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MISSIONARIES overseas depend upon us to pray for them by name on their birthdays. Over and over they tell us so. Surely members of missionary societies will resolve to be faithful in this intercessory day-by-day praying.

But God's kingdom advance as undertaken by Southern Baptists also must rely on us to be faithful stewards of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 2-6. Again and again we say "Make it a week of praying." Spiritual dividends will accrue to bless every effort done in Christ's name when we pray with burdened dedication.

Out of sensitive hearts we shall then give of our moneymore than the \$5 million!

(Your Week of Prayer program material will be included in December Royal Service.)

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Cover-Above and amid the contending isms which are oggressively bidding for Africa's 200,000,000 people, the message of Jesus, the risen Saviour is quietly setting free the spirit of individuals, one by one. Freedom's banners are waving in every country where Gad's glorious message of lave has released hearts from the superstition of the Catholic crucifix, Communism's slavery, and Islam's false prophet. Paganism's hold on the soul's of men has been broken. The cover of this magazine should be used as a visual means of stirring the thinking of your society members in the study of Continent in Commotion.

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... Places of death are becoming places of life;
pagan darkness gives way to Christian light

by IRA N. PATTERSON

It is said that you can put your finger down anywhere on the map of Africa, and there you will find need for a Christian hospital. An increasing stream of doctors, dentists, and nurses have, like David Livingstone, decided that they could do nothing better with their lives-than to go out to Africa and spend them following in the footsteps of the Great Physician! Slowly but surely these, with a growing army of trained African associates, are helping to bring new life and hope to Africa.

A visiting journalist was deeply impressed by the fact that he found all over Africa keen Christian doctors with degrees from the finest medical schools of the world. "Whatever you may think of medical missions," he said, "you must admit that pills with prayers are; just as effective as any others." We Christians believe that "pills with prayers" are more effective than any others. While giving the finest in medical service, medical missionaries are striving to bring their patients into vital touch with Him whose "balm of Gilead" can heal the sin-sick soul.

The preaching of Jesus so upset the sociecy of his day that he was crucified. Wherever his gospel is preached, it continues to upset the old order that new and better systems may prevail. Today the leaven of Christ's love is powerfully at work in Africa. The preaching of the gospel and the salvation of souls is, and must ever be, the prime concern of the missionary; yet, there are some "by-products" of Christianity that contribute to the present-day commotion in Africa. . . .

Until recent years, African opinion was that children were to be worked and not schooled. When some Baptist elders were approached twenty-five years ago about sending their children to school, they said, "Why should we work when we have children to do it for us?" Now parents in that same area will work their lingers to the bone to send their children to school.

About noon one day the father of a boarding student in the Abeokuta Baptist Boys' High School came to my office. The day was hot, the hill on which the school stood was steep and high, and the frail form of the man was bent from long hours spent tending his farm with a short-handled hoe. He was so exhausted that he had to sit down and pant awhile before he could tell me his business. After he had rested, he opened a large dirty handkerchief and poured out on my desk in coins enough money to pay his son's fees a whole year in advance.

John Gunther points out that 44 per cent of the people of "African Africa" are now free or almost free. The missionary has tried to stay aloof from a country's politics, but it is generally agreed that the continent's strong tides of nationalism are the backwash of the Christian message.

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School of Nursing Hospital Bautista

Through a healing ministry Southern Baptist missionary doctors, nurses, pastors, and national Christians win many to Christ each year. This is an expanding ministry which requires much money, many young people to become doctors and nurses, and the practical praying of all Southern Baptists



These are the nurses you will read about in this story, with the writer at center—Ramora, Eva, Mary Elizabeth Lind Pabla, and Germana. Nurse and teacher alike are happy over new caps.

On their way to gradual these students relax in a nurses' living room . . .

Before dawn breaks one hears on the arreets the pitty-patter of bare feet going to the market. A leathery squeak of the saddle, the crowing of a rooster and a burro's bray blend with the rumble of wooden oxcart wheels. Out in Villa Morra, a suburb of Asuncion, Paraguay, the Baptist (Hospital is quiet with switchboard silent. Busily gleaning the floors the office boy puts the office in order. Lights flicker out one by one and the light of day creeps down the corridors.

A patient stirs, and the young nurse is immediately alert after an all night vigil. The quiet, the attention are a miracle to the patient. It is customary that hospital doors are locked at night leaving the patients alone, or with a relative. Many people fear the hospital and wait until the very last hope is gone before bringing a loved one to die. But at this hospital the lives of dedicated Christians, devoted medical personnel, and the eager witnessing of patients have made the Baptist hospital known all over Paraguay. Even two hundred miles in the interior where travel is possible only by river hoat, news has spread of the good care available at this hospital.

Asuncion, Paraguay

Mirjam Willis was the first medical missionary in Paraguay. She began a clinic without a building, in the area of Chacarita, near the river. She was soon joined by Dr. Franklin Fowler, and the dream of a hospital was finally realized. As the services grew, the necessity for a nurse's training school was obvious. Lack of even partially-trained Christian personnel meant 22-hour duty for the missionary nurses. So the School of Nursing was begun in 1953 under the direction of Wanda Ponder.



The hospital in Asuncion

Ruth Porter was in charge of the supply room, sterilizing department, surgery and X-ray. In 1955 when Miss Ponder left for her furlough. Miss Porter assumed the directorship until January 1956, when Mary Lind was named in her place.

It was early in 1956 that the Nursing School was established as a separate institution, the Constitution was approved and adopted, and the three-year curriculum based on standards set by the Commission of Education of the International Council of Nurses was accepted. At this time the Nursing School committee was formed also.

by Mary E. Lind, Missionary

The second class of nurses was begun in March, 1956. Among the age, scholastic, and physical requirements, there is an additional prerequisite. Every student must be an evangelical Christian, an active member of her church, and she must have the recommendation of her pastor. Thus every student is able to speak to our patients or their families of personal experiences as Christians.

Last December four first-year students were capped in an impressive ceremony in the Baptist Church of Villa Morra. Ramona Martinez is a member of the Baptist Church of Ciudad Nueva. Her pastor, Don Pedro Ruiz Diaz has been an important person in her spiritual life. Ramona was not a member of the church until her eighteenth birthday, when she could be haptized without parental permission. She has a ready smile and a contagious enthusiasm. Eva Owischinnicow first learned about our School of Nursing while attending the summer youth camp. Missionary Betty Harpe a graduate nurse also, was her counsell and encouraged her to apply at our school Her family lives in Encarnacion, across the river from Argentina, where the Walter Craigheads work in the Baptist Church.

Pabla Diaz lived with her mother in Asuncian, and is a member of the First Baptist Church. Until she heard about the School of Nursing she had been studying in a commercial school. Her twinkling eyes and ready smile are great assets to her calling as a nurse. Germana Ruiz Diaz has a sister who works as an aide at the hospital. Germana's greatest desire is to attend the Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires after her graduation from nurse's training.

For these four junior students, the seven seniors, and the two pre-clinical students, nursing is giving them not only a new career, but a chance to serve their own peo-



by Cyril E. Bryant, Editorial Staff Baptist World Alliance, Washington

Just as the American declaration of independence in 1776 lit fires for freedom the world over, this nation's production of electric refrigerators, washing machines, automobiles, and beef steaks is creating in 1957 an economic unrest touching all the earth's continents for good or iff.

House Report No. 776, the 85th Congress, puts it this way:

"Throughout the less developed areas of the world but particularly in the vast stretches of Asia and Africa, the world has awakened to a new political fact: that the example set by Western people in improving their own living conditions has given the people of Asia and Africa a determination to lift themselves above the level of grinding poverty which they and their ancestors have known."

With such a background of reasoning, the Congress has included in its Mutual Security Act of 1957 a sum of \$500 million for what is termed a Development Loan Fund. Similar amounts will be added each of the next two years, providing \$1.5 billion for loans to economic development projects in needy countries during the next three years.

This allocment of funds is a recognition that brotherly love and material assistance in peaceful endeavors are a continuing and important part of USA world leadership.

The Honorable Brooks Hays, congressman from Arkansas and newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is given credit for salvaging this development loan fund from an apparently determined move to eliminate at least its longterm provisions from the bill. This whreeyear plan actually had been dropped in a vote by the House Committee on Public Affairs. But then Hays returned to a later meeting of the committee, reported that he had been so busy getting started as SBC president he had gone to sleep on that portion of the bill. He moved for its consideration and approval—and won his point by a 17-10 committee vote.

Intensive studies by both congressional and private groups indicated, according to the committee report, that "present annual appropriation procedures are not the most effective and businesslike way of providing development linancing." Its chief fault apparently came in the fact that annual appropriations did not enrourage the receiving countries to apply the aid to long-term projects in their countries.

Monies under the new plan will be made available to the receiving countries as loans, which are repayable. This is considered a safe investment, in that the loan will be used to establish productive development programs which will assure continuing income. It will in turn be profitable to the United States as these countries, developing their resources on a sound basis for the first time, become economic allies for foreign trade. The money will be kept on a revolving basis, with the funds available to other borrowers as the first repays them.

Most significant however is the fact that America is sharing its wealth and technical know-how with its brother-countries, a pattern set many decades ago by Christian missionaries who began to carry the ckill of hospitals and schools along with churches into the unchristianized national



by Baker James Cauthen Executive Secretary Foreign Mission Board

Dr. Cauthen checks list of \$5 million needs with Mrs. R. L. Mothis, WMU president

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. The sum of \$5,240,800 is a great deal of money. This is the amount that was given last year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and it is our confident expectation that the offering at Christmas 1957 will be larger.

All this money goes to meet needs on mission fields. The determination of where this money should go and which needs are to be met is one of the thrilling stories of world missions.

Quite obviously, this large sum of money could not be distributed according to the whim or fancy of any individual. Favorite projects and personal preferences would be a prior basis upon which to allocate money laid upon the Lord's aftar to tell his gospel throughout the world.

It is with great joy, therefore, that we examine how this money is applied to needs which are being faced in a world rath.

First of all, there is a great deal of praying. Missionaries all over the world are surrounded by needs they long to meet. They realize that the resources available will be inadequate to minister to everything that chamors to be done. The missionary and those with whom he is associated are moved to prayer as they see the abounding needs and feel the necessity of God's guidance in trying to determine what to do.

Through prayer and study of opportunities, the missionary and those with him arrive at conclusions regarding what they would recommend if funds could be made available.

These recommendations are then studied by responsible committees. Throughout the world Baptists work along well established lines, Institutions are guided by boards of directors and projects of work have special committees. Whenever a

MEETING NEEDS

THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

course of action is to be determined, there is group thinking and group praying.

Many of the projects calling for major effort are reviewed not only by committees and hoards of directors, but by national conventions. When we hear of seminaries, colleges, high schools, and other institutions all over the world we can usually know that a Baptist convention is responsible for the welfare and progress of that work.

The recommendations of committees, boards, and conventions are then reviewed by missions. In every land missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board constitute organized missions. These missions have responsible committees which make careful studies of all recommendations relative to proposed work.

