convinced that the old Stalinist regime and the new Khrushchev system are both dead. The Hungarians are determined to get rid of Russian control. Passive resistance creates problems the puppet government can never solve.

The most gratifying fact revealed by the recent struggle is that the Hungarian people never adopted communism. "In the schools children applauded the Communist teachings," a young university student refugee told Dr. Udvarnoki. "But at home they laughed at them."

If this was true in Hungary, doubtless it is also true in the other so-called satellite countries. "This fact is just as heartening to me as it is disheartening to the Russians," says the Hungarian Baptist leader.

Baptist churches, according to the refugees, were allowed to remain open but with only limited freedom. Pastors had to obtain a license from the state to preach. The president of the Baptist convention who was acceptable to the government was not



Ruby and Bela Udvarnoki

permitted to resign, even when he wanted to be relieved of his duty.

Church attendance has been fairly good, refugees report, and many Christians have stood the test of persecution by attending public worship when they knew professional success was at stake.

When Hungary is free again, spiritual rehabilitation will be an even greater task than the economic and industrial restoration of the country. The city of Budapest has been damaged more during this revolt than it was during World War II. The land has lost its fertility under the Soviet farming system; factories are rundown.

Atheism was proclaimed so consistently that Hungarians who rejected communism were infected with godlessness. Even Christians felt the pressure. "After being surrounded for so long by a red sea," as Dr. Udvarnoki puts it, "many of our Baptist people inevitably became just a little pink."

The reeducation of Hungarian Baptists will call for the best resources of the Baptists of North America.

To Answer Hungarian Courage—Send money for Hungarian relief, so designated, to our Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. Send clothing, shoes, blankets, dried milk and fruits, flour, sugar, and canned goods to Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary, Mollardgasse 35, Wien VI 56, Austria. Freight should be prepaid. The shipments should be clearly marked "For Hungarian Relief," as several countries transport such shipments without charge. *The need is overwhelming!*

Thank You From Africa

Can you put into ROYAL SERVICE a thank you to all who sent those lovely Christmas cards which have been coming through the year?

I have had stacks and stacks and stacks of packages and they are still coming! Frankly, many times I looked at packages with such high postage and wondered, "Is it worth it? Should the Lord's money be used in this way? Could we not accomplish more with all this money that has gone into postage alone?"

One morning a pastor from Iwo, where I lived for eight years, came for pictures for his church. While I was getting the packages ready for him, he said, "Many of my people have told me that they became Christians as a result of such pictures as these!" I was so shocked that I almost dropped the package in my hand. When I caught my breath, I said to myself, "Well, if they mean that to even one person, I shall not spend any more time worrying about the postage." Eternity alone will tell their value.

I thank God for all who have taken the time to prepare picture cards and for all the money put into postage. Some few sent crayons, pencils, Bible storybooks—nice new ones—and I found a few good American dollar bills! One package, I recall, had 72¢ in nickels, dimes, and pennies in individual wrappers with children's names on them. Of course that money cannot be used in this land, but missionaries go home on furlough every three years and it is a good feeling to be able to touch that kind of money when one leaves African shores.

Many have written letters or cards along with their packages. I wish I could have answered every one personally, but when I tell you that there have been hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds, you will forgive me for taking this method of saying, "Thank you and God bless you!" in good African language—"May God bless your pocketbook."

Gratefully,
Ethel Harman
Baptist Building
Ibadan, Nigeria,
West Africa

Notes to Committee Chairmen

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY FUNDAMENTALS

Mrs. William K. Mims, Secretary

To Prayer Chairman

Someone with time on his hands has calculated that as many as eighteen muscles are working when a person speaks. Thirty-three nerves operate and 29.3 per cent carbon dioxide is added to the blood stream along with other waste products. To eliminate all the waste caused by ten minutes talk, forty-five minutes of normal life is needed. Such is the physical aspect of speaking according to our authorities.

The wear and tear on the spirit is no less devastating. Sometimes the very life of an hour during the Week of Prayer is destroyed by too many speeches. The cure for too much programming lies within. We are afraid to be quiet before God. We are uneasy when the period designated for silent prayer extends over one or two minutes. We think the person presiding has forgotten to go on with the business of the hour.

In the program material each talk is to be followed by a period of silent prayer. Make it just that. Give the women time to think then petitions and intercessions. One does not have to use every bit of the information provided—only enough to stir the heart and direct the mind's response.

You have read carefully all of the Week of Prayer material. Now that you have it before you study carefully the sixteen suggestions in the letter addressed to you. Decide on the features you wish to emphasize bearing in mind that the stewardship chairman shares with you the responsibility of making the week a spiritual experience. She will undertake to bring alive the offering goals helping you to emphasize the fact that \$6.07 supports all of the Home Mission program for one minute.

By all means make use of suggestions

3, 4 and 12. You may have a better idea for the distribution of the prayer ship; if so employ it. The plan for individual prayer Around the Clock carries the germ of spiritual success for the week. In the response to assigned periods for prayer you will discover whether the members of Woman's Missionary Union are more interested in sitting in a comfortable pew listening to somebody talk in entertaining fashion or in praying. As Charles G. Finny expressed it, their daily prayer is not like that of Saul of Tarsus. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" but "Lord, tell me how I can be comfortable and undisturbed." This week of prayer is not designed to combat the troubled but to trouble the comfortable. Real prayer can do just this.

The play "Annie Armstrong—Daughter of Destiny" is worthy of presentation. You will not regret the time spent in production, for the play has a real message. Use it on Wednesday evening if it is customary in your church to provide a program for the prayer service. Consult your pastor.

Prayer is real work. May you and your committee lay yourselves out in preparation for this week to advance Christ's Kingdom at home. Miss Armstrong once said, "America must belong to King Emmanuel if we would have a base of operation broad enough to bring the world to Christ."

To Stewardship Chairman

In the February column two promotional ideas were suggested for the offering. If you did not make and distribute the "How Much" folders at the general meeting in February, there is still time to send the reminders through the mail to each member of your WMS and to the older young people.

On page 48 of the February issue of *Tell* is a box ad titled "Are You Going to Alaska?" A quick glance reveals that a summer trip is not the object, but the allocation for Alaska through the Annie Armstrong Offering. Capitalizing on the tell ad pattern, try featuring the designations for the outposts on a series of four banners which may be carried by as many women. Cut the banners out of white cardboard in triangle shape and mount on small pieces of wood like a flag staff. Display them either before the discussion or immediately after according to your plans for the offering. If there is no formal offering time but an opportunity given as the women leave the meeting, the four women could stand beside the plates near the exit. If you have no better ideas of your own you may want to use the following script for each banner:

- No. 1 Do you want to go to Alaska, Cuba and Panama? You can start on your way for \$6.07.
- No. 2 Total cost
Alaska \$45,000
Cuba \$130,000
Panama and Canal Zone \$40,000
- No. 3 But a minute is a short time. Can't you stay longer? Say ten minutes?
- No. 4 A drop in the bucket? But "God's drop can color the bucket."

Posters carrying this same script may be substituted for the banners. They can be brought in and quickly placed on stands, or if they have easels attached, set up immediately before the discussion of the outpost work. You may prefer placing them before the service begins. Whatever you do with the idea see that there is no interruption of the preceding directed prayer period.

These are crisis days. Every Christian should weigh seriously how he will spend his money. Will it be for perishing things or will it be for getting the gospel to the masses? It is your decision! Dr. William Ward Ayer of New York described most Baptists in this sentence: "We are willing to give until it hurts, but when it begins hurting we quit." Christ's law is to give until it stops hurting!

To Mission Study Chairman

Last month the suggestion was made that chapters II and III in the adult book *Home Missions: U. S. A.* be handled by a panel discussion. Review the method in the February column.

Combining chapters 4 and 5 will not be easy but necessary if your circles expect to complete the study in three sessions. Two chapters per session is based on the assumption that chapter I was used for the preview. Decide on what you will emphasize. Will it be the language groups including the Negroes and Indians? Or will the approach be through the city mission program which reaches the language groups in Good Will Centers and mission points? It is better to concentrate on one area hoping that the information on other subjects will be noted by the members when they read the book.