The mission in session realizes that the needs in the country are far more than resources will provide. It is always necessary to select from the list of things that should be done those that appear to be the most pargent and for the good of the work as a whole.

Through much prayer and consultation the mission arrives at its recommendations. Usually these needs are drawn up in priority lists. This means that the mission says to the Foreign Mission Board that if funds are not available for everything that is being recommended it is the hope of the mission that the resources will be applied according to the priority listed.

The recommendations from missions from all over the world are sent to the Foreign Mission Board. These are studied on the desks of the secretaries of the Board. On the desks of the secretaries are always many calls which cannot be met. It is necessary for the secretaries to study the combined needs from all the fields and arrive at recommendations within resources available.

From these priority time recommendations are drawn up to present before the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union.

Representatives of the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union come to the Foreign Mission Board and confer with the secretaries so as to get full information concerning all needs recommended. Each item is studied carefully so that all information is thoroughly understood.

The secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board come to the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board and present the lists of needs as studied with the Finance Committee. All questions concerning any item on the lists are welcomed and are explained.

The Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union votes to approve the lists with joy and confidence that it represents the most careful



administrative etudy possible in the handling of mission money.

Those lists when finally approved by the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union are then brought to the Foreign Mission Board to be presented first to its Administrative Committee and then to the Foreign Mission Board in session.

When the Lottie Moon appropriations are ready to be announced to missions all over the world, it is recognized that this procedure has involved the prayer, thought, and best judgment of missionaries, national Christians, Foreign Missional Roard secretaries, Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board and the Foreign Mission Board.

When Woman's Missionary Union first half hand to her task it was with a view to cultivating the spirit of prayer and giving so as to broaden missionary vision and deepen dedication. Woman's Missionary Union wisely made it known that her purpose was not to enter the field of missions administration. This field is clearly the responsibility of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Without the Lottie Moom Christmas Offering, our foreign mistion labor would be greatly curtailed. Many needs would be left unmet. It would be impossible to construct many missionary residences, schools, hospitals, and seminaries.

Although the money given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is of tremendous importance, we must not forget the greater importance of the prayer support which this offering brings. Advance in foreign missions must be made on our luces. Without prayer there will not be power. Southern Baptists are only now beginning to realize the vast potentiality for worldwide evangelization which God has given us. That potential can be reached only as we have the power of God's Holy Spirit in our hearts.

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rounded by non-Christian religions and human misery stand in need of spiritual power. Through intercessory prayer, that power is provided. Just as sound does not pass through a vacuum, so God's blessings do not come apart from his people's praying. The Week of Prayer preceding the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is of great significance in harnessing the prayer potential of Southern Baptists.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is of great significance in encouraging year-round giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a Christmas gift laid at the feet of our Lord. That Christmas gift makes us love him more, and out of fountains of love flow streams of compassion and giving.

Our praying can be made more effective as we know world need and are aware of the efforts being made to meet it.

The study of missions during the Week of Prayer is of much significance in this respect. When Southern Baptists really become informed about the need of the whole world for a gospel of Christ and are made aware of our Lord's expectations, we will move to new heights in world mission endeavor.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering comes to its finest moment in the dedication of life for unlimited service in keeping with our Master's will. No gift is greater than that of life itself. Wherever the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering extends a wide influence, there results a parallel increase in mission volunteers.

We must never be content to look back upon achievements in days gone by. We must never consider yesterday as the golden day in world missions. Our task is to-day. The challenge is for the future. We must arise and lay hand to the responsibilities of this generation. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering calls us to our maximum in a world ministry.



by Hermione Dennelly Jackson

Theme: Helping Youth to Hear God's Gall

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Responsive Reading by two women, one reading the verse of the hymn and the other the quotation.

First: Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come.

Second: "The uncertainty of the world situation is no argument for a hesitant, timorous, overcautions policy of world missions. It is a clear summons to take the message of Christ as quickly as possible to all people before the storm may break." (Baker lames Cauthen, executive secretary, Forcign Mission Board—see also bage 11.)

First: Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.

Second: "We consider ourselves orthodox when we talk in terms of salvation by grace through faith; but we fail to practice orthodoxy when we neglect the implication of these searching questions: 'How then shall they call on him in whom they have not helieved? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard: and how shall they preach except they be sent?' "(George W. Sadler, Secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East.)

First: Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong.

Second: "My attention was forced on the possibility of a call to foreign missions. My parental training and personal experience had made me feel that resisting the Lord's

will was foolish and unprofitable, so my only desire was to know. I came to know, through many immediate influences: missions classes, closer contact with missionaries and world needs, as well as the influences that had accumulated from childhood." (Lebanon missionary John Turner.)

First: And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Second: "The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 14 young people for overseas mission service at its May meeting, bringing the total number of active foreign missionaries in 1,165." (Foreign Missions News.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:39-52

Notice that these verses stress the proper rearing of children into well-developed personalities. There is strong emphasis on religious preparation. Both mother and father went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. This observance lasted seven days. The trip took three days both ways, so that two weeks were devoted to one church function.

Note also that the boy Jesus both listened to and asked questions. Point out that youth needs constructive guidance. Verse 51 states Jesus returned with his parents and was subject to them or obedient to them.

Quote remark of leading American physician: "The most important single educational factor to which people are subjected is the family in which they grow up. Because of the amount of time a person spends in the lamily and the authoritative nature of the control which the family has over early thinking, the family has more to do with moltting our personalities and our ability to handle living than any other factor." (Please turn to page 27)



AMERICAN GIS AND MISSIONS

The Reynolds and Girard affairs have not only imported the whole structure of government agreements under which American servicemen live around the globe but have a definite bearing on Christian missions.

Army Specialist 3/c William Girard on a rifle range killed a Japanese woman. The question of whether he should be tried in a Japanese or a US Army Court brought into focus once again a policy of discrimination which has been associated with rolonial privileges since the early days of western imperialism.

The acquittal of Army Sgt. Robert Reynolds for the shooting of a Chinese Peeping Tom touched off the now-famous Formosan riots. The majority of the Chinese violently disagreed with the verdict.

Most Asians resent bitterly the fact that American servicemen have a semi-immunity from trial in Asian courts. They equally resent what they consider the apparent contempt in which Americans hold the life of an Asian.

Missionaries on the island of Formosa and in Japan wrote that the local papers were filled with anti-American sentiment. The American missionary feels the effects of these outbursts of hostility, for all things "American" come under condemnation if only temporarily. "Incidents" are inevitable in countries where our soldiers are quartered. A nation does not enjoy foreign troops within its borders no matter how necessary governments may think they are from a military point of view.

US servicemen are stationed in seventy-nine foreign lands on every continent. A million men are now overseas. Our government is helping to ease the tension by working out a program to brief servicemen on how to get along with civilians at each foreign post. Included in this program are "community projects" designed to promote friendly relations in areas where military units are stationed. What a boon to missions if the GIs who know the Lord will seek out the American missionary not as a government project but as a project for the Captain of his life who commanded him to "Go tell."

WOMEN IN THE WORLD

Women have entered every major industrial and professional field. According to World Almanac 25.5 per cent are employed outside the home.

In the latest Kremlin shakeup a heavy-set blonde with a baby face. Eksterina Furtseva was vaulted into the inner sanctum of the Soviet Presidium. She is forty-seven, has a fifteen year old

daughter, and a successful husband who is ambassador to Yugo-slavia. She began recruiting members for the Communist youth organization as a pig-tailed girl of fourteen. Today she is the most powerful woman in the Soviet Union.

In another profession and in an entirely different political atmosphere is Miss Julia A. Wilson, one of our nation's top specialists in writing financial literature. Miss Wilson, daughter of a Tennessee textile manufacturer and a one-time Southern belle, knows how to translate stock prospectuses, company histories, and obscure financial terms into language which the layman can under-

stand. Her clients include some of the largest and best investment firms in the United States. She is currently writing a study for. the National Association of Investment Companies.

In commenting on her profession to Hal Boyle, newspaper col-umnist, Miss Wilson said, "I have no patience with people who let themselves become bored with life. The only people who are happy are the people who are busy."

Missions is big business. The propagation of the gospel will not only keep Christian women busy but happy.

PRECIOUS GIFT

The story goes that an English vicar once asked his bishop: "Do you like the Salvation army?" And the bishop replied, "Well, I cannot say that I do, but to be honest I must confess I believe God does." One may not like the way every state, association, and society works out its own plans sometimes, departing from general rules and regulations and making a few of their own. But as long as Woman's Missionary Union has at the heart of its organization genuine spiritual concern for the peoples of the world who do not know Christ and expresses concern in the support of a missionary program of preaching, teaching, and healing God will bless the Union.

As the noted Christian philosopher Theodore M. Greene stated in <u>Motive</u> magazine a few years ago, the greatest trouble with our age is the absence of spirituality among our spiritual leaders. If this is true of any leader anywhere in Woman's Missionary Union let her escape from the false security the mechanics of organization gives into the truth of her real condition before God who loves hopesty and is Truth.

GHANA

Books instead of being lifeless, static things, have always been man's most dynamic, most explosive force in the world, wrote Dr. Stanley Hoole, librarian at the University of Alabama. If you

doubt this read Ghana. The day before Kwame Nkrumah was 47 years old be received a telephone call from the governor of the Gold Coast summoning him to the official residence. When the African Prime Minister entered the office of the governor he was handed a dispatch from London. He hurriedly swept through the long introduction until be came to the fifth paragraph. Tears of joy blurred his vision so that be found it difficult to finish the document. Kwame Nkrumah looked up and met the eyes of the governor. Neither man spoke for several seconds. In those floating moments of silence both men were looking back over the seven years of their association which began with doubts, misunderstandings and suspicions, then grew into

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SATURDAY NIGHT

by PAUL S. JAMES, poster of The Reptiet Tabernocie, Ariente, Compa

Solurday night in the Boptist parsonage home of our childhood is well remembered for its familiar sights and sounds and smells.

I can still see the lamp with the green shade on lather's desk in the study, by the light of which he spent several hours each Saturday night poing over the notes of his Sunday sermon. He wrote his sermons in full, following the advice of Dr. Augustus H. Strong who told the men in Rochester Seminary to write their sermons for the first twenty years and then do whatever they pleased about it. After writing his sermons. fother made brief nates on them, which he underlined carefully in preparation for taking them into the pulgit.

Mother had her Saturday night duties toaspecial duties in preparation for the Lord's Day She sewed buttons on Sunday clothes and out a put roost on the stove to get it ready for the marraw. There would be no coming home early Sunday moon to fix the Sunday dinner; the preacher's wife must have it as nearly ready as possible before she left for the house of God. I can smell the fragrance of that roost now mingled with the sharper odor of the freshly blacked shoes for all of us.

Yes. Solurday night in our home was dedicated to Bible, both, and bed. Everything painted to the special day that would soon be here—the Lard's Day. We didn't go gut an Saturday night. Like the Jews, our sobbath began at sundown.

The result was achieved. We never thought

of Saturday night as the high point of the week; the highwater mark was Sunday. Saturday night was a night of preparation to make ready for God's hely day.