If you plan to give consideration to the urban community, and you live in a city, you may wish to assign these topics for investigation and reporting: What are some of the city problems? Are there large foreign language or racial groups in our city? Are Baptist churches moving out from the downtown neglected areas to the suburban sections? What effect is this desertion having on our Christian witness? What is the Christian answer to juvenile delinquency, a major city problem? What are Baptists doing to win the lost in my city? Find out from your city missionary. Ask members to scan the daily newspaper for items that point up the problems. A stimulating discussion should follow if the investigators come up with facts plus lively reporting.

If your society is in the country, you will want to see "Judaea" from the rural point of view. Here will be a good opportunity to have another panel discussion. Why not consider the subject, "The Future of the Rural Church"? This time you might go outside of your membership and invite to serve on the panel a Farm Bureau agent, a farmer who is active in your church, maybe one of the county high school teachers, and your pastor. During the general discussion period when the subject is thrown open to the class, the rural church program of the Home Mission Board should be considered in the

light of the opinions expressed by the panelists.

In the event that your plan is to follow the language groups in more routine fashion, take the Junior Teaching Helps, page 13, as a guide in preparing information cards. The Redford book will supply many other facts. Write these or similar statements on glasses cut out of cardboard. Distribute among the members and call it your Look-See feature. Tie in with more detailed information which may be emphasized by means of a flip chart or separate posters.

For example, take this statement: "There are 700,000 French in Southern Louisiana of whom only 5,000 are Baptists." How the Home Mission Board witnesses to the language groups can be the basis of the flip chart script. The January issue of Royal Service beginning with its cover is filled with excellent pictorial material about this mission field. See the covers of *Tell* and *Ambassador Life* for bright, attractive pictures in more color. Here are sources for flip chart illustrations and/or posters.

Plans continued in the Circle Program, page 37.

Community Missions Chairman

Two current series of study books point out areas of need in the community missions committee. The first is the Home Missions series featuring our country—the United States of America if you please—as a mission field. The other is the study on alcohol sponsored by the Training Union this month. Dr. Louis Redford in his book *Home Missions: U. S. A.* states that alcoholism has become the nation's major social and economic problem. Along with many other writers he underscores the fact that beverage alcohol contributes in ways both direct and indirect to crime and lawlessness among juveniles. J. Edgar Hoover has said that the drinking habit of either the youth or the parent is the greatest single factor in the rapid increase of delinquency among youth.

It is easier to dispense clothes and coal to the poor—and this is a much needed service—than it is to engage in systematic education of youth and adults in the truth

about alcohol. Members of Baptist churches for too long have held to "pew piety" at the expense of their own children and the community in which they live.

For months this column has carried suggestions for alcohol education with the end in view of leading to practical ways of using this information to strengthen the moral forces in the community. If you have neither promoted an educational project in the youth organizations nor followed any of the suggested activities for the WMS, March is a good month to undertake one of the projects while the whole church is being alerted by the Training Union study.

A further quotation from Hoover, "Full Sunday schools will prevent full prisons tomorrow," points to another possible plan in an effort to combat moral disintegration among older children and teenagers. If you live in a town or city where there is more than one Baptist church, take a census of your church area to determine how many children and young people are not in Sunday school. Once they are enlisted in Sunday school you will find it easier to enlist them in the youth organizations of WMU.

Discuss the plan with your pastor. You may want to work from the church roll first. You will be surprised at the number of young people who are not enlisted in Sunday school whose parents are members of the church.

The prevention of juvenile delinquency is not a civic matter alone to be left up to the character-building agencies in the community. Nor can church-centered recreation and camps solve the problem. All of these means fall apart from a positive effort to win each youth to Christ. Once we have enlisted these children and young people in the Sunday school they become our responsibility to lead into a personal relationship with Christ as Saviour. It is our business to find them in each rural, town, and city community and through a program of visitation bring them under the influence of the gospel. Such a visitation program would touch the home where the trouble has its roots.

Mrs. William M. M...

What Our \$2,000,000 Will Do

Have you wondered about the Annie Armstrong Offering allocations? The Home Mission Board tells Woman's Missionary Union what work it wishes the Annie Armstrong Offering to care for. The list is published in the Woman's Missionary Society program folder but here is a summary for you. Isn't it exciting to think of doing all these things to help make our America Christian!

Allocations for 1957 Offering:

1. Language Groups—Salaries of Missionaries.....	\$ 350,000
(1) Chinese—15 Workers.....	\$ 15,000
(2) Deaf—10 Workers.....	10,000
(3) French—30 Workers.....	20,000
(4) Indians—95 Workers.....	100,000
(5) International Workers (Berkeley, California).....	2,280
(6) Italians—12 Workers.....	11,720
(7) Japanese—7 Workers.....	10,000
(8) Portuguese—2 Workers (California).....	3,000
(9) Russian—5 Workers.....	3,000
(10) Spanish—201 Workers.....	175,000
2. Operational Expenses of Above Language Groups.....	52,600
3. Good Will Centers—Salaries.....	77,720
(1) Louisiana, New Orleans—5 centers, 12 workers.....	25,020
(2) Maryland, Baltimore—2 centers, 5 workers.....	8,880
(3) Alabama, Ensley—1 center, 1 worker.....	1,800
(4) Florida—2 centers, 5 workers.....	10,620
(5) Georgia, Macon—1 center, 1 worker.....	1,980
(6) Illinois—2 centers, 4 workers.....	8,520
(7) Tennessee, Chattanooga—1 center, 2 workers.....	3,900
(8) California, Berkeley—1 center, 1 worker.....	2,280
(9) South Carolina, Columbia—2 centers, 2 workers.....	5,720
(10) New Good Will Centers.....	10,000
4. Operational Expenses of Above Good Will Centers.....	18,250
5 & 6. Rescue Homes—Salaries and Operational Expenses.....	46,200
7 & 8. Outposts—Salaries and Operational Expenses.....	189,600
(1) Cuba—157 workers.....	130,000
(2) Panama & Canal Zone & San Blas Indians.....	40,000
9. Negro Work—58 workers in 17 states.....	70,000
10. Jewish Work—Salaries 5 workers & Promotion.....	10,000
11. Migrant Work (10 workers) salaries & equipment.....	25,000
12. Field Workers—Salaries & Travel 4 workers.....	16,660
13. Margaret Fund.....	18,000
14. North American Baptist Women's Union.....	2,500
15. Missions in West and Pioneer Areas.....	170,000
16. Institutes and Conferences (Minority Groups, Good Will Centers, Kindergarten, WMU Groups).....	8,000
17. Mission Literature.....	4,000
18. Scholarships for Minority Groups.....	25,000
19. WMU Promotion in West & Pioneer Areas—7 workers.....	31,000
20. Student Mission Program.....	50,000
21. Equipment and Furnishings, Missions & Good Will Centers.....	50,000
22. New Work for Language Groups.....	50,000
23. To be allocated.....	25,470
Total.....	\$1,250,000

1957 Annie Armstrong Offering funds in excess of \$1,250,000 will be used for buildings and one of these will be the Baptist Hospital in Cuba!

Carver School of Missions and Social Work

Past and Present Linked by EMILY LANSDSELL, President

The 1957 operating budget of Carver School was set at \$171,000 by action of the trustees on November 12. It is reported that the operating budget of the school for the 1957-58 session was \$3,000. The minutes of the Central Committee of Kentucky for September 6, 1905, reveal the following: "The women of Kentucky, beginning last October, have maintained in Louisville a home for young ladies . . . in preparation for missionary work at a cost of \$507.50 in money and much larger amounts in furniture and equipment. . . . That was the operating budget for the first year of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School Home, the forerunner of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School."

Miss La Venia Neal, treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, assisted in the preparation of the budget and spoke to the students in the chapel service on November 12.

Mrs. W. C. Lowndes was treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union when convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union took over the school in 1907. She also served on the school's first curriculum committee. Mrs. Lowndes was treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union for almost forty years, then Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Mattie Morgan, acting treasurer, and now Miss Neal.

Memorial services for Mr. George Roden, husband of Mrs. Margaret Frost Roden, were held in Louisville on November 13, 1956.

Mr. Roden was buried in beautiful Cave Hill Cemetery beside Dr. J. M. Frost who was executive secretary of the Sunday School Board when the Training School was founded. In the spring of 1907, Woman's Missionary Union named Dr. Frost a member of the school's Advisory Board and appointed him to the curriculum committee. At the first opening exercises of the Training School in the fall of 1907, Dr.