Sunday morning did not find us rousing reluctantly, to go to church wearily and sit through the sermon sleepily. Sunday marning found us refreshed and ready. This was it-"day of all the week the best." Our enthusiasms had not been dissipated the night before. There was a zeal in our souls because we had made the right sort of spiritual, mental, and physical prepara-

We were brought up not to spend Saturday night for the devil, giving the Lord whatever tag end of our interest might be left over to the next day It dishanars God to be handed leftovers

Has the ald-fashioned, Christian sort of Saturday night gone with the wind? In many places. ves Across America it is the night when folks point the town red. The country is on one wild spree and the rising sun of a beautiful Lord's Day morning finds people in bed, with big heads, sleeping off hangavers of one kind or another. They enter the day in sin-how can It be a day of blessing for them?

But your home and my home may still be houses of God where the holy hush is upon the souls of the members of the family as the shadaws of Saturday evening lengthen, bringing fresh assurance of the presence of him whom we serve Reprinted with permission Christianity Today

trust, sincerity, friendship and now victory! It was a moment indescribable, never to be re-captured.
"It's a great day for you, PM," the governor said, "It is

the end of what you have struggled for."

"It is the end of what we have struggled for, Sir Charles," corrected the Prime Minister. "You have contributed a great deal toward this day—in fact I would never have succeeded without your help and co-operation.'

At long last the day of independence for the Gold Coast had been set by the British government and Kwame Nkrumah held in his

hand the precious document stating the date.

This unique African dedicated to the principle of the right of all men to govern themselves tells his story in the battle for freedom from colonislism in the book, Ghana. Here is the autobiography not only of a man but a nation, for in truth each is the story of the other.



In the Mids of the hristmas Offering

by Juliette Mather

EVERY Sunday here in Fukuoka, Japan, I worship in a church built by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I did not know when I was making my gilt year after year in the States that I would have this privilege. The service is in Japanese, but students sit beside me and help me find the hymns which I sing from memory in English, tell me the Scripture passage read and write down the essence of the sermon.

This is a very modest building seating about 250 people with a side room cut off by Japan's fascinating and typical sliding doors. This is a part of the auditorium and regularly used on Sunday night for our embryo Young People's training union and during the weekdays for kindergarten. From my pew I look at a light oak pulpit stand and chairs. There are two pedestals for flowers which are arranged exquisitely every Sunday morning with the Japanese technique so many women are trying to learn in the USA. A long red velvet curtain covers the baptistery, hanging from ceiling to platform. Usually in the mornings the curtain is opened showing a white screen curtain softening the baptistery outline and revealing a slim golden cross formed by amber glass brick in the outside wall of the church. The effect is very worshipful. Japan's Baptists use the symbol of the cross in all our churches as they do on the pin of the Japan Baptist Convention which bears the islands of Japan in black with a gold cross uplifted over them.

At the right side of the platform as I face my pastor, Asano Kawoguchi Sensei, is a small room which is his study. At the left is a prayer room, and further behind on both sides are the steps into the baptistery. His house is on the back of the church lot.

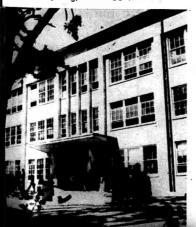
The church entrance is from the back of the auditorium and there are the boxes with slides to put on instead of wearing in the shoes which have walked down the muddy or dusty street. There is also the eabinet with a pigeonhole designated for each member of the church. In it is placed his offering envelope. We economize by using the same one Sunday after Sunday. There is room also in each person's space to leave one's hymnbook but most of us carry it with us. There are no hymnbooks in the pew racks; they are personal property.

Over this entrance is a balcony where my Sunday school class meets, separated by a movable partition from the classes in the auditorium downstairs and another one up-

stairs beside us. Since we have only one organ in the church, the boys and 1 sing our songs before the children gather; then we go up to our room while the younger part of Sunday school has its opening exercises.

In my English Bible class there are enrolled seven young women, some fifty-three young men and two professors from Kyushu University, Fukuoka Commercial College, and Seinan, and a few young businessnen. So the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Union Building, Seinan Gakuin



gift for the church building reaches out over the city in its influence.

A most interesting plaque on the back wall of the church lists the eleven mission points which this First Baptist Church of Fukuoka gave up members to start. Some moved to different sections of the city and began services in their homes. Some simply went where a mission needed to be and began it. Six of them have grown into churches (one in Seinan, the college church) and five are still missions. Fukuoka has a population of 400,000 and there are plans for more missions. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering never stops expanding; your gifts spread on and on.

ON weekdays at 10:15 I go to Seinan Gakuin University service in Rankin Chapel built by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts. It seats 1500 people and is most attractive with paneled stage walls and ceiling, with lights making it useful for dramatics and with individual seats numbered for reservations when desired. Professors, missionaries, and occasionally students lead the chapel periods much as in the USA except that usually our messages are evangelistic rather than along the lines of Christian character development

and life dedication. Most of our students are not Christians but in Rankin Chapel through your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering they hear the gospel. It was your gifts which several years ago crected the Seinan University administration building of classrooms and offices. It is your gift of \$20,000 for annual expenses which is the assured background for running the wonderful, institution with its junior and senior high school, college, seminary, and training school.

The sentinary is on its own campus some three miles out from the university campus but students come in for college classes and some of the faculty must hurry back and forth because we do not have enough missionaries to concentrate wholly on one school.

My first formal meeting with the twenty-three missionaries of West Kyushu station was in the house where John and Jean Shepard now live. This West Kyushu field is made up of Kagoshima. Nagasaki, Kumamota, and Fukuoka prefertures with a population of 9.5 million. (Did you notice the number of missionaries? Twenty-three—three are at home on Iurlough.) The Shepards live out at the seminary in a pleasant house built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money. The house has the very large livingroom characteristic of all Japan's mission houses so that meetings can be held, frequently four or five times

Miss Mather with her Bible class in front of

or even every night a week. A missionary's life has really little time for privacy and his home is a public office for any seeking soul or for any meeting. The two other missionary homes out at Hosheguma, as the seminary section is called, were also built with money designated by the Foreign Mission Board from the Christmas offering.

It is wonderful to see what money can do, but it cannot accomplish much without missionary personnel and without earnest intelligent prayer. We do not begin to have enough missionaries here in Fukuoka or in Japan for that matter. For example, each of the four and a half missionaries (I am the half!) who teach in the English department in Seinan Gakuin is carrying a full load. College professors in the USA would not think of teaching as many hours as we do. Besides, here are the English Bible and conversation classes at night. But next year Miss Alma Graves with whom I live goes home on furlough and there will be her twenty hours of English and religious education at the seminary to be divided among the three and a half of us left. A missionary ready to leave language school in September after a gap of four months following Miss Graves' departure may feel led to come here instead of going to one of two other places where similar emergency situations exist. If she comes here the others will be in like desperate straits. We need more missionary teachers.

preachers, nurses, doctors—more everything.
And each one must be empowered by prayer.
How we love the Prayer Calendar out here! And use it! Do you?

And is your Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions going to be truly a week of prayer? I hope so because in the midst of the Lottic Moon Christmas Offering gifts, I know prayer counts the most!



NOVEMBER

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

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Three Knocks in the Night

Hymn: "We Would See Jesus"

Devotional Period: Read Luke 11:5-8. Jesus used this parable to encourage perse-terance in prayer. However, this is a parable which may also have meaning for to as we think about our program "Three Knocks in the Night." Let me tell you the story of an early missionary to India.

Dr. Ida S. Scudder, daughter of missionary parents, was determined that she would not be a missionary, would not go to India. However, when her mother became ill, it was necessary for her to go to India Jor a visit.

One night after she had said goodnight in her parents and was alone in her room she heard footsteps; at the door a man's distressed voice pleaded, "Amahl amahl My wife is so young and beautiful. She has been in labor for hours, and I heard that you had come from America, so I thought you might come to help me."

bla told the man she knew nothing of methcine but that she would call her father what was a doctor. "I cannot take your father, a man, into my home to care for my wife," he said. Ida called her father and he talked to the man, but in distress he shook his head. "Not Not it is against our custom and I cannot take him." There was no one to help and he sadly went home to his dying wife.

While Ida was thinking upon the plight of this young woman she heard footsteps again. She assumed the young man had thanged his mind and come back for her father. But no—it was another man who was knocking this second time. His wife had had other children, but somehow this one could not be born, and he begged her to come with him. When she told him of her father, a doctor, who could help, he too refused, and went back to his dying wife.

Let Dr. Scudder tell the rest: "Evidently God knew I was not yet sufficiently conscience-stricken because yet another man appeared from the darkness with the same appeal. I could not help! Neither could I get away from those dying so near in the



villages. Before the night was over, the death tom-toms were heard. Our home was on the road to the burying ground, so three funerals passed with three young women who could have been saved. My decision was reached. After much prayer, I went to my parents and said, 'I am guing home to study medicine, and will come back to landia where the need is so appalling.'"

(Read again Luke 11:5-8.)

The ministry of Jesus consisted of preaching, teaching, and healing. And while those who heard him exclaimed, "Never man spake as this man," it was his healing ministry which astounded the people most—that which they considered miraculous. Miracles are still being per-

formed in Christ's name through the minisury of medical missions.

Prayer that we shall be awakened to need of others

Insistent Knocks from Africa

Alrica, where one third of the world's lepers live, and where one out of two babies die the first year, probably needs the touch of the Great Physician as no other spot on earth. Gradually Southern Baptists have established medical centers where the people can come personally and knock. And these doors open to cheerfulness, cleanliness, healing—and the gospel!

Naturally most of our medical work in Africa is in Nigeria, our oldest African mission field where we first began work in 1830. We now have four hospitals, three dispensaries, and ten clinics in this mission. We look in today on two medical conters in Nigeria—Ire and Ogbomosho.

Walfara Center in Ire, Nigeria

The work in this center is carried on by Miss Eva Sanders, Helen Masters, and the national staff. Miss Sanders has had heavy duties over a long period of time. From washing poison of a spitting cobra from eyes to pulling teeth for men, she keeps busy all day and sometimes at night. She also goes long distances to answer calls in out-of-way places.

In connection with this center, the missionaries operate a midwifery training school. A small class was graduated last year and all of them passed their state board examinations. Only time will prove the worth of these girls to womanhood in Nigeria and the health education program.

Last year over seven hundred babies were delivered at the Ire Welfare Center. This means that seven hundred and more mothers heard about Jesus Christ. Many of them accepted him as Saviour.

However, the executive committee of the Nigerian mission listed an additional midwife, a nurse for Ire as one of the four most urgent personnel needs in the whole mission. It is doubtful that this work can continue unless this additional midwifennise can be found. Let us pray that a nurse from our church may feel this need knocking on her heart (Prayer).

Ogbomosho Hospital

The quality of nursing in this hospital, also in Nigeria, has steadily improved from year to year due to the high standards of the nursing school operated in connection with the hospital. There are missionaries and Nigerians on the hospital staff. An appropriation for this school of nursing is listed in the Lottie Moon offering for 1957. And Mrs. W. J. Williams, our missionary nurse has helped us to appreciate these nurses in this story:

"Severe amebiasis!" said the doctor, shaking his head, for he knew how often patients came to him too late.