Frost on behalf of the Sunday School Board presented the school with a check for \$20,500 to cover the purchase price of the building at Preston and Broadway. Dr. Frost continued to promote the training of women Christian workers and the Sunday School Board continued to be a generous benefactor of the school. In the hall was immediately outside the school's chapel is Dr. Frost's portrait, a constant reminder of the school's debt to him and to the Sunday School Board.

Dr. Frost's daughter, Mrs. George Roden, was a school trustee for many years. Mrs. Roden is now living in Hollywood, Florida.

Three members of the present trustee group have served the school and Woman's Missionary Union for twenty-five years and more. Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, a graduate of the school, was named a trustee at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Memphis in 1929. Mrs. J. B. Weatherspoon was elected to the Board in the 1931 session in Birmingham, and Mrs. George Burton was appointed the following year.

Mrs. Frank F. Short of Louisville was a trustee from 1922 to 1955 and has continued an active interest in the school since

Dr. and Mrs. Weatherspoon stand outside Fannie E. S. Heck Chapel at Carver.



Mission Study

Read the mission study column before you read this page, for the ideas which follow are a continuation of those presented there.

A flip chart may be as detailed or brief as you wish to make it. Unless you plan a full description or a fairly thorough discussion, the simpler the better. A page to an idea is a good rule.

Go through chapter four and make a list of the means used by the Home Mission Board to witness: They are missionaries.

her retirement from the Board a year or so ago.

Mr. George Hays, Jr., prominent Louisville Baptist layman, is now a member of the Advisory Board of Carver School. In earlier years, his father served on the school's Board.



Mrs. M. P. Hunt

Carol Hunt, who is enrolled in this fourth session at Carver School, is the granddaughter of ninety-two-year-old Mrs. M. P. Hunt who helped to guide the school in those first years. Mrs. Hunt was named to the Training School's local Board of Managers at the nineteenth annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Richmond in the spring of 1907. She is still living in Louisville and through her granddaughter keeps up with the happenings of the fifty-year-old institution in whose founding she herself played an active role. Thus the past and the present are linked together.

radio, the printed page, visitation, camps, etc. Using the French again as our example, the cover on the January, 1957, issue of *Ambassador Life* illustrates dramatically visitation as Missionary A. V. Pickern travels by way of the boat, "Brotherly Love" to make his calls on the French-Indians who live on both sides of the bayou.

The last page in the flip chart may be "The Golden Door," the black and white cartoon on pages 6 and 7 of this same issue of *Ambassador Life*. Use it as it is except the last script. You may substitute these lines or write your own: "To them and their children we witness through the work of the Home Mission Board." Or you may use an opaque projector to enlarge the drawings and script for two or more pages. Nothing could be more appropriate as a climax to the language group presentation than this drawing.

For the Scripture reading Luke 4:16-20 is fitting. The song "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" may be used.

If the principal emphasis is to be on the city and its problems you will find helpful "The Dangerous Years," a 33-rpm recording, a 15-minute dramatization of a church coming to grips with delinquency. It is available from the Broadcasting & Film Commission, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, for \$2.

See Mrs. C. H. Whetstone's article in the March issue of *Home Missions*, "Mission Study Means Mission Giving."

America has flaws but let us remember as we study about her flaws that she is a great nation. Last November Sir William John Haley wrote in the *London Times*: "Of all nations its history has a higher proportion of greatness than of baseness. Of all peoples its motives are the least suspect. Its errors have been and are many. Its instincts have been and are magnificently right." The leadership of the world has passed into our hands. May we not forget it as we seek to make our country Christian.



New Books to Read

by Mrs. A. F. Crittendon

OCEAN OF FIRE

by Robert Christopher, Rand McNally and Company, 1956, price \$3.95.

To Robert Christopher, "adventure" is synonymous with breathing. His first book, *Trouad the World on \$30*, brought him fame as an adventurer and author. His stories have appeared in *Collier's* and other national magazines and he has been a guest on more than 350 radio and TV programs.