For six days and nights James had not been able to sleep or eat because of the severe pain caused by that microscopic parasite, the amoeba. He was admitted to the isolation ward and placed in a room alone. The student nurse assigned to him was named Maxwell. Maxwell was patient and understanding. As he bathed James he told him how important it was to wash one's hands. He talked about clean dishes and how the amoeba grows in unclean places. He pointed out how to avoid such an illness in the future by care and cleanliness.

Maxweil was able to learn a great deal about James. He had come from a pagan background into Catholicism, and out of

PROGRAM HELPS for Three Knocks in the Night

A Poster: Cur out or drow the picture of a nurse and/or doctor. Print in bald letters Africa, Latin America, and The Orient in scattered fashion on the top half of the poster. On the lowerhalf write, "Learn what our doctors and nurses are doing. Listen to Three Knacks in the Night, given by Waman's Missionary Society members, (time, place, dote)."

Or shumbtock to the bulletin board a world map (Southern Baptist Missions Around the World, free from the Foreign Missions Board Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia.) In the upper left-shand corner, thumbtack or tape a model plane or one cut from construction paper. Then write on a piece of adding machine paper or small strip, Travel by arwith Wornan's Missionary Society to Southern Baptist Hospitals in Africa, Latin America, and the Orient, (time, place, date). Thumbtack this diagonally from bottom left carner decass the map.

Guiden: Fold a piece of paper 8½"u5". On inside write or type the program to be followed. On the cover page hand letter "Three Knocks in the Night." Decorate with a sketch of a doctor or parse or hospital.

Or: The program may be placed inside an arrplane (use the pattern suggested for the map) which tolds either at the nose or tip of a wing.

If program guides are not used, then after the devotional period, the person in charge will intro-

duce the program and explain the procedure common give the names of those on program with the further interruption.

Procedure: The three mission areas discussed in this program are subdivided for convenience Different people do not necessarily have to discuss them. Three people, well prepared, may present the work. Be sure to give each one a time limit, however, so as to keep the presentation strictly within the time set aside for your program. Do not run avertime.

Stress propagation. These true stones are straight from the mission fields. If told prayer fully and effectively, they will open the facets at insteners to greater concern and action in kingdom service.

Display "Southern Baptist Missians Around the World" map with airplane. The person in charts assumes the role of a travel guide. She tells have she and her party are so interested in what Southern Baptists are doing through medical missians they visited these areas. She points out on the mit New York, from which point the party departed Them she traces on the map the flights they took and mentions the hospitals visited, for she may define by areas as the program is given). She litter introduces members of her party whom she her brought with her to tell what they learner as the knocked at the doors of some of our happitals.

These members will report, using information given in program.

Another possibility, dress those an program as doctors or nurses at the medical centers; in imagination, these could be hame on furlough.

Or you may with to work program into an interesting panel. Those participating assume the roles of the doctors and nurses who have shared these stories with them or the roles of those who have given a great deal of tinke and study to subject. The panel leader would want to be familiar with all the program to be able to guide the panel. ("The Field Is the World" free for the walling from the Foreign Missian Board, Richmond 20, Virginia is excellent background material.) She will carefully ward two or three questions, the prosect to which would give the information included here.

Or perhaps early an interest center will appeal as some and the program material followed as it is written. Then, place on a table a small fray with thememorar in glass, bottles of pills, tangue expressers, swabs, etc. Nearby, place a stethoscope. To one side place a titled, open Bible.

Whatever way you choose to present the profrom, he sure that it seems natural and not contived for effect. One plan suits better your situation; choose that one, using your own good ideas and taste. Catholicism into nothing. He could read and write and had a responsible job as clerk in the Public Works Department in the town thirty miles away. His wife had divorced him. He was bitter and discouraged.

The more Maxwell learned about James, the more interested he became in him and the more he wanted him to love his Saviour. James, however, insisted that he was a Christian. Said he, "I have weighed many denominations and have found they do not do what they preach, so my joining a church would make me to sin." Maxwell tried to help this young man see that he was not to imitate men, but Jesus, for only Jesus is perfect and worthy of imitation.

Somehow Maxwell felt that he needed some help in dealing with James, so he invited a lovely student nurse to visit his patient. Miss Anna could speak his language, and she herself had been a Catholic when she first entered the nursing school, though she accepted Christ during her first year there. She talked to him about becoming a Christian, using many Bible verses. Finally she read from her Bible: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already. because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. These words pierced James' heart and he exclaimed, "God, let me not be condemned."

Southern Rhodesia's Baptist Haspital

The Sanyati Baptist Hospital is located in the only Southern Baptist mission station in a native reserve (See October Royal Service, "A Doctor in the Heart of Africa"). The work is directed by Dr. Shelby Vance.

The work here is difficult because the Africans often come ton late to receive help. They come only after they have tried everything else and often when nothing less than a miracle can save them. But even

under these circumstances, the Lord is blessing the work of the doctors, the nurses, and helpers. Miracles are happening because these consecrated workers do what they can and commit the rest to the Lord.

But this little hospital could not possibly minister to all the people who need medical care in this area. There is great need for mobile clinics here. These could go to distant places and not only minister medical aid, but also conduct classes in health education.

Ghens-A New Venture

March 6, 1957, was the birth of a new nation—Ghana (see "Did You Read It," page 15). This is the first all-black republic within the British Commonwealth. Looking toward this event, the Ghana Mission (formerly Gold Coast) was born on January 1, 1957. This mission had been a part of the Nigerian Mission since Southern Baptist missionaries first went to the Gold Coast in 1947.

Plans are made to build a bospital at Nalerigu. The land on which the buildings are being erected was a gilt from the people of this area. This is an indication of their great desire for a medical center A part of the YWA Fiftieth Anniversary offering went to this work. And here is another opportunity in a new nation to win to Christ people who could perhaps be reached in no other way than through medical care.

Those to the South Knock

While Latin America does not have the same health problems as Africa, there are areas which need Southern Baptist help with medical aid. We have medical work in three countries—Colombia, Paraguay, and Mexico. We shall look at two of these.

Colombia

Dr. George H. Kollmar directs the Baptist Hospital at Barranquilla. Last year he and his six medical interns treated over fourteen thousand patients. This small 35

bed hospital is moving toward becoming sell-supposing. It already carries about 80 per cent of the operating expenses.

Mass Lillian Williams, with the help of a national assistant, directs in connection with the hospital an active program of evangelism. This program is carried on through personal contacts and visitation while the patients are in the hospital and through follow-up visitation after they return home. Miss Williams renders a great service to the churches of this area by distributing names of patients so the church program.

Paraguay

Hospital Bautista, or the Asuncion Bapnot Hospital, opened in January, 1953, and offers service for maternity, pediatrics, and surgery patients. The Hospital operates a norsing school and recently graduated its first class of seven girls. These girls are German, Paraguayan, Polish, and Swiss, Our doctors and missionary nurses know that these will not only make good nurses for this hospital, but they will be much in demand in other hospitals. Even though the administrators of the other private hospitals, as they are sometimes called, do not believe in the Baptist faith, they do want honest, hard-working girls, and they know that the girls who graduate from the Hospital Bautista Nursing School will have these and other qualifications (see "School of Norsing, Hospital Bautista," page 4).

Miss Frances Roberts, one of our teachers, feels that the best word which can be said for our hospital is being said by the hospital patients.

A Christian, the wife of a Christian student, came to the hospital for a Caesarean operation. While she was on the operating table her heart stopped beating. The doctor quickly made an incision and began to massage her heart; it began to beat again after three minutes. A fine baby was delivered and in ahout ten days the woman walked out of the hospital. This young

couple told what had happened to their unbelieving friends. Some of the doctors from other hospitals heard about it and one of them said, "There must be a God in that hospital."

Another woman came to this hospital who was not a Christian. She was impressed by the Scripture verses on the wall. She was greatly appreciative of the treatment by doctors and nurses. She said of her doctor, "His face was like the face of God." She listened carefully to the messages broadcast over the public address system. It meant a great deal to her that people showed concern for her soul. She became a Christian before leaving the hospital.

This hospital makes a practice of giving a New Testament to all babies born there. The mothers are proud of these, even if they have not accepted Christ.

The current expenses of the hospital and expenses of the nursing school are taken care of out of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This offering has also furnished much of the equipment. Supplemented by Gooperative Program money, the hospital continues to serve.

The Orient Still Knocks

The Great Physician who healed bodies and forgave sins when he was here on earth is continuing this same ministry through our medical work in the Orient. Today we have no medical missionaries in China. Not any at all. But let us hear a story of an early woman missionary doctor in China,

Dr. Mary L. King

The first knock came from China in 1892 after Mary L. Burgess had married Laclede Barrow, a young Methodist preacher. They both answered the call. However, Mr. Barrow died from smallpox after a year. Dr. Barrow, who had been trained as a doctor at Woman's Medical College in Baltimore, remained in China until the Boxer Rebellion when she and several single women were escorted to the coast by William D. King, a Baptist missionary.

Later, in the United States Dr. Barrow and Mr. King were married. China knocked again, and in 1901 together they went back to China. In 1908 they moved to Tengchow where they worked with Miss Lottie Moon. A year later Mr. King died and Dr.*King was left with four small children and found it necessary to return to Chattanooga, Tennessee to look after them for a few years. She could not forget the Chinese people who needed medical and spiritual care, and Miss Moon was also urging her to return. Miss Moon wrote to the Foreign Mission Board: "Other missionary wives give of their time to the work, but Dr. King gives herself."

The third knock came from Pochow where Dr. King worked for nineteen years. She started there our first foreign medical work. She established a small hospital and clinic and majored in training helpers, both men and women because she knew that through them she could reach more nations.

Another hard period for Dr. King was in 1938 during the Japanese occupation. Her health began to break. She wrote home: "My hearing grows more weak, and in confusion can't distinguish anything surely. Not sick but weak, easily flustered, forgetful." Her daughter Harriette, who was working with her and who is now in Malaya, brought her back to California where she died in 1940.

Medical Work in Indonesia

"For the first time in twenty-two years I have come home with a song in my heart." These were the words of Miss Ruth Ford at Ridgecrest in June. For in the city of Kedira a hospital, once a dream, now stands amid a beautiful coroanut grove. The hospital meets the specifications of the government and even the Moslems appreciate this fact. One of them said. "They have tried to meet the requirements; I believe in what they are doing."

Less than two years ago the clinic, the forerunner of this hospital was started in

Kediri with Dr. Kathleen Jones, two missionary nurses, and five untrained helpers. After the property was bought for the hospital another clinic was opened on the hospital compound. Let Dr. Kathleen Jones tell how a knock on her door led to an open door:

There was a knock on my door. I opened it to find that I was needed at the hospital. There I found a hysterical child. He was not hurt, but he had been so frightened by an electrical storm that his grandfather had brought him ten miles to our hospital. We decided to admit him. During the two or three days he was in the bospital his grandfather was given tracts and invited to the daily chapel service four regular practice for those accompanying patients). He listened cagerly to the message and one morning he came to me and said, "I have never heard anything like this before. It interests and warms my heart. My Moslein religion never gave me anything like this. I want to learn more about it.' I have never seen such a thirsty soul, and several witnessed to him. He read all the tracts we gave him and asked for more.