In *Ocean of Fire* the author tells about thrilling months in North Africa and a journey south across the Sahara Desert to Timbuktu. He could have gone less dangerous ways, but then he would not have visited such strange places with unusual names and equally odd inhabitants. He started the hazardous crossing of the blistering Great Sahara from Algiers, making his way as a hitchhiker on military vehicles and trucks carrying high-test airplane gasoline. He rode a camel in a caravan of terrifying, veiled Tuareg tribesmen. He encountered storms that moved mountains of sand in minutes; visited the city where no one works; explored eerie, winding streets; met scores of fascinating people like the professor on a camel, witch doctors, and holy men; survived torrid days that drive men mad followed by nights so cold that people freeze to death; joined the French Foreign Legion and was shadowed as a spy; visited an African slave market; and withal learned something of the superstition, sorcery, and unusual customs of the desert people.

The author reminds us that "this strange part of the world is living in ten centuries at the same time and it is no wonder that it has more than its share of problems."

His photographs highlight his exciting story.

SOUTH AFRICA IN TRANSITION

by Alan Paton, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1956, price \$5.

This book of pictures and accompanying text is an account of the transition in South Africa resulting from the industrial revolution which, during the last century, has changed the life of Europe and America. The author, Alan Paton, achieved world fame in 1918 with the publication of *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The pictures are by Dan Weiner, widely recognized as an outstanding American photographer. This book provides essential information about South Africa—its people, their history, their present-day political and racial problems, and a description of the physical country itself. The two men record, in text and pictures, the change as they observed it during a tour together.

Half the pictures in the book are of African people, showing stages of this change from their primitive life in the tribal reserves to becoming miner, newspaper-seller, teacher, nurse, factory worker, minister of religion—all occupations unknown in the tribal world. While Mr. Paton, a native of South Africa, is deeply concerned with the problems of his country and has become one of the world's leading defenders of the rights and dignity of man, not one word of preaching or propaganda is in the book.

As the reader joins the authors, through pictures and text, on this fairly comprehensive journey, a panorama of South Africa from the largest centers of population to the little-known, outlying regions, unfolds before him. He receives some idea of the beauty as well as the great mineral wealth of the country and the industrial development that has followed its discovery.

Order from your Baptist Book Store.

Pray

by Mrs. Claude Rhea, Jr.

"So don't let us down—your prayers are sometimes our very 'life-line.'"
—missionary from Thailand

Missionaries are listed by birthdays. Addresses in "Directory of Missionary Personnel," free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia, and in Home Missions.

1 Friday "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth"—Prov. 27:1. Mrs. Bruce Conrad Newkirk, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. Albino Ortiz, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; *Miss Bernice Neel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. J. W. Patterson, Costa Rica, Ian, st.; *Rev. W. D. Lockard, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, ed. ev.

2 Saturday "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint"—Luke 18:1. Mrs. Samaria Leader, Oklahoma City, Okla., field worker among Indians; Rev. W. W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, ev.; Rev. Edward Humphrey, Ogbonusho, Nigeria, ed. ev.; *Mrs. N. A. Bryan, Pusan, Korea, ev.; *Mrs. J. P. Satterwhite, Kyoto, Japan, RN; Mrs. J. E. Low, Shaki, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. A. Y. Napier, China, em.

3 Sunday "The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day"—Matt. 12:8. Rev. Sam T. Mayo, Oglethorpe, Ga., ev. among migrants; Miss Anne Grove, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mr. Lawrence Thibodeaux, Gray, La., ev. among French; Rev. J. C. Denton, Anchorage, Alaska, ev.; Dr. J. E. Walker, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa, med. ev.; Mrs. Charles Culpepper, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil, em.

4 Monday "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"—Job 23:10. Rev. B. D. Clater, Langston, Okla., ed. ev. among Negroes; Rev. J. D. Wood, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. E. L. Kelley, HMB, em.; *Rev. A. R. Major, Campinas, Brazil; Rev. H. H. Holley, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Mrs. J. D. Hughes, Jr., Zurich, Switzerland, ed. ev.; Mrs. Earl Martin, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa, ev.; Rev. E. O. Mills, Japan, em.

5 Tuesday "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith... be strong"—1 Cor. 16:13. Pray for prayerful observance of this Week of Prayer for Home Missions and for large giving in the Annie Armstrong Offering.