When we dismissed his little grandson from the hospital we gave him a New Testament. With tears in his eyes he thanked us and promised to read it.

The next Sunday he rode his bicycle to church. How he listened and how his face showed his happiness for hearing more of this Good News! The next Sunday he was present with a friend. He begged us to come to his village and tell his family what we had been telling him. We went, and to our surprise he had gathered together twenty-live adults and as many children. We took a national Christian couple with us and they talked to the people in the local dialect (Javanese), and then I tried to tell them about Jesus in Indonesian. How they listened! Many of them were hearing this Good News for the first time. Over and over they thanked us for coming.

The next Sunday the old man was back at church. He wanted to know when we

could come back to his village. The next day a group of Christian hospital workers went and found even more people waiting engetly to hear the gospel.

This village has opened its doors to our missionaries and many other villages are opening doors too, but we cannot enter until we have more missionaries and more funds for Indonesia.

Last year we ministered to over 10,000 different people through our hospital and clinics. Unless we can enter some of these doors quickly some of these people will never again hear about Jesus who came to save them.

"We appreciate the Lottic Moon Offering," Dr. Jones says. It furnishes the medical equipment, the car, the station wagon used as an ambulance, and so many escentials. We must have these. We need these and are grateful for them, but we need even more the earnest prayers of concerd women. We need strength and understanding to advance the work which the gifts of money have enabled us to begin."

Japan's Hospital at Kyata

The opening of the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto in 1955 marked the official beginning of Southern Baptist medical work in Japan. Perhaps the reason this hospital is able to minister so well to the spiritual needs of those who come for physical treatment is due to the fact that all seventy-five members of the Japan Baptist Hospital staff are Christians. Before they are employed by the hospital, they must have been a Christian with at least one year of active thurch experience.

Mrs. C. F. Clark, whose husband directs the hospital, and who herself helps to direct the school of nursing, has given to us the following story:

At 1:30 AM a nurse called Dr. Clark from the emergency room. He hurried to find Maruyama San (Mrs. Maruyama), a Japanese woman, suffering from a severe attack of asthma. He gave her temporary relief and admitted her (Turn page, please.)

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CIRCLE PROGRAM

(Continued from page 14)

Pray for Christian homes, for devoted teachers and counselors of young people, for church members faithful to the program of their denomination, for young people from our churches to answer God's call.

Program Plan One: Use mission study suggestions for Continent in Commotion, cover 3. Point out how mission study often leads young people to answer God's call (see "Through Mission Study," page 39.)

Plan Two: If you are not having your study in the circles, use article, page 39 as your program. If there is a mother in your community with missionary children, ask for her testimony. If it is possible to have young people present, ask them to tell the influence in their lives of the following: assemblies, home life, church organizations, and Christian schools.

Close with earnest prayer by several members. to the hospital for further treatment.

This was Mrs. Maruyama's first contact with the Japan Baptist Hospital, and with Christianity. Here she saw Christianity in action. She saw nurses, cleaners, kitchen helpers-all living what they said they believed. This impressed her, Mrs. Maruvama-as is true of all patients-was given a New Testament and a hymnbook in Japanese. The nurses gathered often in her room to read the Bible and to sing hymns. After a few days in the hospital she was able to attend the daily chapel service with the staff and other ambulatory patients. Her interest grew until she looked forward to these visits. She heard her doctor pray for her when he came into her room. This helped to clear away the bitter feeling she had about her illness. He helped her to see that an illness is not necessarily a punishment for sins, but that sometimes an illness may bring a great blessing to a life.

As she grew better, she visited the Kyoto Baptist Church with the staff members. This also is a practice of this hospital. And tlay by day her interest heightened until it was not unusual to hear Mrs. Maruyama reading her New Testament and singing hymns from her hymnbook.

After leaving the hospital she came on Friday nights to the evangelistic services held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clark. She sometimes brought her two daughters and a son. Occasionally her husband came with her.

Last Easter she stood in the Kyoto Baptist Church and told that as she listened to the soft organ music from the chapel one morning while in the hospital Christ knocked at the door of her heart and she let Him in.

Mar. Maruyama has been a true witness for Christ, in her home, community, and church. One daughter has accepted Christ and her son is earnestly seeking. But everything is not easy. Her friends do not understand, and her husband accuses her of becoming a Christian (See page 30, please.)

Get Ready for Well Prayer in December

Day-by-day program and prayer material will all be in December Royal Service.
The Week of Prayer program material will not be sent to you from your state WAU office as has been the custom.

From your state WMU office you will receive a pocket of material which will include an information sheet to help you with the details of getting ready for a spiritual blessing during this week.

Additional materials available which you may wish to order:

From Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama

Program Folders, 2c each, in which to print, type, write, or mimeograph the program outline for the week

From your state Baptist Book Store: "Typical Ministries of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," 14 slides (\$3.50) "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," a filmstrip which emphasizes ways this offering has advanced missions

Old-Fashioned Revival Hour Songs No.
1, 75c in which you will find the song
"The Love of God."

A record, "The Love of God," No. \$1009, 78 RPM, price \$1.05, George Beverly Shea singing.

Your World Full of People

Included in the packet of materials to each WMS will be a world map published by the Foreign Mission Board. You can personalize this map to look like the one shown below. Clip pictures from recent issues of Rayal Service, Tell, The Window of YWA, Ambassador Life, Sunbeam Activities and The Commission. Paste your selection of pictures near the parts of the world where these nationals or missionaries live.

Christmas Freetings

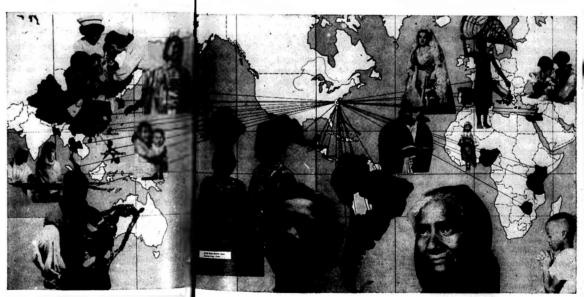
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just to see if God would heal her. He is a Buddhist, but he does attend some of the evangelistic services and the Christian nurses continue to talk about Christ the Saviour. Let us pray that soon this entire family may come to know Jesus and the joys of a Christian home.

Last year the Lottic Moon offering provided money for a large boiler for heating the building and sterilizing equipment for the operating and delivery rooms. The offering also provided a home for the hospital chaplain, which brings to a total five missionary homes in Kyoto.

Christ Would Enter to Bless

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will supwith him, and he with me."

This is what Jesus had to say to the members of the church of Laodicca after be had reminded them of their lukewarmness and self-satisfaction. He implored the members of the church to turn to him for true values and to trust in him rather than in themselves. And then he said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock . . ." and he offered to come into the hearts of any who would let him in.

So today Christ continues to knock at the hearts of those who call themselves Christian. He knocks to remind them of their lukewarmness and self-satisfaction. He knocks to say, "Look at my world--iny suffering, starving, ignorant, lost world; it is ready for harvest."

He knocks to say to us as he did to his disciples: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest!"

He knocks to remind us that "tithes and offerings" belong to God and should be brought into the storehouse for use in his kingdom work.

The December 19, 1955 issue of Life carried a picture of Christmas shoppers and beneath the picture was written, "A S6 Rillion Christmas." The article following told

of parents buying toys which coat \$100 to \$375 with such eagerness that the stores carrying these toys were completely out of them by the first week in December. Solid-gold belts for men at \$30 per inch, matching sheets and pillowcases at \$2,000 a set were among other popular gift items.

Christmas gitt-shopping has become big business even among Christian people. Sometimes it seems we are trying to buy the highest priced things in sight. Expensive mys break, and friends "bought" with gitts do not linger. The use we make of money is a revelation of our character.

The work of Christ's kingdom is hig business too—the biggest in the world. It is the husiness that demands the highest quality; and quality-witnessing does come high—high in resolve and witness. It is the business which pays large dividends. It is the business which demonstrates lave, concern, and thoughtful, responsible stewardship.

Christmas is a time to remember friends, but as we make our Christmas list, let us put the name of our Best Friend at the top and really give to him our largest gift, as we give to missions around the world, to ahildren in our children's homes. In so doing we shall have a part in ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of some of the people we have met today. They in turn will help others. This is the plan which Christ has low-bringing in his kingdom upon the earth. This is the kind of treasure which thieves cannot steal, a treasure of priceless and eternal value. (Tell about your society's coming plans for observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Invite every woman.)

Prayer That God will bless the work of doctors and nurses as they seek to glorify the name of Jesus; that young doctors and nurses will consider the urgent needs for their services on foreign fields and be willing for God to use them; that Christian people will be faithful stewards of their possessions, especially at Christmas.



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Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, tree from Fareign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia, and in Home Missions

1 Friday And go quickly and tell. Matt. 28:7

She was only a little girl, converted in a migrant camp meeting held by Mr. Sam Mayo, and it was almost two years before the missionaries met her again. When they did, Mrs. Mayo realized the child was terribly unhappy, burdened and distressed beyond her years. Anxiously Mrs. Mayo inquired what could be troubling her.

"It's my father," the child said. "He is sick and lost. He doesn't know Christ. Oh, please ask Mr. Mayo to talk with him."

While Mrs. Mayo and the child prayed, Mr. Mayo did talk with the father, and he found his way to the Lord.

Often through a child, parents find Jesus as Saviour. Pray for our fine, Christian young people that they may witness to briends and family, for Rev. Oscar Hill, Rosweil, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Oleta Snell, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev.; Miss Elizabeth Gray, Kuala Lumpur, Miss Elizabeth Gray, Kuala Lumpur, Mas Elizabeth Gray, Kuala Lumpur, Miss Shirley Jackson, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.: Mrs. D. L. Mills, Argentina, lan. st., Miss Helen Masters, Oshogbo, Nigeria, RN: Rev. L. C. Quarles, Argentina, em.

2 Saturday For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 1 Cor. 1:25

One day a thin, poorly clad young man stepped inside the mission in Makati, Philippines, and said, "I want to know how to be saved" Missionary Ted Badger talked with him, and the next Sunday he made his profession public. When he missed church the Sunday after that, he wrote the missionaries that he had been thrown out of his home and branded a hypocrite, but added, "I do not have any regrets... if facing the truth

is ... hypocrisy, then I will be glad to be a hypocrite ... for the first time in my life I have a definite goal in life—to live the way which will be pleasing in the eyes of Jesus who died for my sin. Although poverty prevails with me now, still it is wonderful to be saved." Fray for this young man, Ted Badger, and our 35 other missionaries in the Philippines, for Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Rio de Janeira, Brazil, Miss Pearl Todd, Fukuoka, Japan, ed. ev., Rev. Gordon Cracker, Quito, Ecuador, Mr. Winifred L. Smith, Argentina, ev.; Mrs. Adriano Robles, Balboa, Canal Zone, ev. among Indians

3 Sunday And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa, 40.5

In an obscure corner in Thomas J. Bowen's journal is this notation, "Today a woman, Ofiki, asked to be baptized." This small woman could and would be forgotten by all if we did not now know that this same woman was the mother of John Aghoola, a ministerial giant of last century, who was the father of Mrs. J. Tanimola Ayarinde, present president of the Nigerian Baptist Woman's Missionery Union, and of Pastor E. O. Agboole, who for many years has been pastor at Jos, one of the mightiest churches in Nigeria. Pray for Mrs. Ayorinde and Mr. Agboola that their witness may guide others in Christ's way, for Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Ill., GWC, Rev. Burley Cader, Bahia, Brazil, Miss Lucy Bell Stokes, Urawa Shi, Japan, Rev. W. H. Mc-Ginnis, Sekondi, Ghana, eu.; Mrs. G. H. Kollmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, med, ev.: Miss Hannah Barlow, Kokura, Japan, ed. ev.; RA Focus Week, 3-9

4 Meaday Faith, Hope, Love endure—these three; but the greatest of these is Love. 1 Cor. 13:13

Twenty-year-old Yamamoto San had been stricken with severe asthmatic attacks several times weekly for over ten years. He had consulted numerous Japanese doctors who had given him only temporary relief. When he finally went to missionary Dr. Clarence F. Clark at the Baptist Hospital in Kyoto, he was in a desperate condition. With companionate interest, concerned for the spirit as well as the body, Dr. Clark took time to study more than just the physical symptoms and discovered that Yamamoto's basic trouble lay in anxieties about his future and in conflicts within his home. Through fine Christian witnessing by the hospital staff. Yamamoto has learned to depend upon Christ's strength, and with healing of his spirit has come a healing of his physical ailment. Prov that Baptist Hospital staff in Kyoto may be strengthened in its evangelistic work; for Rev. J. U. Moss," Caracas, Venezuela, ed. ev.: Dr. Everett Gill, Europe, em.; Mrs. T. S. Berry, San Paulo, Brazil, ev. Conference for Negroes, Nashville, Tenn., 4-6

5 Tuesday He who brings a sinner back from the error of his ways, saves his soul from death. James 5:20

In an African village, a father and mother had a terrible decision to make Their oldest son was very sick, and their other son had been bitten by a dog they feared was mad. With only enough money to treat one son, they finally chose to try to save the eidest boy, but he finally died.

Almost immediately afterward, the second son began to develop hydrophobia. At last they brought him to the mission hospital where he too died. Missionary Helen Masters writes: "Pray that we may be able to reach out into the villages with the message of life. If we could only reach them in time we could save many physically. But if we could feach them with the love of Christ, their hearts would not be full of fear and loneliness in times of sorrow . . . hundreds around here are dying and we have not told them of Jesus." Pray that Southern Baptists may quickly expand our foreign mission work. So many are dying who have never heard! For Rev. Joe Conley, Seimo, Ala., ed. ev. among Negroes; Miss Myrtle Salters, Atlanta, Ga., GWC; Mrs. Milton S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. A. P. Pierson, Chihushua, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. Samuel DeBord, Dar et Salaam, Tanganyika, RN. The Second Continental Assembly of The North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. Toronto, Canada, 5-7

6 Wednesday Who am I, that I should go unto Pharach. Ex. 3:11

The young technician at a hospital in Berkeley began talking with the elderly Italian woman, Mrs. Kleb, whom he was X-raying. When he discovered she was not a Christian, he told her quietly about Jesus. Later he asked if she would accept a Bible. A week or so later he and his wife visited Mrs. Kleb and took her a Bible. They talked with her again about Christ, salvation, and the peace that comes from God. Amelio Giannetta, the missionary to the Italians in Berkeley, also visited Mrs. Kleb, but she was too ill to talk, and soon she died. He writes: "Vir (the technician) had told her the way of salvation. He did not wait for the missionary to do it. My friend, do not wait for the missionary to witness to a poor, neglected, lost stranger within your gates." The missionary or pastor or church visitor may be too late; it may depend all on you. Pray for yourself and your society members, for Mrs. Lawrence Thibodeaux, Gray, La., ev. among French: Miss Frances Hammett, Shaki, Nigeria, RN; Muss Rachel Aunta, San Antonia, Tex., Mrs. Frances Paez. Miami, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking: Mrs. John Lake, China, em.; Rosa Lake,

7 Thursday In his joy goes and sells all that he has. Matt. 12:44

Dona Modesta, a member of the Rio Dourado Baptist Church out from Rio de Janeiro, died suddenly after being sick only a few hours. When Missionary Alvin Hatton reached the home, he found friends and neighbors gathered, waiting for the preaching service they felt sure Dona Modesta would want at this time. "What did Dona Modesta leave behind?" Mr. Hatton wrote, "Not much materially, the only thing I know about is a hen. A few minutes before her death she reminded her family that the henwas the ... 'hen of the campaign,' set aside some time before as her contribution to the church. Most of all, she left behind a beautiful testimony. . . Certainly this is the force of the gospel here in Brazil-or anywhere else-the simple, plain testimony of believers." Pray that the missionaries in Brazil and the 121,958 Baptists may grow as the

Holy Spirit leads, for Rev. M. D. Garbarino, Grand Isle, La., ev. among French; Mr. Heriberto Rodriguez, Ranchuelo, Cuba, Rev. L. J. Harper. Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. Ernest Glass. Singapore, Malaya, Mrs. Howard Oline, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. W. Trueman Moore, East Pakistan, ev.; Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev.; Dr. N. A. Bruan, Pusan, Korea, MD.

8 Friday We all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Eph. 4:13

"... we had a most unusual prayer meeting. Dr Frank B. Owen, pastor of the church asked everyone who wanted to pray to do so and to use any language he wished. The first to pray was a Chinese Christian businessman who prayed in English; next was a young Chinese man who prayed in Indonesian; then an adult Dutchman prayed in Dutch, an American in English, a Chinese prayed in Chinese Last to pray was a recent convert-an Indonesian youth who prayed in Indonesian. I truly felt the Spirit of the Lord there even though I could understand but one or two of the prayers. [was limited . . . but God was not limited" ROSS B. FRYER, JR., BANDUNG, INDONESIA. Pray, and God's unlimited blessings will fall upon his people who declare his name ein Indonesia, for Mes. Chester Murphy, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Rev. Stephen Gover, Weatherford, Okla., ev. among Indians: Mrs. Tom Law, Jr., Havana, Cuba, Mrs. C. R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. M. R. Hicks, Santiago, Chile, Rev. R. L. Locke, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev.; Rev. M. K. Wasson, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, med en

8 Saturday Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord. Ex. 32:29

Charles Haddon Spurgeon has said: "Souls are not seved by 'systema' but by the Spirit of God. Organizations without the Holy Spirit are like mills without power. Methods and plans without the grace of God are pipes without water, lamps without oil, banks without money. Even a church that has an orthodox creed and accepts the biblical standards is as useless as are clouds without rain until power comes from God." So is the home or individual, whether here or sbroad. Pray for every member of your family by name that your missionary understanding may be extended to include all lost me everywhere.



10 Sanday The entrence of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Psalm 119:130

A five-year-old went home one day from the Good Will Center kindergarten in East St. Louis, quoting Scripture verses for his unsaved parents. Entranced, the parents asked the child the name of the book from which these "poems" came. "We've simply got to have a copy of that book," the mother said to her husband, for neither had ever heard words from the Bible before. The next day she came to the Good Will Center with the child and was given a copy of the Bible As she went away, she tightly clutched it in her arms. She began coming to the Center for Bible study, and at last she asked, "What does it mean to be saved?" Now she knows the unspeakable joy of knowing Christ and the meaning of his glorious salvation herself. For the multitudes, like this mother, who have never even heard of the Bible, forget not to pray. They are an our very doorsteps, for Rev. Carlos Ramirez, San Angelo, Tex., ev. among Spanishspeaking: Rev Horace Fisher, Chandler, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mus Laura Frances Snow, Santiago, Chile, ev.

13 Monday Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matt. 8:38

"I sat on a hill far above the valley watching the changing colors in the evening sunset. It was cool and quiet. My mind, weary from the tasks of the day, was barely able to absorb the beauty of the scene below. From for away came the bugle call of an army camp. I found myself wondering about those who heard the notes of that busie. What did life mean to them? Did they know Christ? Had anyone ever told them about him? Suddenly I was aware of the slowly curling smake rising from chimneys in the villages in the valley, and, like Livingstone, I felt burdened for the people in 'a thousand villages whose smoke I could see.' My prayer to God for laborers was not perfunctory or mechanical-it was a cry for his mercy in the face of such need, not only for these villages but for the other islands all around"—Cast Hunker, Taiper, Taiwan. Pray and God will burden your heart, the hearts of all Southern Baptists to the urgency of missionary opportunity, for Mrs. Lewis Grant, Espanola, N. M., ev. among Indians; Miss Elaine Crotwell, Davao City, Philippines, Miss Gladys Hopewell, Tainan, Taiwan, ev.; Miss Alma Rohm, Iwo, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Rex Ray, Korea, Rev. D. F. Stamps, Hannii, em.

12 Teesday For necessity is laid upon me; were is me if I preach not the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:16

In a Moslem village not for from Jerusalem, the missionary looked with interest at the tall bearded Arab talking with her. Surprised to hear an American accent instead of the usual British one, she asked, "Where did you learn your English?" The Moslem whipped out an American passport and said proudly, "I am American. I learn English in America. I live there twenty years." "You did?" asked the missionary with increasing interest, "Where did you live?" Pleased at an opportunity to use his English with a fellow-American, the Arab elaborated, "I live eight years in San Francisco. I live six years in Chattanonga, Tennessee, and I live six years in Nashville, Tennessee." Twenty years in the United States! "Tell me." asked the missionary, "while you were in the States, did enyone ever ask you to go to a Christian church?" "No," said the Moslem, "no one ever ask me, and I never hear that about Jesus until you tell us today." These Arab people, Moslem and nominal-Christian alike, are one of the fastest growing minority groups in the United States in our towns and cities. No evangelical work is being carried on among them by anyone. Pray that we shall find ways to show them Christ, the Saviour, Mrs. Lok-TingsCheung, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Chinese; Mr. Aurelio Hurtado, Taos, N. M., ev. among Spanishspeaking; Mr. Emiliano Miranda, La Chorrera, Panama, Mrs. W. A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay, ev.

13 Wednesday This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness. Matt. 24:14

"The population of Latin America is said to include 70 million illiterates. They offer a fertile field of Communist indoctrination. If the Communists reach them with their 'gospel' before we reach them with Christ's, where will the blame be?"—The Comminion. Not only Latin America, but this situa-

tion is true of almost every country in the world. Pray therefore for those who labor in the face of this threat and that there may be others who will go to strengthen them, for Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Napoleonville, La., ev. among French; Rev. Bailey Sewell, Oklahoma City, Okla, ev. among Indians; Mrs. William Graves, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. J. A. Poe, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. E. Martin, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mr. D. C. Jones, Korea, ev.; Dr. James Young, Gaza, MD. Mrs. David M. Cuevas, San Diego, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. T. Williams, Dr. R. E. L. Meusthau, China, em.