6 Wednesday "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me"—Heb. 13:8. Mrs. G. C. Prock, Baton Rouge, La., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Frank Ramirez, Immokalee, Fla., ev.; Mrs. Maurice Anderson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; *Dr. G. M. Faile, Jr., Shaki, Nigeria, med. ev.; *Rev.

C. S. Ford, Abuokuta, Rev. D. E. Merritt, Oyo, Nigeria, ev.; Miss Anna B. Hartwell, China, Mrs. J. R. Allen, Brazil, em.

7 Thursday "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom"—Col. 3:16. Mrs. Herbert Caudill, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Rev. H. D. Martin, Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. H. H. McMillan, China-Bahama Islands, em.

8 Friday "Blessed is he whose transgression is covered, whose sin is forgiven"—Psalm 32:1. Mr. W. P. Whittenburg, Greenville, S. C., ev. among Negroes; Rev. Merced Becerra, Hondo, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Nemesio Garcia, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Brazil, em.; Rev. T. N. Clinkscales, Londrina, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Barranquilla, Colombia, ev.; Mrs. J. A. Roper, Gaza, med. ev.

9 Saturday "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another"—Eph. 4:32. Rev. Frank Mendez, Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. Joshua Grijalva, Denver, Colo., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. David Richardson, New Orleans, La., ev. among deaf; Mrs. Sammy Fields, Red Rock, Okla., ev. among Indians; Rev. J. B. Rounds, HMB, em.; Mrs. W. M. Dyal, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, ev.

10 Sunday "Ye ought to say, If the Lord will"—James 4:15. Mr. Harmedio Vivar, San Blas, Panama, Rev. C. B. Clark, Maracaibo, Venezuela, ev.; Rev. C. L. Culpepper, Sr., Taiwan, ed. ev.; *Miss Vivian Nowell, Nigeria, sec. ev.

11 Monday "Faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone"—James 2:17. Give thanks for faith that enables our chaplains to be a force for world missions.

12 Tuesday "The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace"—Psalm 37:11. Rev. Luis Napoles, Cumanayagua, Rev. Manuel Quintana, Mariel, Cuba, Mrs. Rudolph Russell, Bangkok, Thailand, all ev.

13 Wednesday "The word of God is quick and powerful"—Heb. 4:12. Rev. D. A. Morgan, Cristobal, Canal Zone, ev.

14 Thursday "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him"—Lam. 3:25. Mrs. Irvin Dawson, Sacramento, Calif., ev. among

Spanish-speaking: Miss Juanita Johnston, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. William Arnold, Kumasi, Gold Coast, ev.

15 Friday "Feed the flock of God which is among you"—1 Pet. 5:2 Rev. A. W. Williams, Atlanta, Ga., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Jose Saenz, Rio Grande City, Mrs. Isaias Galarza, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Castle Lima, Remedios, Cuba, Rev. W. M. Haverfield, Mexico City, Mexico, ev.; Miss Blanche Bradley, China, em.

16 Saturday "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart"—Psalm 34:18 Mrs. Irene Turner, Nashville, Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. M. D. Oates, Lima, Peru, ev.; Miss Estelle Freeland, Ibadan, Nigeria, sec. ev.; Mrs. J. B. Hipps, China, em.

17 Sunday "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name"—Psalm 29:2 Mrs. S. G. Rankin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mr. W. L. Walker, Oita, Japan, ev.; Dr. E. H. Burks, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, ev.

18 Monday "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil"—Prov. 16:6 Mrs. Abel Tamex, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Dan Sharpley, Santa Maria, Brazil, ev.

19 Tuesday "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word"—Acts 6:4 Rev. Jose Ramirez, Bakersfield, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. E. M. Cross, Pasay City, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. C. D. Clarke, Kyoto, Japan, ed. ev.; Mrs. W. L. Jester, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN

20 Wednesday "Recompense to no man evil for evil"—Rom. 12:17 Rev. E. F. Day, Gallup, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Marvin Lytle, Tyler, Tex., ed. ev. among Negroes; Miss Elizabeth Hale, Alor Star, Malaya, *Rev. H. R. Littleton, Kumasi, Gold Coast, ed. ev.; Rev. T. D. Gullatt, Mito, Japan, ev.; Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, Brazil, em.

21 Thursday "Let your conversation be without covetousness"—Heb. 13:5 Rev. Benito Villarreal, Houston, Tex., Rev. Elias Delgado, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Filomeno Hernandez, HMB, em.; Mrs. P. A. Clive, Jr., Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. L. H. Neil, Oyo, Nigeria, RN; Miss Ruth Kersey, Nigeria, em.; Rev. John Galloway, Macao, em.

22 Friday "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"—Rom. 1:16 Mr. Lewis Grant Espanola, N. M., ev. among Indians; Mrs. L. Grace Thompson, HMB, em.; *Mr. H. W. Fite, Baia, Brazil, agricultural ev.; *Rev. R. L. Bausum, Keelung, Taiwan, ed. ev.

23 Saturday "Ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's"—1 Cor. 3:23 Miss Lillian Bass, Macon, Ga., GWC; Mrs. Ismael Negrin, Key

West, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Mattie Lou Bible, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. W. H. Ferrell, Cordoba, Argentina, ev.; *Dr. Finley Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, ed. ev.

24 Sunday "Let us go into the house of the Lord"—Psalm 122:1 Rev. J. C. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Enoch Ortega, San Jose, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Grace Clifford, HMB, em.; Mrs. L. G. Lane, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; *Dr. Ethel Pierce, China, med. ev.

25 Monday "Ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd"—1 Pet. 2:25 Rev. Cecil Finfrock, Kansas City, Kan., Western Mission Program; Rev. H. D. Stein, HMB, em.; Mr. E. G. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev.; Rev. R. L. Lynn, Cuscutla, Mexico, Rev. Victor Koon, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. W. H. Tipton, China, Mrs. Everett Gill, Europe, em.

26 Tuesday "The just shall live by faith"—Heb. 10:38 Miss Helen Lambert, Baltimore, Md., GWC; Mrs. P. E. Sanderson, Belem, Mr. B. D. Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. Tucker Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev.

27 Wednesday "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation"—Psalm 51:12 Rev. Marvin Sorrels, Sells, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Rev. J. J. Johnson, HMB, em.; Rev. R. L. Fielden, Baia, Brazil, pilot; Miss Frances Hudgins, Bangkok, Thailand, ed. ev.; *Mrs. W. D. Lockard, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, ev.

28 Thursday "Let all your things be done with charity"—1 Cor. 16:14 Rev. Toshie Sakamoto, Los Angeles, Calif., ed. ev. among Japanese; *Dr. Franklin Fowler, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD; Miss Ray Buster, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mr. J. C. Johnson, Para, Brazil, Miss Margie Shumate, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.

29 Friday "Offer unto God thanksgiving"—Psalm 50:14 Pray for Dr. Courts Redford and other Home Mission Board leaders and for careful gleaming in the Annie Armstrong Offering.

30 Saturday "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath"—Psalm 37:8 Mr. David Trevizo, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. P. Andrews, Temuco, Chile, ev.; Miss Frances Crawford, Barranquilla, Colombia, RN

31 Sunday "Great is the Lord . . . his greatness is unsearchable"—Psalm 145:3 Miss Fay Taylor, Bandung, Indonesia, ed. ev.; Mrs. E. H. Burks, Jr., Oyo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. A. Y. Napier, China, em.

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ev. evangelism
med. medical
RN nurse
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W.H. Woman's Headquarters
HMB Home Mission Board
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MD Margaret Fund

Dates for Doing in WMU

March 4-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering

April 19-21 YWA Anniversary houseparty in Louisville for Grace McBride and Ann Hasseltine YWAs (see page 25)

May 12-18 GA Focus Week

May 26-28 WMU Annual Session, Chicago, Illinois (see page 6)

May 29-June 1 Southern Baptist Convention, Chicago, Illinois

June 13-19 YWA Conference, Ridgecrest

July 18-24 WMU Conference, Glorieta

August 1-7 YWA Conference, Glorieta

August 8-14 WMU Conference, Ridgecrest

August 11-17 Sunbeam Focus Week

September WMU Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by the state WMUs)

November 5-7 North American Women's Union, Toronto, Canada



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