14 Thursday And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will heer. Ise, 65-24

"Since I wrote you last I have shared in one of the rich privileges of the missionary's life. The worldwide circle of prayer for the missionary at the time of his birthday brings many rich blessings . . the whole experience is hard to put into words. There is a particular awareness of God's presence and guidence that day ... How wonderful that the power of prayer is the Christian's first resource and need not be his last re-SOFT"-LUCY WAGNER, KOREA, for Mrs. John Sulvester, Miomi, Fla., ev. among Russians; Mrs. E. O. Ray, Nassau, Bahamas, Mrs. J. L. Gorrett, Recife, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Sheppard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, ev.; Miss Marjoris Jones, Kuması, Ghana, ed. ev.; Mrs. Melvina Roberts, HMB, Miss Jennie Alderman, China,

15 Priday For so the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jeaus Christ will be richly supplied to you. 2 Peter 1:11

Old Bob was one of the Old West's "bad men." He had grown up with the area, had slain his first man when only sixteen, had robbed banks, and been to prison. As time went by he dropped out of sight, hidden in a little place in the mountains of southwestern New Mexico. There, Missionery Rny C. Watson found him. Little by little, as he visited Old Bob, he gained his confidence. In time, the old fellow began coming to the services sometimes. One day during a revival meeting, Old Bob asked if he could say something. He gave this testiknow all about mony: "You people . . . me. . . You know how mean I have been.

... I suppose if a man had all the ammunition that has been shot at me, he could

t6 Saturday The foundation is already laid—Jesus Christ—and no man can lay another. 1 Cor. 3:11

Just two weeks after Jan, a young Indonesian, had given his heart to Christ, he came to the church in Djakarta bringing his black magic charms he had been accustomed to using as protection in all kinds of situations. At the close of the worship service, the congregation gathered before a bonfire that had been prepared. As the items were burned, Jen gave his testimony: "I praise and thank the Almighty God because he has brought me to a way which is true and clear. I give myself to him. . . With a glad heart I surrender this black magic to be burned. As long as I held to these things. I doubted and my happiness was bothered." Superstition still controls the lives of a great portion of the world's people, keeping them from giving themselves wholly to Christ. Pray that all our missionaries may be guided in their efforts to show the "way that is true and clear," for Rev. Wm. Yardu. Shawnee, Okla., ev. among Indians: Mr. J. T. Dickerson, Palmer, Alaska, Miss Helen Nizon, Rosario, Argentina, Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Encarnacion, Paraguay, Mrs. Cecil H. Golden, Costa Rica, lan, st.; Miss Bertha Smith, Taipeh, Taiwan, Dr. V. L. Seats. 1badan, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Ernelle Brooks, Abeokuta, Nigeria, RN



17 Sunday Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Isa. 40:1

The Japanese people have a great appreciation and admiration for natural beauty. But not present is the 'rose of Sharon', in the lives of the masses. Everywhere there is noise-car horns honking, loud speaking. automobiles and trucks rattling, wooden clogs noisy on cobbled streets. Everywhere there are dirt and filth and disease. Often there is an odor of fish, of human waste, of oil and gasoline, of quaint food and garbage Most of all, there are sin and shame and degradation. The lives of men meant to be lived in fellowship with God are being wasted into eternal death. The bright spot we find in the land is the witness of the Japanese churches as beckoning light and the lives of the individual members as they bear testimony of Christ daily"-Dewey E. MERCER, TORYO, JAPAN. Pray that this bright spot in Japan shall grow ever stronger, ever more brilliant. Rev. Andres Viera, Bakersfield, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. D. Ratliff, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mrs. F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Rev. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay Mrs S. J. Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. T. O. Badger, Manila, Philippines, Mrs. L. A. Lovegren . Ajloun, Jordan, ev.; Mrs. F W. Graham, Beirut, Lebanon, ed. ev. Mrs. Peyton Stephens, China, Miss Mary Headen HMB em

18 Monday I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Heb. 8:10

"The Christian life is like an eye-catching piece of Indonesian batik, the distinctive cloth which forms the skirts of the Indonesien women. . . . The pattern is the work of an artist. Each batik pattern has its own distinctive charm and beauty. . . . Two elements are needed to produce the patternwax and dye . . The circumstances of one's life may paint the brilliant colors of health. success, and prosperity; or they may draw the dark pattern of suffering, disappointment, and sorrow in order to give a rare beauty of character. God does the waxing Daily events submerge each life; but the pattern which remains depends upon the merkings already written in the heart"-CATHERINE WALKER, The Commission, Pray that you and each missionary may be willing for the beauty of the batik of life to be brought out in his life, for Miss Erlene Howard, Belen, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking: Mr. L. C. Jenkins, Columbia, S. C., ev. among Negroes; Mrs. Chester Murphy. Tampa, Fla., ev. among Italians; Rev. Antonio Martinez, Cardenas, Cuba, ev.; Antonio and Ruth Martinez, MF; Rev. E.

H. Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, Rev. C. F. Yarnell, Singapore, Malaya, ev.; Rev. S. H. Cockburn, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. J. D. Crane, Torreon, Mexico, ed. ev.; Miss Lucy Wright, Pusan, Korea, RN; Mrs. G. W. Strother, Malaya, Mrs. E. M. Bostick, Jr., Mrs. E. L., Morgan, Dr. C. H. Westbrook, China, Mrs. J. E. Davis, em.

19 Teerday I tall you solemnly that he who listens to my message and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life. John 5:24

The woman was brought into the hospital nearly dead, her body horribly gashed by deep thrusts of a long-bladed knife in the hands of an angry brother. When the missionary doctor arrived, the mother begged: "Let her alone, doctor. Let her die. . . . She's too mean to live." But the doctor and his co-workers worked, and God worked through them. Miraculously the woman lived. During her recovery in the Ajloun Baptist Hospital in Jordan she heard the story of Jesus, saw the evidence of his love in those who ministered to her. Gradually, she began to change. She became gentler, spoke more softly, without cursing. When the time came for her dismissal, her mother refused to allow her to return home. The young woman pleaded to remain in the hospital where she had discovered happiness and kindness. Work was found for her, and in time she came saying, "I want to be saved." As her injured body was saved from deathly blows, so her soul has been saved from the destruction of sin. She will not die. She will live forever. Our missionories among the Moslem people of the Near East are working under tremendous pressures and tensions. Pray for them, and for Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tenn., ev. among Negroes; Miss Vada Waldron, Mendoza, Argentina, GWC

28 Wednesday Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt. 10:6

"Mema and Papa are a fine Orthodox Jewish couple. A good Baptist woman gave their names to William B. Mitchell. . . He called on them in the hospital and when they returned home . . . visited and prayed with them many times. Once Mama said to another visitor, 'Brother Mitchell is Papa's best friend! If it were not for the prayers of Brother Mitchell's people Papa would not be allive today.' . . . The lost sheep of the house of Israel . . live in your town. . . They live naxt door or down the street. You buy from them. You sell to them . . . daily . . .

Pray that Mama and Papa and these others will come to know Jesus as Saviour and pray that God will use you to witness to the Jewish friends in your community"—WILLIAM B. MITCHELL, superintendent of Jewish evangelism, HMB, and for Rev. Lee Aufill, Farmington, N. M., ev. among Indians; Rev. David Espurvoa, Uvalde, Tex., ev. among Spanishspeaking: Mrs. W. L. Clinton.* Suo Paulo, Brazil, ev.

21 Thursday Seeing then that we are encircled with this great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings about. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1

Landrum Holmes paid a high price to extend the kingdom of God abroad. He came home one day to tell his wife of the death of a fellow missionary, adding that if he thought he might die and leave her to have to go all the way home alone he would find it very difficult to say "Thy will be done." But his wife answered, "I would not go back. I would stay here and work," "U you feel that way," Mr. Holmes said, "I shall have no further worry about the matter." Not long after, he did give his life, trying to bring peace among his beloved Chinese who were at war with each other. "That those who have gone before us were tested and not found wanting we are sure. . . Facing our own almost incomparable responsibilities in world missions . . . never before have Southern Baptists had more money, more young people in Christian training, and more potential prayers. We stand on the very threshold of our greatest year of missionary service. We can measure up. Will we?"-The Commission. Do you dare to pray we will, looking unto, Jesus who endured the cross? Pray for Rev. David Mein, Recife, Brazil, Miss Marjorie Stephens, Oshogbo. Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Barry Mitchell, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. S. B. Sears, Java, Indonesia, Mrs. Fred Horton, Fukuoka, Japan, Rev. D. L. Baker, Nazareth, Israel, ev.; Mrs. Franklin Fowler, Asuncion, Paraguay, Miss Lawanda Couch, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, RN

22 Friday So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12

"As you have your Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, so will the Baptists of Japan. Japan's offering will be divided-part of it will go with yours around the world and some will go to their own foreign mission work in Okinawa. . . .

"Have you ever stopped to consider what it would be like to be the only Christian in your homesor at your work? Many of our church members face that every day. We need your prayers"—Marka Knox, Tobaro, Japan, and for Mrs. Alcides Lozono, La Chorreto, Panama, ed. ev.; Miss Cleo Morrsson, Davao City, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. Alan G. Johnson, Sacramento, Calif, Mrs. E. R. Hill, Corrizono, N. M., Rev. Regaldo Gurale, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking

23 Saturday Keep preaching and teaching these things. 1 Tim. 1:11

Until 1951. Baptista never had work in the little French community of Cloutierville, Louisiana. Then Cecil R, Webb was anpointed missionary. With a deep love of the people and assurance of the leadership of God, he began working among the people of the area. Today, one of the consecrated laymen in the Baptist church there is Adrian Vercher who was a Roman Catholic for forty-seven years. In his own words he says, "I am thankful that Southern Baptists sent a missionary to Cloutierville because now I know the truth and I am very happy since I have been saved." Throughout the Catholic areas of our homeland, the saving message of Christ is being carried to people who, in our midst, are bound by ignorance and superstition. Prou for them, and for Mrs. Ehrhardt Swenson, Buenos Aires, Argenting, pub. ep.; Dr. Wm. Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, MD: Rev. R. C. Coggina, Surabaya, Indonesia, Rev. D. M. Kim, Los Angeles, Colif., ev.; Miss Hozeldean Hibbard, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN



24 Sanday Let the work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. Psalm 90:16

"During my stay at Language School, I experienced deep joy as I helped teach an Adult reading class for women in a little church several miles away. It was thrilling to witness the conversion of an old grand-mother, a worshipper of wooden idols, who accepted Christ when some WMS women, the pastor, and I visited her one day. This visit was the WMS Personal Service project

for the month. Yes, spiritual progress is seen in this land. . . Pray that this may be a Christian country and that through the witness of Christians many will find Jesus as Saviour"—Cason Luzon Humpsunes, Notesta Pray for Rev. L. H. Gunn, Oklahoma City, Okla, ev. among deaf; Mr. Francisco Diaz, San. Blas, Panana, Mrs. Alex Garner, San Francisco, Argentina, ev., Rev. A. E. Blankenship, Florianopolis, Brazil, ed. ev.; Dr. R. M. Wright, Pusan, Korea, MD; Rev. H. C. Hooter, Lake Charles, La., city missions

25 Monday Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

'There is great contrast here in Indonesia between the lives of the Christians and the masses of unsaved people. The latter can only be described by one word; withoutfaces without smiles, lives without purpose, Sundays without worship, the hungry without sympathy, the sick without doctors, souls without Christ"-THE Ross C. Coccus-SES, INDONESIA. Pray for these missionaries and others who labor to bring Christ's fulfillment to Indonesia and for Rev. Sam Hider, Jay, Okla., ev. among Indians; Miss Gertrude Hart, Jackson, Miss., ev. omong Negroes; Rev. G. S. Lozuk, Caracas, Venezuela, lan. st.; Rev. A. H. Duson, Jr., Iwo, Nigeria, ev.; Miss Lois Glass, Keelung, Taiwan,

26 Tuesday It is not of works, so that any one can boast of it; for we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good deeds, which God predestined us to make our daily way of life Eph. 2:10

"Again and again came the question: Are you excited? . . . It was first asked when I was notified to come to Richmond. . . . It was asked more often as the time to sail drew nearer. Perhaps it was shocking to some when I answered no. Even I was amazed at the sense of peace and calm I felt within. . . . This work was not something I had chosen myself. It was not a passing fancy nor a sudden decision. Tenyears had been spent in studying, praying, preparing, and following God's will step by step There was a sense of adventure and wonder . . . but above all there was the knowledge that I was in the Lord's will. Surely this is the greatest knowledge and hanniness"-ANNE DWYER, GAZA. Only 5 missionaries labor under terrific handicaps in Gaza. Pray for them and for Rev. Ben. Yelvington, Sanza Fe. N. M., ev. among Indians; Rev. W. W. Enete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Grace Carson, Ogbomosho, Mrs. O. W. Taylor, Iwa, Nigeria, eo.; Rev. J. L. Hart, Chile, em.

27 Wednesday So there is a new creation when any man is in Christ. The old life has passed away, behold, the new has come. 2 Cor. 6:12

Seriously injured in an accident in Nigeria. a staunch Mohammedan was hospitalized in the Baptist Hospital in Ogbornosho. He was stubborn and belligerent, resentful even of those who cared for him. But day by day, he saw the evidence of faith in Christ in action, and something began happening to him. Come the day when at last he made his profession of faith in Christ's saving power. He became a changed man-so much so that he even looked like a new person. When he left the hospital, his broken body had been born snew into the kingdom of God. Vet. so many more are still unborn. Pray for them and those who minister unto them and for Rev. S. L. Goldfinch, ev.: Sydney Goldfinch, MF: Miss Miriam Willis, Asuncion, Parapuay, RN: Mr. F. Calvin Parker. Ishikawa, Japan, Rev. Minor Davidson, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, Mrs. Richard T. Plampin, Brazil, Miss Bertha Jane Marshall, Japan, RN: Mrs. Charles W. Darius, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. S. L. Watson, Brazil. em.

28 Tanraday And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and white they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa. 65:24

"Half a million . . . cottage prayer meetings! Who can measure their value? Who can measure the value of even one cottage prayer meeting? An evening spent in prayer with fellow Christians can plant in the heart of a map or woman or boy or girl a burning desire to tell lost people of the Saviour. It can send him away with a resolve to witness that leads to action It can melt the heart of the lukewarm Christian and so revitalize his Christian life. . . . EDTH STORELY MOORE, Proy for Miss Lucile Ladd, New Orleans, La., ed. ev.; Mrs. Eddie Sanchez, Eagle Pass, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. D. A. Dalby, Long Beach, Calif., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Ray Shelton, San Carlos, Uruguay, Mrs. Hubert O. Hurt, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Miss Martha Morrison, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.; Dr. Robert L. Lambright, Indonesia, MD

29 Friday And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:24

"The other day at the table we drifted into the subject of Portuguese, and Jim recalled a mistake or two he had made in the sermon the previous Sunday. Margaret, as sincere and frank as an eight-year-old can be, came out with the following comfort and advice: 'Daddy, I don't think your Portuguese is too bad. You don't make many mistakes, and if you'd be more careful, you'd not even make those. ... So we are going to try to be more careful-with our Portuguese as well as in our daily living-that in all things. great and small, we might serve Him well who called us to Brazil. We ask your prayers for the work, for our fellowworkers, and for us"-THE KIRRS OF BRAZIL. And pray for Rev. J. O. Johnson, Napoleonville, La., ev. among French; Rev. Pedro Carranza. Alamogordo, N. M., ev. among Spanish. speaking: Mrs. Atanacio Cabrera, Belen, N. M., ed. ev. omono Spanish-speaking: Mrs T. H. Hawkins, Rosario, Argentina, Mrs. W. S. Wester, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesig, ep.: Miss Alberta Steward . Fortaleza, Brazil, ed.

39 Saturday Put on all the panoply of God. so that you may be able to stand your ground against the stratagems of the devii. Eph. 6:11

"I had the joy of helping with the vacation Bible school at the American Military Chapel. We had 54 Intermediate boys and girls in our department . . . thirty of these made a profession of faith. It was really a thrilling experience. I could wish to have about ten tives. Nine of these I would spend working with the Spanish people because they have had so few opportunities to hear about Jesus The tenth I would spend with the American service neonle. It is sad to see the kind of lives some of them live. They are so totally unaware of what the United States stands for or ought to stand for in the world"-Nella Dean WHITTEN, SPAIR Baptist work in Spain is making definite progress in spite of difficulties and persecutions. Pray for it and workers there and for the national Christians that they may be able to show the Way to those who do not know. Pray for Miss Lucille Kerrigan, Cabanas, Cuba, med eu.; Rev. E. L. Hallaway. Nogoya, Japan, ev.; Dr. J. C. Abell, Jr., Eku, Nageria, MD

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Mold the World's Future

through Christian homes

"The hand that rocks the cradle can be the hand that serves the world. It is in the home that the foundations of the kind of world in which we live are laid. The sympathetic beart of womanhood has influenced many to become missionaries" (Edna Frances Dawkins).

"Tonight I want to pay tribute to the greatest missionary I know, my mother" (A missionary recruit).

"There is no explanation of Baker Cauthen apart from the Christian home in which he was reared. He was born in Huntaville, Texas, December 20, 1909, but his family soon moved to Lufkin in East Texas. Here he lived in a godly home under the influence of a father and mother who were completely devoted in church work and the Christian life" (Frank K. Means).

through mission study

"To know and to help others know is a part of our sacred stewardship, and the study of mission books is in accordance with Christ's command in John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields." Through the proper presentation of mission materials we have the joy of representing our missionaries faithfully at home while they represent us on foreign fields.

"Mission study can turn our churches into swift channels of blessing rather than stagnant pools of privilege. God uses mission bnoks as avenues through which the Holy Spirit approaches young people for mission service. Dr. Kathleen Jones, leaving a splendid practice in her home state to open medical work in Indonesia, said. I felt God's call as I studied the book Lottie Monn during a summer camp for young people."

Mrs. John Abell, Jr. of Eku, Nigeria,

dates her call to the making of a scrapbook on Africa when she attended a mission study class as an Intermediate girl" (Helen Fling).

through prayer

A Southern Baptist pastor and his wife heard Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, urge every Southern Baptist church to pray that God would call out from its membership someone to be a foreign missionary as he spoke at the 1954 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in St. Louis.

Their hearts were strangely moved and they returned to the First Baptist Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Burks, Jr.

Cabool, Missouri, to pray that God would call someone from their church. Dr. Burks, the pastor, said, "As we prayed, God asked, "Why don't you go?" "Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Harold Burks, Jr. were appointed missionaries to Nigeria at the June, 1955, meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. (Foreign Mission News).

"Each church should constantly pray that the Lord will call some of the finest

young people in the membership to serve on mission fields. There are \$0,000 churches co-operating with our conven-

"If only one young person from each church were to respond to God's call, what a vast army of volunteers would be availablel Would not this dedication of life challenge Southern Baptists to heights of stewardship?

"Is it not reasonable and right for every church, however small, to desire and pray for the going of some person from its midst as Christ's ambassador to a lost world?" (Baker lames Cauthen).

through church schools and organizations

"Medicine had always been my central interest; but I felt definitely called to do full-time Christian work. After much prayer I came to the realization that God was calling me to do medical missionary work. The need for missionaries had been impressed upon me throughout earlier years by my lather and through church organizations such as the Royal Ambassador Chapter and the Training Union" (Dr. C.

"By the grace of God. I am a missionary. He has led me all the way: everlastingly redeemed at the age of eight, lifted from the depths of pneumonia at the age of ten, impressed to be a preacher during a docrinal revival at the age of thirteen, frusrated as to personal ambition and called into the ministry while a midshipman at Annapolis.

"One sentence in a drab chapel talk by a missionary directed my attention to missions while a junior at Baylor University. A profound study of the life of Dr. W. O. Carver gave me an enduring comprehension of 'God's plan of the ages' a sustaining intellectual foundation" (Hugo Culpepper).

through assemblies

"I too, came from a Christian home; and, therefore, I don't think it was out of the

question that I accepted Christ as my Saviour at the age of seven. I had been guided by Christian parents and an understanding pastor: and I talked with them about my decision. "While I was still a

Sunbeam I felt that the

Wayne E. Emanuel, R.N.).

Mrs. W. E. Emgra

Lord wanted me to do something special for him: therefore, I studied the missionary messages and the missionary stories that we had in Sunbeams. I went on to the Girls' Auxiliary, and it was when I was at GA camp at the age of twelve that I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to surrender

"Increasingly within the past half-century we have come to acknowledge in concrete form what we have always known in theory at least; that is, that the future of our denomination and its efficiency depend humanly speaking upon our young people.

my life to be a foreign missionary" (Mrs.

"Therefore, it is nothing but plain sense to make every possible provision for their complete training and development-physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, expressional Herein is the stimulus, often unexpressed, for the rise of assemblies throughout our territory. . . .

"It is but natural that these assemblies should become veritable reservoirs of missionary power. The withdrawal into God's outdoors, the inspiring messages from missionary-minded men and women. private and group prayer for guidance. these and other influences cause parents to long for the privilege of having sons and daughters on foreign fields, inspire mature men and women to invest their funds and to fire their churches with missionary fervor, and above all lead our finest young men and young women to discover that God is calling them to service in foreign lands. Our assemblies thus become steady recruiting stations for missions" (John L.

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5. Use the Slide Set "Continent Commotion," price \$3,50 from your.B tist Book Store. These pictures will i cliech some of the facts contained of the eagle and pages 87-89 in the text.

by Mrs. William McMurry, WMU promotion director

